

Item 10 - Notice of Motions

To consider the following motions which have been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1:

a) BLACKPOOL SPORTS CENTRE. Councillor T Williams to propose.

Blackpool Council recognises the important contribution that Mr Brian London has made in regard to the sport of boxing in the UK and by association representing his long term adopted home town of Blackpool.

Brian was British and Commonwealth champion, fought Muhammad Ali for the world championship and fought many great fighters all over the world including at large venues in the USA.

When he retired he became a successful businessman employing hundreds of local residents in his world famous night club the 007. Many celebrities were regular faces at the club and it attracted visitors from across the UK.

As well as being a sporting celebrity and successful businessman Brian has been a very active supporter of local charities including the Variety Club and many local sport related associations.

He has lived close to Stanley Park for more than 40 years and used the perimeter of the park every day up until recently to train and keep fit.

The Council is therefore requested to rename Stanley Park Sports Centre to become The Brian London Stanley Park Sports Centre in recognition of Brian's successful historic contribution to the sport of boxing and as a positive ambassador for Blackpool.

b) STAND AGAINST RACE/HATE CRIMES. Councillor O'Hara to propose.

The people of Blackpool are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society . Hate crimes are utterly abhorrent regardless of whether they target a person because of hostility or prejudice towards that person's:

- disability
- race or ethnicity
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation
- transgender identity

Blackpool Council condemns this unequivocally and will not allow hate to become acceptable and will work with other organisations, as appropriate, to ensure local bodies and programmes have resources needed to fight hate crime. It seeks to reassure all people living in Blackpool that they are valued members of the community.

As a further commitment to this stance, the Council hereby resolves to support the #saynohate campaign that the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner's office is coordinating during hate crime awareness week 8 to 15 October.

c) STATE PENSION AGE FOR WOMEN. Councillor Mrs Wright to propose.

The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951 who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification. This affects many women in Blackpool and the Chief Executive is asked to write to the Secretary of State to outline the Council's position.