

Council

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Additional Information

Item 7 – Motions

Amendments to submitted motions

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Motions

1. **Brexit Motion**

Councillor Stan Pajak will move: "This Council Believes:

1. That there is mounting and undisputable evidence of the damage that 'Brexit' would cause both to the national economy and to our regional economy.
2. The damage to our international relationships, the reducing influence with other states and the complete loss of say and control over the rules of the European Single Market and Customs Union, the largest market in the world.
3. That the Government has totally mismanaged the Brexit negotiations and has failed to work closely with large cities and towns such as Swindon and listen to our concerns on the direction followed.
4. That businesses within Swindon, like those elsewhere in the UK, are reconsidering investment plans in new production and new jobs while they await the Brexit deal.
5. That the current rights of EU citizens living in the UK should always be fully protected and not used as a bargaining chip by the UK Government.

Full Council Notes:

1. The increasing problems that the NHS is having in recruiting nurses and doctors since the decision to leave the European Union was made and that this is having a real impact on the health of local residents.
2. With concern the potential impact of Brexit both on our local economy and on established mutually beneficial partnerships and links with European cities.
3. That the UK economy is now the slowest growing economy in Europe, reducing the prosperity of the UK and Swindon residents;
4. That new investment in the region is being jeopardised and new job opportunities are being lost;
5. That Inflation caused by Brexit-related depreciation of the pound is driving up living costs for the poorest residents a further squeezing of living standards.
6. That Brighton Council and Hammersmith and Fulham Council have already passed motions that back a referendum on the final deal and an option to stay within the European Union.

This Council Resolves:

1. That the Mayor and the Party Group leaders be requested to write to the Prime Minister, Swindon's two MPs and Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, expressing this Council's and Swindon's strong desire for a referendum on the final terms of a Brexit deal, including the option to maintain full EU membership.
2. That the Leader of the Council be requested to submit a report to Cabinet setting out the likely effects to Swindon of a no deal conclusion to EU negotiations which must result in a treaty by 11pm on March 2019.

AMENDMENT

Mover – Cllr Mary Martin

Seconder – Cllr Maureen Penny

Delete all and insert:

This Council requests that:

- 1. the Cabinet member for Economy bring a report to O&S outlining the Council's response to Brexit through both its inward investment and business retention programs ensuring the Borough is well placed to exploit any economic opportunities that may manifest in the future.**

2. Council Procurement Motion

Councillor Jim Grant will move: "This Council:

- Recognises the significant impact public sector procurement can have on local economic growth.
- Notes that in 2016/17, only 37% of the Council's total procurement spend went to local suppliers.
- Requests the Cabinet Member for Finance review the "Community Wealth Building" approach Labour-led local authorities in Manchester and Preston have taken in their procurement strategy, which has significantly boosted spending on local suppliers. This has led to 71% of Manchester City Council's procurement spend going to local suppliers and Preston City Council more than doubled its procurement spend on local suppliers, pumping tens of millions of pounds extra in to their local economies and boosting local wages by requesting that local suppliers pay the Real Living Wage.
- Requests that following this review the Cabinet Member for Finance bring a report to Cabinet on how the Council could apply the new procurement principles within The Social Value Act (2012) to enable more council-taxpayers money to be spent on to local suppliers.
- Requests the Leader of the Council to bring a report to the next Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board meeting detailing how anchor public sector institutions within the borough can also adopt the Community Wealth Building approach to their procurement strategies, in order to further boost investment within the borough's economy."

Amendment

Mover – Cllr Roger Smith

Seconder – Cllr Emma Faramarzi

Delete all and Insert

This Council:

- 1. Recognises the economic success since 2010 that Swindon has had. According to Centre for Cities, we are ranked third in the country out of cities with the highest employment rate**
- 2. Further notes the commitment by the Government to invest £94m through the LEP as Local Growth Fund to promote economic growth by delivering critical infrastructure to unlock housing and jobs**
- 3. Notes that in 2016/2017 37% of the Council's total procurement spend went to local suppliers.**
- 4. Supports the principle of obtaining value for money while recognising the positive impact that procurement can have for local suppliers.**

This Council requests that:

The Cabinet Member for Finance provides an update to the October 2013 Cabinet Report in respect of how procurement may continue to benefit local suppliers through the The Public Services Social Value Act (2012)."

3. 20 mph Speed Limit Zones Motion

Councillor Jim Grant will move: "This Council:

- Is concerned that it is existing Council practice to not agree to any new 20mph speed limit requests on specific roads in the Borough, which have clear demonstrable support from Ward Councillors and the local community.
- Believes that 20mph speed limits should be introduced in roads and neighbourhoods which would like this and where it has the support of Ward Councillors.
- Recognises the benefits to areas with 20mph speed limits, including to public safety and encouraging more physical activity, such as walking and cycling.
- Requests that the Cabinet Member for Streetsmart and Highways bring a report to Cabinet setting out how the Council can reverse the current Council practice of not considering 20mph speed limit requests and to grant 20mph speed limit requests on roads which have clear demonstrable support from Ward Councillors and the local community."

AMENDMENT

Mover – Cllr Caryl Sydney-Smith

Seconder – Cllr Steve Weisinger

Delete and insert as appropriate so that the Motion if amended would read:

This Council:

- Recognises the benefits to areas with 20mph speed limits, including to public safety and encouraging more physical activity, such as walking and cycling.
- Supports the implementation, where applicable, of 20mph speed limits in line with the Council's current policy as stated on our website and where it has the support of Ward Councillors.

This Council requests that:

The Cabinet Member for Highways and the Environment investigates specific cases for the introduction of 20mph speed limits as raised by ward members

4. Public Safety Motion

Councillor Bob Wright will move and Councillor Jane Milner-Barry will second:

"This Council:

- Understands that glysohate is being used within the Borough by council employees and/or contractors for weed control.
- Notes that in 2015 the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a branch of the World Health Organisation, said that glysohate is "probably carcinogenic".
- Calls for a ban on the use of glyphosate on all land accessible by the public, by council employees, council contractors and all other bodies, by April 2019.
- Asks the Cabinet Member for Streetsmart and Highways to research alternative means of weed control and adopt a protocol on acceptable methods by April 2019."

AMENDMENT

Mover – Cllr Tim Swinyard

Seconder – Cllr Oliver Donachie

Delete All and Insert:

This Council notes:

- 1. It is important to respect concerns about chemical use.**
- 2. The Local Authority will continue to base its decisions on science and confirmed evidenced.**
- 3. It is important to support the promotion of Swindon as a place for inward investment and that gateway routes are kept as weed-free as possible.**

This Council requests that

The Cabinet Member for Highways and the Environment ensures that Swindon Borough Council continues to monitor the situation regarding the products it uses and, should the Environment Agency and DEFRA change their guidance, it will act accordingly.

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