# CITY COUNCIL 13 JULY 2021

## AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS IN THE COUNCIL AGENDA RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

## 1 to 8

#### CITY COUNCIL Tuesday 13 JULY 2021

Delete and replace with

"The Council notes the contents of this report but also notes a number of concerns with some of the contents including:

- A lack of honest reflection of poor performance with the SEND services which, for example, saw a 44% decline in the timeliness of EHCPs. Whilst COVID has been blamed for this, nationally the drop is only 4%.
- Inaccuracy in the report of the Clean Air Zone Launch, with contracts for payment systems not being signed until after 1 June launch day and no information published in June data, despite being promised within the report.
- The Administration's commitment to continue with Low Traffic Neighbourhoods using tranche 2 Active Travel Funding, despite serious issues being created by first phase LTNs and an apparent lack of willingness to listen and act on resident concerns.

The Council also regrets that the COVID recovery budget put forward by the Conservative Group in February 2021 was rejected and calls on the Executive to reconsider this and bring forward proposals that create a budget that will support the recovery of the local economy.

Further the Council wishes to place on record its thanks for all front line workers, NHS and Care staff, volunteers and other Birmingham residents and employees who have helped with the response to the pandemic.

PROPOSED BY:

#### Councillor Meirion Jenkins

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#### Councillor Debbie Clancy

at

hours

## 1 to 9A

#### CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, 13 JULY 2021

Add bullet point at end of Motion with the following wording:-

'That the enquiry also focuses on the delay until 23rd April in adding India to the travel Red list to the UK and the cancellation of the Prime Minister's visit to India, fully two weeks after Pakistan and Bangladesh were placed on the Red list'.

**PROPOSED BY:** 

**Councillor Paul Tilsley** 

SECONDED BY:

**Councillor Zaker Choudhry** 

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## 2 to 9A

#### CITY COUNCIL Tuesday 13 JULY 2021

After 5<sup>th</sup> bullet point add:

• One of the most successful vaccine roll outs of any major nation and more than any other G7 or EU country. The UK vaccine programme has so far saved more than 27,000 lives and prevented more than 7 million infections.

This Council also notes that, despite some heroic work from officers and partners across Birmingham, mistakes were also made locally, including a decision to make incentive payments to care homes that were willing to take COVID positive patients, a move that has been described as a 'bribe' that contributed to a rise in infections in those homes, and delays in making grant payments to struggling businesses.

Delete 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph and replace with

"This Council notes that the Government have committed to a full independent inquiry into the handling of the pandemic and agrees that the right time to do this is when all the facts can be known and the pandemic is behind us. The Council further believes that to rush an Inquiry now, as public bodies are still in the midst of managing the pandemic and ahead of anticipated winter pressures on the NHS and social care would be an unwelcome and potentially dangerous distraction. It is also important that appropriate focus is given now to understanding and mitigating the potential impact of Long Covid, as well as the mental health impact of both the virus and the lockdown and wider health implications of delayed or cancelled treatment. NHS time and resources should not be diverted away from these priorities at this critical time.

This Council further believes that as well as lessons needing to be learnt at a national and international level, there needs to be a similar level of introspection at a local level, with an independent inquiry of the local response at the right time to ensure valuable lessons are learnt.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Support the Government's commitment to a fully independent public inquiry into the Covid-19 pandemic
- Write to the Prime Minister confirming support for the independent inquiry that will ensure that the UK is better prepared for future pandemics
- Commit to a similar local process for learning lessons, involving residents, care homes, local partners, and businesses

PROPOSED BY:

#### **Councillor Matt Bennett**

SECONDED BY:

**Councillor John Lines** 

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## 1 to 9B

#### CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, 13 JULY 2021

Delete first paragraph and replace with:

"This Council is concerned about the long term impact of COVID, Brexit and climate change on vital local industries, such as car manufacturing, and the resultant loss of jobs that could result from any collapse in the supply chain, especially given the huge number of people in this city who work in this industry or are connected to it."

In second paragraph:

Replace use of phrase "protect and grow" with "grow".

Replace "new opportunities within global Britain and for green growth" with "new opportunities for green growth."

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**PROPOSED BY:** 

Councillor Jon Hunt

SECONDED BY:

**Councillor Roger Harmer** 

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## 2 to 9B

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Paragraph 1: delete "establish a cross party taskforce "

And insert "continue working with a wide range of stakeholders, including Government,"

Paragraph 2:

Delete "COVID"

And insert " both COVID and the Brexit transition"

After Paragraph 2 insert

"In response to these significant challenges, a comprehensive Covid-19 Economic Recovery Strategy has been produced in collaboration with businesses and other stakeholders. In addition, the Council's ambitious R20 Action Plan identifies significant opportunities for green growth, particularly in the emerging green automotive sector."

Paragraph 3:

Delete "establish a cross party task force including each of the group leaders and"

And insert: "build on the ongoing work with"

After Paragraph 3:

Insert "To that end, the Council further resolves to oppose the closure of GKN Automotive's Erdington plant and agrees to write to the Government on a cross-party basis calling for urgent action to back workers in Birmingham and intervene to stop the closure of GKN."

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PROPOSED BY:

**Councillor John Cotton** 

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SECONDED BY:

**Councillor Shabrana Hussain** 

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### 3 to 9B

#### CITY COUNCIL Tuesday 13 JULY 2021

Add to end

The Council expresses its disappointment that despite offers of significant financial support from Government, GKN are pushing ahead with plans to close its Erdington factory, with a loss of 500 jobs, citing an uncertain future for the car industry as a key reason. The Council believes that this underlines the importance of such a taskforce and the need for clear commitments from the City Council to support the automotive industry through its policies with a particular focus on new opportunities in zero emission vehicles and an end to the anti-car narrative in favour of a more balanced approach to transport policy. The Council asks that the new taskforce gives immediate priority to helping secure a future for the GKN site and if the existing factory cannot be kept open to supporting its replacement with similarly skilled manufacturing jobs. For this purpose, the West Midlands Mayor should be invited to participate in the taskforce.

PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Gareth Moore

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SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Fowler

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