

COUNCIL – 17 DECEMBER 2015

NOTICES OF MOTION

Submitted to Council in Accordance with Procedure Rule 12

1 PAY THE LIVING WAGE

Proposed by Councillor Brian Roberts and Seconded by Councillor Nick Mannion.

Cheshire East Council notes that Preston City Council in partnership with "Unlock Democracy " is considering submitting the following proposal to government under the Sustainable Communities Act:

"To delegate power to local authorities to compel all private and public sector employers within their area to pay the Living Wage. The rate of the Living Wage to be determined in accordance with the rates set by the Living Wage Foundation for London and outside London."

The Council notes that this power could massively reduce in work poverty and benefit the local economy through a multiplier effect in each local authority area it is introduced. As part of the negotiating process with the relevant Secretary of State we would expect all or some of the benefits to government through higher taxation and reduced spending on benefits to be used to enforce the new power and help local businesses who may struggle to move to the new rate.

The Council resolves to express its interests in joining Preston City Council in any collective submission to government under the Sustainable Communities Act and to work together with Unlock Democracy to gain support for the proposal from other Councils in the region and across the country.

2 Pay Ratios

Proposed by Councillor Sam Corcoran

That this Council should publish pay ratios as recommended by the High Pay Centre and should move towards a situation where the highest paid workers in Cheshire East Council earn no more than 10 times the lowest paid workers.

3 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licensed by Other Authorities

Proposed by Councillor Rhoda Bailey

Drivers of hackney carriages and, in particular, private hire vehicles licensed by other authorities are operating in this area.

This Council would not be notified of their criminal offences committed subsequently, as the law requires the Police to notify only the Authority which granted the licence of any notifiable offences.

In view of the prevalence of child sexual exploitation and the dangers caused by children being trafficked from one area to another, that this Council takes steps to lobby for legislation to change the law, to extend the requirement to notify, and to reduce the ability of applicants to obtain licences in authority areas other than where they live.

4 Call for External Investigation

Proposed by Councillor David Newton and Seconded by Councillor Laura Jeuda

This Council calls for an external investigation into allegations of bullying at Cheshire East Council, and of allegations that favourable treatment was given to Corefit Ltd/Amanda Morris Ltd in procurement decisions.

5 Call for Internal Audit Report to be debated at Council

Proposed by Councillor Sam Corcoran and Seconded by Councillor Nick Mannion

This Council notes that contracts have been awarded to Core Fit Ltd/Amanda Morris Ltd, that concerns have been expressed publicly over the processes that were followed, that the Chief Executive has been quoted in the press referring to work done by internal audit and requires that an internal audit report into procurement based on work referred to by the Chief Executive is debated either at the full Council meeting on 25 February 2016 or at the next available full Council meeting.