

## **COUNCIL – 10 APRIL 2014**

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **Submitted to Council in Accordance with Procedure Rule 12**

#### **1      Blacklisting of Workers**

**Proposed by Councillor Roy Cartlidge and Seconded by Councillor Sam Corcoran**

Cheshire East Council deplores the practice of blacklisting carried out by some building and construction companies, which have denied employment to workers who were carrying out legitimate trade union activities such as health & safety representatives. In noting the Prime Minister's comments that blacklisting is 'a completely unacceptable practice, and the previous government were right to bring in legislation to make it unlawful.'

Council resolves:

- To make clear to all construction companies bidding for Council contracts that any unlawful blacklisting of workers will not be tolerated; and
- To ask Legal Services to explore how to enable the Council to not contract with companies that have engaged in blacklisting and haven't paid compensation to workers.

#### **2      Withdrawal of Reasons for Refusal**

**Proposed by Councillor David Brickhill**

In view of the fact that planning officers have withdrawn reasons for refusal, given and voted upon by councillors at planning committees, without the consent of the members, before the matter comes to the relevant appeal hearing, Council instructs the Director to ensure that any future withdrawals are authorised before they are signed by the relevant planning committee in full session.

#### **3      Council Tax Single Person Discount**

**Proposed by Councillor Sam Corcoran**

This Council supports the proposals of the Local Government Association for reforming the single person discount. Under the plans, councils would have the flexibility to adjust the discount for working people living alone in large homes – rated council tax band E and above. Discounts for single people in smaller homes and all pensioners would remain protected.