

Motion to Council
25 September 2018
Subject Brexit
Proposer Councillor Wright
Seconder Councillor Raby

Item
10(a)

“The People's Vote campaign seeks to ensure that the government's Brexit deal is put before the country in a public vote so that we can decide if a decision that will affect our lives for generations makes the country better or worse off.

Council therefore **RESOLVES** to;

- (1) Endorse the cross-party People's Vote campaign.
- (2) Ask cabinet to provide practical support to the local cross-party People's Vote campaign, such as use of council facilities for public meetings.
- (3) Ask Group Leaders to write to our two MPs, expressing this council’s strong desire for a vote on the final deal, including the option to maintain full EU membership.”

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Subject Modern Slavery

Proposer Councillor Kendrick

Seconder Councillor Maguire

Item

10(b)

“Though slavery was abolished in the UK in 1833, there are more slaves today than ever before in human history. Figures from the International Labour Organisation suggest that there are more than 40 million people in modern slavery across the world, with nearly 25 million held in forced labour.

There were 3805 victims of modern slavery identified in the UK in 2016. Modern Slavery is happening nationwide and within our city. Slave masters use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce individuals into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment. This can include sexual and criminal exploitation.

Council **RESOLVES:**

(1) To acknowledge that:

- a) action needs to be taken to raise awareness of modern slavery and the fact that it is happening all over the UK.
- b) the current support for victims is not sufficient and needs to go beyond the 45 days they are currently given by the government.
- c) councils have an important role to play in ensuring their contracts and supplies don't contribute to modern day slavery and exploitation.

(2) To ask cabinet to adopt the Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern Slavery, set out below, to ensure our procurement practices do not support slavery.

- a) Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
- b) Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.

- c) Continue to challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
- d) Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
- e) Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
- f) Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
- g) Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
- h) Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
- i) Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
- j) Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually."

Motion to Council
25 September 2018
Subject Opposing Voter ID
Proposer Councillor Jones
Seconder Councillor Davis

Item
10(c)

“There is a proposal to introduce voter identification (Voter ID) requirements in polling stations through the use of pilots at local government elections in 2019.

Council therefore **RESOLVES** to:

- (1) Condemn the Government’s plan to carry out further pilots that will introduce restrictive ID requirements at local elections in 2019;
- (2) Not to take part in any voluntary pilot scheme that could prevent legitimate voters from taking part in our democratic process;
- (3) Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Cabinet Office expressing the concerns of the council as set out in this motion, and asking them to halt the Voter ID pilots until such point as it can be proven that no voter will be disenfranchised; and
- (4) Ask the Leader of the Council to write to our local MPs expressing the council’s concerns and to seek their views on the proposal.”

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Subject Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

Proposer Councillor Carlo
Seconder Councillor Raby

Item
10(d)

“The Summer of 2018 has seen high temperatures, droughts, floods and wildfires around the world. Scientists have linked these events directly to climate change and warned that extreme weather events are likely to become the norm rather than the exception. Vulnerable groups of people suffer the most in extreme weather, in Norwich as well as elsewhere: the very young and very old are physically less able to cope with extreme heat; low income households lack the means to insulate their homes against heat and cold; higher food prices, due to excess heat and lack of rain, have more of an impact on families with lower budgets.

Council **RESOLVES** to ask cabinet to:

- (1) Consider preparing a climate change adaptation strategy to increase the climate resilience of the city and its citizens; and
- (2) Work with Greater Norwich Local Plan partners to develop a local plan to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.”