

**Motion to** Council  
25 June 2019  
**Subject** Air quality  
**Proposer** Councillor Lubbock  
**Seconder** Councillor Ackroyd

Item  
**9b**

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**Councillor Maguire** to amend resolution (2) by inserting “**to encourage working with relevant partners**” after the word “environment” and (3) by inserting “**practical**” after the word “take” and before “steps” as follows:

- (1) ask the Cabinet member for safe and sustainable city environment, **to encourage working with relevant partners** to put together an information sheet on the threat to children’s health from polluted air outside schools and send it to headteachers of the city’s schools.
- (2) work together with our partners especially Norfolk County Council to take **practical** steps towards making areas close to schools a ‘no car zone’ to keep children safe. This will be done by engaging with schools:

So that the revised motion becomes:-

Poor air quality is having a damaging effect on our health, especially young children. Children come into contact with polluted air when they are going to school.

Councils have a role in helping to reduce unnecessary school car journeys, improve road safety, and encourage more walking and cycling which in turn brings huge benefits to children’s physical and mental wellbeing.

Councils also have a role in redesigning our streets and neighbourhoods to make walking and cycling easier choices for journeys to schools. This includes safer pedestrian crossings, stopping parking outside schools and extending 20 mph speed limits from home to school.

This council **RESOLVES** to

- 1) note that this council has already:
  - a) adopted the Norwich 2040 vision which seeks to ‘make the City a liveable city which has excellent air quality’ which will be incorporated into the City’s Corporate Plan
  - b) removed petrol and diesel vehicles from the Lord Mayor’s Procession and agreed to a Car-free Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> September

- c) has implemented 20 mph zones in the City Centre and many of its residential streets resulting in more than 50% of homes being on a 20 mph street.
  - d) has promoted cycling through the 'Push the Pedalways' scheme resulting in a big increase in cycling.
  - e) has implemented an Engine Switch- off scheme with penalty charges
- 2) ask the cabinet member for safe and sustainable city environment, to encourage working with relevant partners to put together an information sheet on the threat to children's' health from polluted air outside schools and send it to headteachers of the city's schools.
- 3) work together with our partners especially Norfolk County Council to take practical steps towards making areas close to schools a 'no car zone' to keep children safe. This will be done by engaging with schools:
- a) on personalised travel plans with parents
  - b) on providing scooter and cycling lessons
  - c) on establishing a walking bus
  - d) on improving the roads around schools
  - e) on implementing a no waiting zone in the immediate vicinity of schools
  - f) on monitoring the quality of the air outside schools