

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

ITEM 14(2) – NOTICE OF MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP

“Council is appalled by and condemns the recent killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, America.

Council recognises and supports the ‘Black Lives Matters’ campaign and its efforts to raise awareness of racial inequality and institutionalised racism within the United Kingdom, **however deplores any violence and damage in the name of the campaign.**

Council notes that black people in the United Kingdom are:

- 8 x more likely to be stopped as part of ‘stop and search laws’ than white people
- More likely to be in low paid jobs or unemployed
- More likely to live in poor housing conditions
- Less likely to have good educational opportunities
- More likely to die from the COVID-19 pandemic

Council recognises that whilst we have generally good community relations in the City, and these are reinforced by our cross party equalities working group we remain committed to tackling racial discrimination and working with our BAME community to address issues of racial discrimination.

~~This includes undertaking a review of all statues/ monuments/ plaques within the City that celebrate the lives of those who profited greatly from the slave trade/ plantation ownership.~~

Council resolves to:

1. Write to the American Ambassador on behalf of the City setting out our deep concerns and condemnation at the killing of George Floyd
2. Set up a Commission with partner organisations in the City including the Police & Crime Commissioner, County Council, NHS and representatives of BAME community to review race relations in Gloucester with a view to producing recommendations to improve the lives of and enhance opportunities for BAME communities within the City.
3. Undertake a review of all monuments, statues and plaques **including Bakers Quay** within the City connected with the slave trade/ plantation ownership and **for Cabinet and Scrutiny to consider its recommendations, taking advice from the Commission, and further resolves to review the way in which the contribution of minority communities is presented as part of the City's history, including at the Museum of Gloucester renaming or removing them as appropriate.**
4. ~~The above review to include Bakers Quay and Phillpotts Warehouse. Both Samuel Baker and Thomas Phillpotts were heavily involved in and much of their wealth was generated by the slave trade/ plantation ownership.”~~

Proposed by Councillor Patel

Seconded by Councillor Gravells