

Notice of Motions

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

a) **The Local Electricity Bill.** Councillor Hobson to propose.

Having declared a climate emergency, Blackpool Council needs to look at innovative ways forward of not only reducing its carbon footprint, but also how the Council can effectively reduce carbon generation, for instance through green local energy generation. The Local Electricity Bill was introduced to Parliament on 10 June 2020 and would enable small community groups and organisations to be able to commercially produce local, green electricity.

It was unopposed in Parliament and introduced without a vote. Should it now pass into law, it will allow consumers to purchase energy from local groups and not just nationally licensed utilities. As such, the new 'Right to Local Supply' for energy will allow communities to sell locally generated electricity directly to local households and businesses. It has already gained support from Members of Parliament across all major political parties.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- (i) acknowledge this Council's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- (ii) recognise that local authorities can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, including the possible provision of locally generated renewable electricity;
- (iii) further recognise
 - that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
 - that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for small scale generators (including local authorities) to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- (iv) support the reintroduction of the Local Electricity Bill and promote it to become law, which would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply;
- (v) write to the Member of Parliament for Blackpool South Constituency, asking him to support the Bill noting that the Member of Parliament for Blackpool North has already offered his support; and

(vi) write to The Minister of State for Business, Energy and Clean Growth stating:

‘Community-scale renewable energy offers huge potential to accelerate the low-carbon transition but in the UK, it is being blocked by wildly disproportionate costs and unfair regulations.

‘Power for People’ is campaigning for The Local Electricity Bill which, if made law, would empower community energy groups to start up and sell their clean electricity to local people.

More of the revenues kept locally would mean more investment in local services, more energy security, more local skilled jobs and a boost for clean energy generation across the UK.

Blackpool Council fully supports the Local Electricity Bill in order to deliver cleaner, local energy that benefits our local communities’.

b) **Aerospace Industry.** Councillor Hunter to propose.

Blackpool Council is deeply concerned that presently there is no Government assistance package for the aerospace industry to enable it to survive the coronavirus crises.

This area like so many others throughout the country relies heavily on the aerospace industry as both a source of primary and secondary employment.

The aerospace industry creates highly skilled jobs for both the present and future generations and the survival of this industry is therefore vital. UK Ministers should therefore stop dragging their feet on a support package for the aerospace industry.

Governments in France, Germany and Spain have all taken steps to secure the future of their aerospace and aviation industries but nothing similar has as yet been forthcoming from the UK government.

This delay is putting jobs at risk, indeed thousands of UK Workers in the sector have already lost their jobs.

The UK aerospace industry is world leading. We are known throughout the world for our engineering skills and products but without Government support in getting through the pandemic we will lose this incredible expertise.

Employers like Airbus are already saying that the swift and comprehensive action by the French Government to protect its aerospace industry makes France an attractive option for business.

Every day of delay by the UK Government puts UK jobs at risk.

This Council therefore resolves that the Chief Executive Officer makes representations with the appropriate Government Ministers urging the UK to implement a support package for the Aerospace and Aviation industry without delay.

c) **Anti-Racism.** Councillor L Williams to propose.

Council notes with deep concern the death of George Floyd in the United States and the demonstrations that followed against the police and state brutality towards black people in America and around the world, including the United Kingdom. Council is mindful of the systemic and institutional racism that exists within society and the rise in racial tensions it can provoke.

Council further notes the peaceful Black lives matter demonstrations which took place in the Borough and Lytham

Council resolves:

- To confirm support for the anti-racist aims of Black Lives Matter and other anti-racism campaigns
- To reconfirm its commitment to eliminate discrimination of any kind
- To acknowledge its responsibility to work with our BAME community ,
- To lead by example in tackling the issues of racism proactively by celebrating and embracing difference and diversity and to ensure that Blackpool is a fair and tolerant place to live and visit

d) **CCTV.** Councillor G Coleman to propose.

The Council believes that all Blackpool Council sports centres, public buildings and parks (and associated car parks) should have comprehensive, operating, CCTV coverage.

The CCTV provision should be fully operational at all times and offer complete coverage of council locations (where legally allowed), to which the public have access, in order to offer protection to residents, council staff and visitors alike.

The Council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to instigate a review of CCTV camera provision at council sports centres, public buildings and parks (and associated car parks).

On completion of the review the Council requests that operating CCTV cameras are positioned so as to cover any areas where the review finds that provision of CCTV coverage is currently lacking.