

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

21 July 2022

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 Councillor Matthew Thirlaway, Carl Johnson and Julie Cruddas

North Tyneside Council believes that all NHS hospital staff should be entitled to free parking in hospital car parks. Over the last two years NHS hospital staff have rose to the challenge and helped defeat covid. The Conservative Government are happy to praise and clap for NHS hospital staff but fail to support them when it really matters.

The decision, by the Conservative Government, to rescind free parking for NHS hospital staff is a disgrace and is a dangerous message that they are unimportant now the pandemic is coming to an end. Our NHS hospital staff should be appreciated and supported at all times, not just during times of crisis.

North Tyneside Council calls on the Elected Mayor to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care demanding the Government acts to ensure all NHS hospital staff are entitled to free parking in hospital car parks.

Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this motion.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this motion.

Motion 2 by Councillor Matthew Thirlaway, Willie Samuel and Carole Burdis

Conversion Therapy Ban

North Tyneside Council notes that there are already fourteen countries with some form of national ban on LGBT+ conversion therapy, as well as many other states, cities, and provinces. We also note that NHS England has stated that all forms of conversion therapy are unethical and potentially harmful.

We believe conversion therapy poses a danger to LGBT+ people and is an affront to human dignity. We are, therefore, dismayed that, despite committing to an LGBT+ conversion ban in 2018, the Conservative Government has persistently failed to legislate such a ban and have subsequently placed LGBT+ people at significant risk of harm.

We are equally dismayed that the Conservative Government's proposed conversion therapy ban does not include gender identity and believe that any ban must protect trans and non-binary people.

North Tyneside Council calls on the Elected Mayor to write to the Prime Minister asking him to finally prioritise and legislate a conversion therapy ban that includes gender identity.

Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this motion.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this motion.

Motion 3 by Councillor Carl Johnson, Andy Newman and Martin Rankin

Honesty, integrity, and respect matter in politics.

In the previous two election cycles we've seen acts of dishonesty, deception, and often a lack of respect shown to fellow candidates.

This Council therefore calls upon the Elected Mayor to write to all political parties who stood candidates in the 2022 local elections in North Tyneside calling on them to pledge

to;

- To always make it clear on election literature which party it is from
- To not abbreviate the name of your political party on an imprint
- To not impersonate local media to use as a party-political platform
- To always ensure postal vote sign-ups are sent direct to the council
- To make clear on any social media account which political party is behind it
- To treat other candidates with respect
- To not impersonate another political party on literature
- To uphold the highest standards of integrity which the public expect from us

Legal Implications

The regulation of elections and the production of campaigning materials is not the responsibility of the Authority. The police and in some cases the Electoral Commission are responsible for such regulation.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this motion.

Motion 4 by Councillor Carl Johnson, Elected Mayor Norma Redfearn and Eddie Darke

North Tyneside council thanks former Councillor Jim Allan for his many years of service to the council. Jim was a Councillor over 30 years representing Wallsend, Valley, and the Camperdown wards during his time. He held many positions within the council over the years including Deputy Mayor and Leader of the Labour Group while in opposition. We wish Jim the best of health for the future.

Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this motion.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this motion.

Motion 5 by Councillor Olly Scargill, Liam Bones and Lewis Bartoli

North Tyneside Council notes:

- The Dutch-style roundabout at Rake Lane has caused significant disruption over the last few months to local residents
- The total cost of the scheme was £1.5 million

North Tyneside Council believes:

- £1.5 million could, and should, have been spent on alternative proposals for active travel

North Tyneside Council asks the Mayor to:

- Reassure residents that every roundabout in North Tyneside will not become a Dutch-style roundabout
- Ensure all future cycling schemes have the support of local residents by putting them to a local referendum

Legal Implications

Under section 116 of the Local Government Act 2003 a local authority may conduct a local poll (referendum) to ascertain the views of those polled about any matter relating to services provided by it or the expenditure on such services.

It would be for the local authority to decide who would be polled and how the poll would be conducted.

There is no obligation on a local authority to hold a poll, and an authority is not bound by the result of such a poll and the 2003 Act does not provide for local electors to be able to demand a poll.

Any decision to hold a local poll would require Cabinet approval.

Financial Implications

The estimated financial implications of the motion would be between £0.010m and £0.100m based on if it was a standalone ward referendum (lower estimate) or Borough wide referendum (higher estimate).