

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

19 January 2023

Title: Motions

Notice has been received of the following motions from Members of the Council to be put to the Council meeting.

Motion 1 signed by Councillors L Bartoli, L Bones and O Scargill

Recording of Cabinet and Council Committees

Since the introduction of the recording and publication of Full Council meetings there has been an increased level of scrutiny and accountability. As more residents are able to see discussions for themselves, political debate within the borough has been enriched.

North Tyneside Council would like to further increase levels of transparency and accountability and therefore asks the Mayor and Council to:

1. Commit to the recording and publishing online of all Cabinet meetings and Council committee meetings, before the start of the new municipal year in May 2023, subject to the Members attending those meetings not passing a resolution to exclude the public from such meetings.
2. Invite the Monitoring Officer to advise Members on any copyright issues that might arise from all recordings of public meetings being made available to Members, the public and the press in relation to the sharing of extracts from Cabinet or Council Meetings on Social Media and anywhere else.

Motion 2 by Councillors M Thirlaway, C Johnson and J Cruddas

Ukraine

North Tyneside Council notes that Friday 24th February 2023 marks the one-year anniversary of Russia's illegal and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine. We reiterate our absolute support for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. The resulting conflict has had a devastating impact on Ukraine, and we will continue to support all Ukrainian refugees here in North Tyneside.

We ask the Elected Mayor to:

1. Write to the Ukrainian Ambassador in the UK, reiterating North Tyneside Council's support and solidarity, and respect for his nation's sovereignty and freedom.
2. Commit to continue supporting all Ukrainian refugees here in North Tyneside for as long as necessary.

Motion 3 by Councillors C Davies, R O'Keefe and M Fox

"We are in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis and a crisis in our NHS made by the Conservatives Government.

Council believes all primary school children should get free school meals in response to the rising cost-of-living pressures on families and our shared ambitions of tackling child poverty and ensuring no child goes hungry in school.

Council believes in addition to rising food, fuel and housing costs, childcare costs are increasingly forcing growing numbers of parents out of work and see more children missing out on additional learning, and enriching activities as well as some pupils going hungry at school due to not receiving breakfasts at home, there is a well-established link between adequate food and educational attainment in schools.

Council notes that the Councils Equally Well strategy which works with partners across the borough to improve health and education outcomes recently led to the council adopting the Healthy Weight Declaration.

Up to 500 people a week are dying unnecessarily due to delays in receiving emergency treatment according to the Royal College of Emergency Medicine.

Council calls upon the Mayor to write to the Prime Minister calling on him to;

- Implement Universal Free School meals for all Primary School children
- Make all recipients of Universal Credit eligible to receive free school meals
- Implement Labour's plan for every child to be offered a free place at breakfast clubs.
- Urgently ask the Health Secretary to set out a plan to bring down NHS waiting lists and A&E wait times immediately.

Motion 4 by Councillors L Bones, L Bartoli and O Scargill

EV on street charging -

Electric vehicles are one of the best ways that households can reduce their emissions. Across the country, many people are making the swap to EV - with over 30% of all new car sales being battery powered electric vehicles. However, for many people across North Tyneside without access to off street parking, owning an electric vehicle with the ability to charge it at home is just a pipe dream.

North Tyneside Council believes that finding a sustainable solution to the issue of on-street EV charging is significant in our borough's journey to net zero.

North Tyneside Council notes the scheme which has been set up in Oxford (gul-e) gives residents the opportunity to have gullies installed on the pavement - allowing charging cables to run safely from the property to the roadside without causing a trip hazard.

North Tyneside Council asks the Mayor to set up a cross-party working group to look at establishing a similar scheme in North Tyneside, particularly looking to reflect the dropped curb scheme (which includes a one-off charge for residents allowing them to have a gully installed). The group should produce a report to be presented to Full Council before the end of 2023 with plans to begin offering this to residents in early 2024.

Motion 5 by Councillors O Scargill, C Johnston and L Bartoli

Motion - litter and dog mess

Litter and dog mess in North Tyneside has got to an unacceptable level after years of neglect by North Tyneside's Labour-run Council. Not only does this ruin how our area looks, but it also poses health and hygiene risks.

Council notes that litter and dog mess has got to an unacceptable standard in North Tyneside.

Council believes new public bins need to be sited across the borough, with many existing public bins needing emptying more often.

Council asks the Mayor to:

- Set up an all party group to establish which bins need emptied more often, where new bins should be sited, which areas are particularly bad for dog mess and what can be done about it
- Set a target for 100 new bins across the borough before the summer, when littering is at its worst
- Introduce a refreshed public awareness campaign about dog mess within North Tyneside
- Increase the number of staff able to issue dog fouling Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)