

Motion to Council
24 July 2018
Subject Police cuts
**Proposer
and
second** Councillor Maguire to move
Councillor Jones to second

Item
10(a)

“Nationally, police numbers are now at the lowest level in three decades, crime is soaring and the independent inspectorate starkly warned that the lives of vulnerable people are at risk as there are not enough officers to respond to emergency calls. Locally, eight consecutive years of cuts have helped damage community safety and public security in our city culminating last month in what Chief Constable Simon Bailey said was the first time a firearm "had been discharged in the county under these circumstances" and a critical incident.”

Council **RESOLVES** to:

- (1) Write to both Norwich Members of Parliament and the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner to raise concerns that;
 - a) A £2.3bn real term cut in government funding between 2010-15, leading nationally to the national loss of 21,000 police officers, 18,000 police staff, 6,800 Police Community Support Officers and reduction in the number of armed officers has damaged community safety and public security.
 - b) The local loss of 143 police, 150 PCSOs in Norfolk, the cut of £30m government funding to Norfolk Constabulary's budget since 2010 and still another £10m demanded by 2020, will further weaken the police service.
 - c) The severe consequences of organised crime embedding within the city, particularly through the emergence of 'County Lines', placing all statutory agencies tasked with helping to provide community safety under further strain.
 - d) Continual severe funding cuts to local government which has reduced the capacity to carry out associated works and activities which both directly and indirectly contribute to local safety.