

18 November 2015

Ordinary Council

Notices of Motion

Report of: Philip Ruck – Head of Paid Service

Wards Affected: All

This report is: Public

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Seven Notices of Motion have been submitted in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

1.2 Cllr Chilvers submitted the following motion:

Peace Mile for Brentwood

In May 1986, the late Spiritualist Teacher, Sri Chinmoy, inaugurated the 'Sri Chinmoy Peace Mile' at Cutteslowe Park, Oxford. Sri Chinmoy devoted his life (1931-2007) to the pursuit of a dream: a world where harmony and oneness reign supreme.

The Peace Mile is designed to offer runners and walkers a focused mile-long loop dedicated to peace.

After the inauguration of the Peace Mile, a two mile race was organised for local school children and since then this has been the focus of many community running and walking events.

In the interests of promoting peace in our community, Brentwood Council will seek to establish a "Sri Chinmoy Peace Mile" trial during the financial year 2016/7 with a view to making a permanent peace mile in one of our key green spaces.

1.3 Cllr Barrett submitted the following motion:

Living Wage Motion

This Council notes:

1. That the Living Wage is a level of pay based on the principle that full-time work should guarantee a decent standard of living.

2. That even in difficult financial circumstances, more and more local authorities are now paying or have committed to pay the Living Wage.

3. That the Mayor of London and the London Assembly have taken positive action to ensure all employees receive the Living Wage, whilst encouraging local businesses to do the same.

4. *That the Living Wage is set annually and independently.*
5. *That the current levels are £9.40 an hour in London and £8.25 outside of London.*

Therefore this Council:

1. *Supports in principle the introduction of a Living Wage to all directly engaged, contracted and sub-contracted staff.*
2. *Will undertake investigations into the cost of fully implementing the Living Wage including the number of staff currently paid below the Living Wage, by how much and in what roles they work.*
3. *Will adopt a policy of supporting the Living Wage in procurement on a case by case basis.*
4. *A report will be given to the next meeting of the Policy, Finance & Resources committee outlining the economic impact and allowing for a decision for the 2016/17 Budget.*
5. *That on confirmation of the decision to pay the Living Wage Brentwood Borough Council will seek accreditation as a Living Wage employer through the Living Wage Foundation.*

1.4 Cllr Aspinell submitted the following motions:

1. *Brentwood Borough Council totally rejects the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposals to close Brentwood Police Station's Front Counter to the public. This Council notes that under any of the proposed changes Brentwood Police Station will remain an operational base so it does not make sense to close the Front Counter. This Council calls upon the Police Commissioner to reconsider this proposal in light of the Local Development Plan numbers that show our borough is going to be increasing in size and the fact that we have thousands of visitors coming to Brentwood every weekend. We believe our borough must have better provision for safeguarding our residents and their property than what is being proposed.*

Brentwood Borough Council is totally opposed to the Police Commissioner's proposals to reduce the number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) covering Brentwood and Epping from 26 down to 7 and calls on the Police Commissioner to explore all funding options at a local and a national level to ensure that the number of PCSO's for our area are maintained at the current levels.

2. *We call upon Brentwood Borough Council to use its Scrutiny Committee powers to scrutinise the Police and Crime Commissioner's decision to close Brentwood Police Station to the public and to reduce the number of PCSO's covering the area.*

3. *We, Brentwood Borough Council resolve to refer to the Local Government Ombudsman the Police and Crime Commissioner's decision to close Brentwood Police Station to the public and the Police Authority's possible maladministration of its budget as the residents and businesses of Brentwood contribute £4.5 million per year for the purposes of police protection and enforcement.*

4. Brentwood Borough Council calls upon the Deputy Leader of the Council and the County Councillor for Hutton, Herongate and Ingrave to declare his opposition to the Police and Crime Commissioner's decision to close Brentwood Police Station to the public and reduce the PCSO coverage for this area.

5. With Essex Police facing £63 million of cuts over the next five years, Brentwood Borough Council believes there should be an independent and/or judicial review into the Essex Police Authority's maladministration of its budget during the last ten years it was in office and the financial management of Essex Police resources by the Police Commissioner during his time in office.

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