



## COUNCIL MEETING – 3 DECEMBER 2015

### NOTICES OF MOTION

#### **1 Motion – Keeping Islington safe by protecting Policing in Islington**

**Moved by Cllr Paul Convery**

**Seconded by Cllr Flora Williamson**

This council notes that the Metropolitan Police Service has faced cuts of £600million since 2010 and, as a result, London's police service has lost 2,443 police officers and 3,170 PCSOs from the streets of London since 2010.

The Met now faces a potential further £800million of cuts as a result of the Government's latest spending review and the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police has warned that a further 5,000 to 8,000 warranted officers could be lost due to these further budget cuts.

This council further notes that, since May 2010, London has lost over 70% of the dedicated neighbourhood Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in the capital, and the Metropolitan Police Service is currently considering a plan to either axe every PCSO in London or to reduce PCSOs to just one dedicated officer per ward.

This council believes that when neighbourhood policing was introduced by London's former Labour Mayor, it represented a fundamental improvement in policing strategy. PCSO's represent the core part of each neighbourhood policing team and we believe that cutting them would significantly damage neighbourhood policing in this Borough.

This council resolves to call on the Executive to –

- make representations to the Mayor of London and the Home Secretary about the damage which will be caused by removing the community model of policing;
- oppose further cuts to London's policing system;
- make representations to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police to properly consult with Londoners before taking any decision to dismantle vital neighbourhood policing teams.

This council further resolves to continue working with Islington's dedicated police officers and PCSOs, the Borough Commander, and the local community, to ensure that Islington is made safer and criminal activity confronted when it takes place.

## **2 Motion – Keep Caledonian Road Tube Station Open**

**Moved by Cllr Paul Smith**

**Seconded by Cllr Rakhia Ismail**

This council notes plans announced by Transport for London (TfL) to close Caledonian Road tube station from January 2016 until August 2016 in order to replace both lifts in the station.

This council is opposed to the proposed closure of the station for 32 weeks from January 2016 to repair both lifts.

This council supports keeping the station open by repairing one lift at time, as local residents and businesses cannot be without a tube station for 32 weeks.

This council resolves to:

- request that the Leader of the Council writes to the Mayor of London seeking his support for keeping the station open by seeking a review of the TfL's board decision;
- ask that the review of TfL's decision to close the station examines how TfL failed to give adequate notice for works that had clearly been long planned, yet seemed not to factor in the wider economic impacts of its decision on the public which it serves.

## **3 Motion – Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership**

**Moved by Cllr Alice Perry**

**Seconded by Cllr Gary Heather**

This council notes that negotiations are ongoing between the European Union and the United States of America concerning the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, also known as TTIP. These discussions are at a very early stage.

This council believes that whilst there are clear benefits of improving trade between the world's largest economy and the world's largest single market, there are significant concerns about TTIP and the impact it could have on public services.

This council resolves to support calls to ensure the NHS is exempt from TTIP, and to write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation, and Skills, calling on the Government to be clear that it will not support a treaty that includes the NHS.

This council is proud of achievements in bringing services back in house and commissioning local voluntary sector organisations.

This council resolves to –

- monitor the potential impact TTIP could have on the council's procurement practices;
- make further representations to ensure TTIP does not damage council services, limit our options in procuring services or force any existing Council services to be privatised;
- encourage other local authorities to adopt a similar motion and position.

#### **4 Motion – LGBT History Month**

##### **Moved by Cllr Caroline Russell**

This Council notes:

The important contribution LGBT history month has made to fighting intolerance and raising awareness. LGBT history month is marked every February and is designed to recognise the important contribution LGBT people have made to society.

That Islington, in collaboration with Camden, runs a number of events for LGBT history month and that these artistic, cultural and community events do much to celebrate the richness and diversity of this borough.

That many LGBT people face harassment or even violence, while young LGBT people are more likely to suffer poor mental health and attempt suicide.

That LGBT inclusive, Sex and Relationships Education is not a mandatory part of the curriculum and that Caroline Lucas MP's bill to make this compulsory goes to a second reading on Friday 22nd January 2016.

This Council believes:

That PSHE classes are invaluable tools in fighting homophobia and transphobia.

That just like black history, the teaching of LGBT history should not be confined to one month each year.

This Council resolves:

- To consult schools about their curriculum support needs:
- To offer schools resources and partnership that can support and enrich their history and their PSHE curriculum; and to offer specialist training through the LGBT History Month umbrella.
- To protect funding for LGBT history month events run in collaboration with Camden.
- To ask Islington's MPs to support the second reading of Caroline Lucas MP's bill to make PSHE education statutory.

#### **5. Motion - TTIP**

##### **Moved by Cllr Caroline Russell**

This Council notes:

That the EU and USA launched negotiations in July 2013 on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

That negotiations are underway to determine which goods and services TTIP will apply to and if new rules can be agreed to protect investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA.

That there has been no impact assessment about the potential impact on local authorities.

That there has been no scrutiny of the negotiating texts by local government and no consultation with local government representatives

That MPs are also unable to scrutinise the negotiating documents.

This Council believes that:

TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making.

A thorough impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities must be undertaken before the negotiations can be concluded.

The proposed Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism has been used by corporations to overturn democratic decisions by all levels of governments at significant public cost. Local decision-making must be protected from ISDS.

The EU's food, environmental and labour standards are better than those in the US and TTIP negotiations must raise and not lower these standards across the EU and USA.

Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities' ability to act in the best interests of its communities.

This Council resolves:

- To write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government local MPs and all London MEPs raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.
- To write to the Local Government Association to raise our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and ask them to raise these with government on our behalf.
- To call for an impact assessment on the impact of TTIP on local authorities.
- To publicise the council's concerns about TTIP; join with other local authorities which are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the problems.