



Amendments

Council
6.45pm, 13 July 2023

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CONSERVATIVE AMENDMENT

ITEM 15(1) NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR FIELD

“This council

Acknowledges the climate emergency our planet is experiencing

Recognises that loss of insects and pollinators will be disastrous for ecosystems

Believes that ~~planters~~ **opportunities should be sought** in built up areas ~~can~~ **to** benefit pollinators, enhance neighbourhoods and be a boon for residents’ mental health.

Council therefore resolves to:

Identify locations ~~for planters~~ **to make improvements to our natural environment** in Gloucester City

Work with partners, local businesses, and residents' groups, to pay for and maintain them once installed

Continue to identify and maintain wildflower sites

Speak to the county council and Stagecoach about installing ‘Bee Stops’ at some bus stops in the city

Encourage other ideas to support pollinator planting.”

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ITEM 15(2) NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR HILTON

"This council notes that on the 8th of June 2023 the government withdrew its Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill from the parliamentary process, **however this does not diminish the work the government has undertaken in relation to animal welfare.**

This council notes that the Conservative government has:

- 1. Set up the Pet Theft Taskforce and is now implementing their recommendations**
- 2. Created the Action Plan for Animal Welfare**
- 3. Passed legislation requiring the microchipping of cats so they can be more easily reunited with their owners**
- 4. Announced that it will be extending the Ivory Act to cover five endangered species: hippopotamus, narwhal, killer whale, sperm whale and walrus**
- 5. Introduced Lucy's Law which requires that everyone must now buy directly from breeders or consider adopting from rescue centres, which is a major step in stopping the illegal pet trade.**

This council notes that the Conservative Party's 2019 manifesto set out a series of commitments on animal welfare policy **and since Brexit, the government can take these pledges further.**

The Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill aimed to address a number of these commitments in a single legislative step.

Amongst the pledges in the manifesto the Conservative government stated that:

- We will crack down on the illegal smuggling of dogs and puppies.
- We will end excessively long journeys for slaughter and fattening.
- We will ban keeping primates as pets.

This council ~~records its regret~~ **notes** that the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill has been withdrawn, **but acknowledges that the government has plans to take forward the elements of the bill individually through the remainder of this Parliament.**

Council agrees to write a letter to the Secretary of State Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and the two MPs representing the city of Gloucester to ~~express regret that the government has abandoned its manifesto pledge by withdrawing~~ **ask them to ensure that all elements of The Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill are progressed through Parliament in the most appropriate manner."**

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ITEM 15(4) NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR A. CHAMBERS

“Every elected member and employee of this Gloucester City Council – along with our partner agencies- is a corporate parent to the children in care in our City.

We are all responsible for providing the best possible care, safeguarding and outcomes for the children who are looked after in our City. Whilst obligations mainly fall under the County Council, there are many lifechanging, health and well being changes this city council can do to promote the health and wellbeing of children in care in our city.

Our young people in care or who have left care have the right to expect everything from a corporate parent that would be expected from a responsible and good parent. This includes how families continue their support, care, and ambition for their children after they leave home and gain independence

As an adult how many times in life do you stop and think, “where do I go from there.” Imagine what that must like for a young person.

On their own with no one to help or advise. Just think about for it a minute.

I believe we must make important steps to support our cared for and care experienced children better and ~~introduce these 6 key priorities as an EMERGENCY~~ and to work with the County Council to consider enshrining ~~these policies within Gloucester City Council Plan.~~ **the following as part of the new County-wide Corporate Parenting Strategy:**

1. ~~Make all our care leavers exempt from Council Tax up to the age of 25~~ **Consider the viability of extending the Council tax exemption for our care leavers from age 21-24 from the 2024-25 Budget onwards.**
2. Continue **to treat** Care Leavers Band 1 ~~/ as~~ Gold priority on our housing register ~~enshrined/ committed in Gloucester City Council processes and procedures to a minimum of year 2050~~ **and continue to ensure care leavers owed a leaving care duty are given a local connection to all districts within the area of the local care authority (Care leavers under Gloucestershire can be housed with Gold priority to any of the Gloucestershire districts so if they were leaving care in Tewkesbury they are not confined to properties in Tewkesbury they can go to Glos, Cheltenham, FOD or Stroud).**
3. ~~Provide specialist support to any Care Leavers facing homelessness without the use of B&B.~~
4. ~~Guarantee Care Leavers support in producing CVs and provide access to our current available apprenticeships and available jobs in the City Council.~~
5. **Explore a policy where** Gloucester City Council commit to guaranteed interview for all Care Leavers for apprenticeships within Gloucester City Council.
6. ~~To request all Gloucester City Council partners/sub-contractors and suppliers consider recruiting where possible care leavers into their organisation.~~
4. **Explore social value measures as part of any qualifying procurement which may support opportunities for care leavers within our social value policy.**

5. Work with other corporate parents in the county to articulate our vision and aspiration for care leavers to enhance our offer across Gloucestershire.

We are determined that every decision made in this City Council and every policy set here considers the impact on young people in care and those who have experienced the care system.

This motion proposes including “young people in care” and “care experienced people” **that this council treat care experience as if it were an additional a protected characteristic in all of our Equality Impact Assessments until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.** This will give them a formal recognition and make sure that all decisions that are made and policies that are set consider their specific needs and the impact on them. **In this way, future decisions reached, and policies adopted by Gloucester City Council are evaluated through the Equality Impact Assessment to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a protected characteristic.**

This will have a real tangible impact on people who have experienced care. ~~We want to make it easier for young people to gain employment at the Council and to develop into senior roles – with guaranteed interview schemes, mentoring and support and reasonable adjustments made to support employees with care experience.~~

~~We also want to see our procurement and commissioning of our services to consider the impact on young people with care experience, in the same way as other protected and additional characteristics are and make extra effort to ensure that they can access all of our services.~~

~~We have a commitment to our young people. To ease them into independence. To allow them to build a prosperous, healthy, and happy future.~~

~~These proposals will ensure our young people have the tools to do just that.~~

~~This Council therefore request that One Legal (who provide legal services to the Council) provide advice on the inclusion of “young people in care” / “care experienced people” as an additional characteristic in the Council's Equality Impact Assessments as well as introducing and implementing the 6 key priorities.”~~