

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motions has been received:-

1. Legacy of Mr William Openshaw Street

This Council notes:

Mr William Openshaw Street was a well known and respected local Bury businessman and philanthropist who started up and ran the Bury Felt Company for many years. When Mr Street died he left in trust several millions of pounds in trust to support local groups in the former County Palatine of Lancaster.

Over a number of years there have been concerns about the Trustees' conduct in truly representing Mr Street's wishes for his legacy to be distributed in Lancashire.

A campaign has been launched to try and secure a number of key changes to the future management of Mr Street's legacy.

This Council resolves to:

1. Support the campaign to change the current Trustees and in so doing appoint new Trustees without remuneration on a voluntary basis;
2. Require future Trustee's meetings to relocate from London to Bury;
3. Secure Bury Council representation on the board of Trustees
4. Communicate this resolution to all Lancashire and Greater Manchester Councils and MP's to seek their support for this campaign; and
5. To write to the Trustees urging them to stand down.

In the names of Councillors A Audin, K Audin, M Bailey, N Bayley, D Boden, P Bury, J.Byrne, G Campbell, D Cassidy, J Columbine, M Connolly, A Cummings, J Frith, J Grimshaw, T Holt, A Isherwood, M James, J Lewis, A Matthews, N Parnell, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, J Smith, T Tariq and S Walmsley.

2. Smoking Bans in Outdoor Play Areas

This Council:

1. Notes that other local authorities within the UK, such as Inverclyde and Pendle, have or are in the process of implementing smoking bans in children's play areas and that many other areas are considering it.

2. Notes campaigns by Smoke Free North West for a voluntary ban in smoking in Children's play areas across the North West.

3. Notes that research suggests public support for smoke-free play areas is high: A YouGov survey undertaken by ASH in March 2010 found that 73% of the general population backed a smoking ban in children's play areas.

4. Believes that, in the long term, smoke-free play areas will assist in decreasing the number of young people who start smoking and will also help to reduce levels of unsightly cigarette litter such as cigarette butts, matches, empty packets and wrappers in children's play areas.

Therefore, Council:

1. States support for the principle of a voluntary smoking ban in children's play areas within Bury.

2. Welcomes preparatory work undertaken to date to gauge local support for smoking bans in play areas and in parks and urges consultation with playground users to assess support for this initiative.

3. Requests that the Leader brings forward plans for a voluntary smoke-free code for play areas in Bury, with a view to introduction from early 2012 (subject to the outcome of consultations). Plans to include a smoke-free policy statement, public awareness raising and a timetable for evaluation of the effectiveness of the smoke-free code.

4. Requests that the Leader brings a report to a future meeting of the Executive as to how powers contained in the Localism Bill may facilitate the introduction of legally enforceable bans

In the names of Councillors M D'Albert, V D'Albert, Garner, O'Hanlon and Pickstone.

3. Council Tax

This Council notes:

The continuing tough economic climate that was created by the previous Labour Government's irresponsible borrowing has caused the debt crisis that the Coalition Government is now having to deal with.

This Council therefore welcomes the recent announcement by George Osborne that the Government will give this Council the option to freeze Council Tax for the people of Bury for the second

year running, without hampering the planned clearance of Labour's structural deficit by 2014/15.

At a time when the cost of living is rising and wages remain flat, throughout both the private and public sector, not increasing the level of Council tax will put more money in people's pockets and help with the recovery from the current debt crisis.

However, this Council resolves to lobby Government in regards to the scheme being funded on an on-going basis.

In the names of Councillors RCA Brown, IB Gartside, YS Wright, I Bevan, S Cohen, R Caserta, J Harris, B Vincent, M Hankey, D Gunther and M Wiseman.