

JOINT CONSERVATIVE AND LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

ITEM 11(1) – NOTICE OF MOTION FROM THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

“This council welcomes the gathering of £6 million of public funds to carry out major refurbishment of Gloucester Railway Station.

This council agrees that the proposed changes at the railway station will enhance the rail passenger experience and along with our new bus station give Gloucester a first class public transport hub fit for the 21st Century.

This council agrees that Gloucester has waited a long time for the railway station upgrade with the proposals for the underpass upgrade being on the cards since the early noughties.

This council agrees that the long awaited upgrade of the underpass from Great Western Road to Bruton Way ~~must be the first~~ **is the highest** priority for construction and completion **and must start on site as soon as possible.**

This council agrees that the project team should ensure that construction work is started ~~in the first quarter of 2021~~ **as soon as possible and if practical no later than the first quarter of 2021.**”

Proposed by Councillor Cook
Seconded by Councillor Stephens

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ITEM 11(3) – NOTICE OF MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP

“Council notes:

Commonwealth veterans have a long and proud history of service in the British military, from conflicts old, such as World War Two to recent conflicts such as Iraq and Afghanistan, Commonwealth veterans have served with distinction alongside British born veterans.

However, when their service is complete many are left with extortionate charges to remain in the UK. Commonwealth veterans are supposed to receive indefinite leave to remain in the UK however many veterans state that the army failed to inform them that they needed to make an immediate application to the Home Office for leave to remain in the UK when their service was complete. Many thought the process was automatic, yet this is not the case.

Fees for indefinite leave to remain have also dramatically increased. Since 2015 fees for definite leave to remain have increased by nearly 127% from £1051 - £2381 with a family of four having to pay nearly £10000 to remain in the UK, this figure doesn't include associated legal fees that some who have struggled with immigration applications may wish to pay. This can lead to many facing spiralling debt and uncertain immigration status because if a veteran is unable to pay they and their family face the prospect of taking on large amounts of debt or failing to pay leaves their immigration status in doubt and the very real prospect of deportation.

Whilst their applications are ongoing commonwealth veterans are also unable to seek employment or claim benefits.

Council resolves:

1. To make our armed forces champion and lead officers aware of the difficulties experienced by commonwealth veterans and ensure that those who are currently experiencing problems, whether financial or immigration difficulties, ~~are not disadvantaged~~ **are treated respectfully, fairly and equitably whilst their applications are ongoing.**
2. That the Leader of the Council writes to the Prime Minister, Kevin Forster the Minister of State for Immigration and Johnny Mercer the Minister of State for Veteran Affairs outlining this Council's support for all commonwealth veterans who have served a minimum of 4 years being granted automatic and free of charge right to remain in the UK and that any veteran who completes 12 years of service be automatically given British Citizenship.
3. That Council lobbies **recognises that** Gloucester MP Richard Graham leads on a campaign to presses the government for a change in the legislation **which** affects those that have served diligently and honourably for this Country.”

Proposed by Councillor Watkins

Seconded by Councillor Lewis

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ITEM 11(4) – NOTICE OF MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP

“Council values the importance of the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that address the global challenges we face including poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation and prosperity.

Council recognises that we have a decade of action if we are to deliver the goals by 2030.

Council believes that all levels of government work together and that local government is a key component to successful domestic implementation of the SDGs.

Council notes that in 2019 the cross-party Local Government association unanimously adopted a motion recognising the vital roles that councils could play in planning, implementation and monitoring the UK’s progress on meeting the ambitions of the Agenda 2030.

Council resolves:

1. To lobby central government for them to recognise the vital role local government must play in terms of the planning, implementation and monitoring in local areas, and fully resource councils to do that work, to deliver the UK’s progress on meeting the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda.
2. ~~To continue to engage our areas through local partnerships and with our citizens to share research and engagement with our networks, partners, and citizens, particularly given our sector’s continuing funding pressures.~~ **To recognise the role that the Council’s policies on Social Value can play in delivering against key aspects of the Sustainable Development Goals and to continue to build local partnerships, share knowledge and research and engage with new and existing networks, partners and citizens to deliver social value.**
3. ~~To formalise our commitment to the Goals and therefore adopts the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), agreeing to pursue the Goals in the work undertaken by the Council.~~
3. To begin work by mapping which targets are relevant using the LGA and UKSSD Sustainable Development Guide.
4. **To formalise the City Council’s commitment to the Goals by embedding the principles into relevant City Council policies, plans and strategies as and when those documents are developed, reviewed or replaced.”**

Proposed by Councillor Cook

Seconded by Councillor Watkins

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ITEM 11(5) – NOTICE OF MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP

“Council notes that protests on Great Western Road, near to Hope House and Gloucestershire's Sexual Assault Referral Centre, are ongoing.

Council believes that patients have the right to access healthcare, medical procedures, and advice free from intimidation, particularly when some will have had to make difficult decisions at a vulnerable time in their lives.

Council notes that other local authorities have used Public Spaces Protection Orders to create “buffer zones” around similar facilities, including the first such order concerning a Marie Stopes clinic in the London Borough of Ealing, which has been upheld by the Court of Appeal.

Council notes that other councils have implemented, or intend to implement, similar measures, including Manchester Metropolitan Borough Council, Richmond London Borough Council and Somerset West and Taunton District Council.

Council resolves that the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods ~~should prepare a report~~ **commits to** investigating the potential for extending the existing PSPO, ~~and/or similar measures,~~ to the relevant area of Great Western Road, ~~to be laid before Cabinet and other relevant committees.~~ **subject to evidence, at the scheduled annual review in January 2021.”**

Proposed by Councillor Watkins

Seconded by Councillor Melvin