

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

4 JULY 2012

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion have been received:-

1. Smoking Tobacco

This Council notes:

- That smoking tobacco can cause serious and fatal disease, and that the only way to avoid these risks is not to smoke.
- That smoking is an addiction of childhood, with the vast majority of smokers starting before they are 18 years old.
- That 319 people in Bury die from smoking related disease every year
- That with advertising bans in place, tobacco companies have increasingly focussed on packaging design to make their products more appealing.
- That published, peer reviewed scientific research is clear and that plain packs are less attractive especially to young people, strengthen the impact of health warnings, and make packs less misleading to consumers.

This Council believes:

- That it is the responsibility of all levels of Government to try and ensure good public health in the population.

This Council resolves:

- To request the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Health, expressing these views and asking him to bring forward legislation to introduce standardised packaging of tobacco products to protect children and young people from tobacco marketing.
- To continue to promote good health in Bury, to support the reduction of local rates of smoking, and to protect children and adults from harm caused by tobacco.”

In the names of Councillors A Audin, K Audin, D Bailey, M Bailey, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, P Bury, G Campbell, S Carter, D M Cassidy, J Columbine, M Connolly, A J Cummings, E FitzGerald L Fitzwalter, J Frith, S Haroon, P Heneghan, T Holt, A Isherwood, M A James, D Jones, J S Lewis, A K Matthews, N A Parnell, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, A Simpson, S Smith, J Smith, S Southworth, T Tariq and S Walmsley.

2. Election Activities

“This Council notes the upset caused to many children and parents of St Peter’s School during the 2012 Local Election Campaign when candidates and campaigners were observed standing at the school gate handing out election literature.

Whilst campaigning has taken place over the years clearly outside of a particular school, such campaigning at such close proximity to the school gates is unprecedented. Children were being directly canvassed, were presented with adhesive stickers and balloons before their parents had an opportunity to meet with them and supervise the rest of their journey home.

Therefore, this Council resolves to help raise the standard of political campaigning in our Borough.

This Council calls on those elected members who were involved in this form of campaigning previously to acknowledge that this was inappropriate. This Council calls that all Councillors and political campaigners from all political parties refrain from doing this in the future.”

In the names of Councillors R A Bibby, R A Caserta, I B Gartside, D L Gunther, M Hankey, K Hussain, J Taylor, B Vincent, R E Walker, J F Walton, M J Wiseman and Y Wright.

3. Budget Information and Process

“This Council notes the difficult challenge of achieving £17 million of on-going savings until 2015. Every Councillor on Bury MBC has a legal responsibility to help set the budget for every financial year.

Preceding every financial year, Council members have always been supplied with a specific breakdown of what front-line services, geographical locations, and staffing numbers would be affected by the proposed savings targets. This has helped members in their decision making process over whether to support or vote against the ruling group’s budget proposals.

This Council notes that for the first time no information regarding the same has been provided to Council members before or at the Budget Council Meeting on the 23rd February 2012.

This was the reason why Council members who were not whipped as part of the current ruling group abstained from supporting the 2012-13 budget.

The Council also notes that no such budgetary information has been provided since.

Therefore this Council resolves to set a special scrutiny meeting as soon as possible to discuss the details of the 2012-13 Budget.

This Council also resolves to invite the Council’s external auditors KPMG to give their independent views upon the budget setting

process for 2012-13 and if it should provide more details in the future.”

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8. SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS “CALLED IN” BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

9. JOINT AUTHORITIES – REPORT BY THE COUNCIL’S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS

- (A) A report by the Council’s Representative on the work of the Greater Manchester Police Authority, Councillor John Smith.
- (B) Questions (if any) on the work of the Joint Authorities to be asked by Members of the Council for which the necessary notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.