

# North Tyneside Council

## Report to Council

### 22 September 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 Lewis Bartoli, Christopher Johnston and Linda Arkley**

#### **Installation and staffing of barriers at Tynemouth and Cullercoats Metro stations**

Over the last few years the residents of Tynemouth and Cullercoats have had to suffer increasing levels of antisocial behaviour as visitor numbers to our coast have increased. This has ranged from vandalism and criminal damage to knife attacks and assaults and our residents have been left to pick up the mess. Our swimmers and dog walkers are met each morning with bottles, cans and used barbecues strewn across our beaches. Much of this antisocial behaviour comes via our Metro system and what is perceived by many as free travel to and from the coast. Those that wish to come and cause trouble do not even need to pay the price of a ticket. The Council believes that installing ticket barriers that are manned at strategic times would assist in deterring and monitoring those who wish to come and cause antisocial behaviour. The Council therefore ask The Mayor to write to Nexus requesting that:

1. They install ticket barriers on Tynemouth and Cullercoats Metro Station before Summer 2023 to assist in reducing ASB at the coast.
2. These barriers are manned by Nexus staff at strategic times to be agreed between the Police, Nexus and the Council when levels of antisocial behaviour are high.

## **Motion 2 signed by Councillor Olly Scargill, Liam Bones and Chris Johnston**

### **Engagement with the Police and Crime commissioner**

Anti-social behaviour has been a huge problem for residents across North Tyneside. It consistently appears in their top three priorities, but while some progress has been made with projects across the borough there is still a lot yet to be tackled.

As elected members we all need to work together to tackle the issue of crime and anti-social behaviour in North Tyneside. This includes the Police and Crime Commissioner.

In order to tackle Anti-social behaviour in this area North Tyneside Council asks the Mayor:

- Ask the PCC to fully review and evaluate Police numbers in North Tyneside in light of the serious increase in anti-social behaviour
- To request that the PCC meets with both groups on this Council every six months to allow members to raise specific concerns
- Invite the PCC to give an update on progress on her policing priorities annually to Full Council, and take questions from members on the update

### **Motion 3 signed by Councillor Willie Samuel, Michelle Fox and Andrew Newman**

Council notes that proposed increase in the Ofgem energy cap will cause untold hardship to residents in North Tyneside and will result in residents being plunged into fuel poverty as well as impacting household budgets. Many of our residents, adults and children face a choice between heating and eating this winter in the face of eye watering increases in fuel prices and inflation.

The action of the Conservative Government is not sufficient setting a cap at £2500 will mean many families continue to struggle and businesses and charities will close because of this. The Conservative plan will rather than taxing unexpected excess profits of energy companies will disgracefully borrow to bail on the record profit making energy companies.

We commend North Tyneside Council for the action it is taking to try and mitigate these issues.

We firmly believe that the cap should be frozen at £1,971 per year and that this can be paid for by a combination of windfall taxes on energy companies and other measures. This will have the added benefit of reducing projected inflation rates. Council asks the elected mayor to write to the Chancellor of The Exchequer to ask that the price cap is frozen at £1,971 per year and this is paid for by a windfall tax on unexpected excess profits of the energy companies.

Council also asks that the Mayor publicises as widely as possible all of the available information and help the Council has on offer to help with the Conservative cost of living crisis.

**Motion 4 signed by Councillor Andy Newman, Willie Samuel and Sandra Graham**

**End the practice of discharging sewage into waterways**

Water companies continue to make huge of profits whilst continuing to dump raw sewage into our waterways. In 2020 water companies made £2.8 billion of collective profits whilst at the same time discharging raw sewage 400,000 times.

It's clear that the water companies will not stop this practice and invest in the urgently needed upgrades to the water system until forced to do so. We therefore believe it's time to completely ban sewage discharges in the UK.

Therefor we ask the mayor to write to the new Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs outlining this councils support for a total ban on sewage discharge by water companies.

## **Motion 5 signed by Councillor Carl Johnson, Julie Cruddas and Matthew Thirlaway**

The south-east of England, the most affluent region in Britain outside London, last year received almost twice as much money as the north-east from the government's levelling up fund aimed at boosting deprived areas.

Various Conservative levelling up funds have refused to back North Tyneside including the levelling up fund and towns fund, which instead of being available to North Tyneside was made available to often more affluent and often Conservative voting areas.

Child poverty continues to rise in the North East and 11 in 30 children in a school class are now facing child poverty.

We call on the Mayor to:

- Write to the Prime Minister urging action on child poverty in the North East and to set out an action plan on how the Conservative government will tackle child poverty.
- Urge the Prime Minister to fund both of our £20 million levelling up bids for North Shields and Wallsend.