

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS – MOTIONS/ACTION TRACKER

| Date Of Meeting | Motion / action | Lead Officer | Decision | Action Update |
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| 30.3.23 | <p>RESOLVED that on the successful motion of Councillor Richardson and duly seconded by Councillor Brown that:</p> <p>“This Council understands it has a legal duty to ensure that parents send children to school but, in these unprecedented times, where the working poor cannot afford a break in the school holidays, considers that alternative options to a fine should be explored.</p> <p>These fines disproportionately affect families with two parents and more than one child. For a family of four the fine is £240. Holiday companies are quoting up to 95% rises on prices for school holidays. Families facing massive pressure on the rise in bills and food and their position is made worse if they are then fined for taking a break and having some time off together. There are potential solutions that could be investigated to ease this pressure such as, for example, the introduction of staggered holidays for schools.</p> <p>Therefore, this Council resolves that before 1st September, it should:</p> <p>(a) Review the criteria for issuing fines to parents solely for taking their children on term time holidays.</p> | KB/SN | The motion was agreed | <p>“External legal advice was requested to assist in determining the scope of any potential changes to current policies. That advice has just been received and is currently being considered. Discussions will then take place between relevant officers and members to determine how we best take forward the review.”</p> <p>The advice received very firmly indicated that legislation and statutory guidance significantly constrained the changes that would be possible under current arrangements. Since that time, the government has recently announced a national framework to be introduced from September together with new regulations in respect of fixed penalties. A report is being produced for the next Cabinet meeting to provide an update on these matters, but the national changes mean that it would not be possible to draft and consult on new policies at the current time as they will need to be compliant with the new</p> |

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| | <p>(b) Investigate whether issuing these fines is still in the public interest, or if other solutions can be found to allow pupils and their families to afford to take a holiday at a time that suits their needs and circumstances.”</p> | | | <p>requirements, full details of which are not yet known.</p> |
| <p>30.3.23</p> | <p>RESOLVED that on the successful motion of Councillor Brown and duly seconded by Councillor Richardson that:</p> <p>“Get Me Home Safely” Campaign</p> <p>Unite the Union is running the ‘Get Me Home Safely’ campaign to ensure safe home transport is widely available for night-time economy and shift workers who often struggle to find and pay for transport home after midnight.</p> <p>In support of such workers within our Borough:</p> <p>This Council notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shift work is widespread in many industries, particularly hospitality, as well as health and care workers, retail, cleaning, security, and porter staff and can often entail late-night working. | <p>BA</p> | <p>The motion was agreed</p> | <p>“The Licensing Act 2003 prescribes the process for approving premises licences and does not allow the authority to impose blanket requirements. If there are no representations during the consultation phase of an application, the licensing authority is required to grant the licence as applied for. Where representations are received, applications are referred to licensing committee for consideration where the committee has discretion when it comes to licence conditions. However, during the next policy revision, the team will look to include advice to applicants on the provision of late-night transportation (or information on late-night transportation) which the applicant may put forward as a step they intend to take to promote the public safety licensing objective.”</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many workers, especially women, are increasingly worried about their safety travelling to and from work at night. <p>This Council believes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• While employers may feel their duty of care to staff ends when an employee finishes a shift, they also need to take into consideration journeys home, especially during unsocial hours.• The weakness of enforcement of the law against sexual assault, including up-skirting, on public transport is appalling and only 2% of victims go on to report sexual harassment on public transport.• Unite the union’s ‘Get Me Home Safely’ campaign, which calls on employers to take all reasonable steps to ensure workers are able to get home safely for work at night, is greatly needed and should be supported.• Greater numbers of trained staff and stronger enforcement of the law against sexual assault and harassment on public transport are urgently needed. <p>This Council resolves that it will:</p> | | | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigate and consider adopting, as part of its licensing procedures, arrangements which will ensure the process for approving late licenses will encourage or require the provision of free transport home for night shift employees after public transport services have stopped. This would significantly benefit the safety and wellbeing of hospitality workers particularly women who often cannot afford, or access safe transport options late at night and benefit our community. • Publicly call for improvement to late night and off-peak transport service provision and investigate the potential to bid for and use the Government's Safety of Women at Night Fund to provide extra night services, as well as work with employers to use the fund for supplementary taxi travel. | | | |
| <p>21.12.23</p> | <p>MOVED by Councillor Joy and duly seconded by Councillor Learoyd that</p> <p>Council notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ever-growing and credible base of scientific evidence showing the link between glyphosate exposure and an increased risk of cancer in humans as well as the detrimental effects on the | <p>RH</p> | <p>The motion concerns an operational issue and was delegated to Cabinet</p> | <p>A report was considered at a meeting of Cabinet on 19 March 2024</p> |

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| | <p>nervous system of insects which is a threat to our ecosystem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the spraying of Glyphosate in Redcar and Cleveland is causing concern among residents, community groups and elected representatives about its potential harmful effects on children, animals and wildlife on our streets, housing estates and parks.• There is strong support from local groups such as Generation Climate Action, Saltburn who have gathered over 700 signatures in a petition to ban Glyphosate as well as support from local groups concerned with protecting the natural environment such as Guisborough Eco Group and Friends of the earth.• the council staff and contracting staff who carry out this work need to be protected from harm.• the excellent work Council is doing to strengthen its Biodiversity Strategy as one of its Net Zero aims.• The costs associated with use of this expensive herbicide, when more cost effective, creative, community inclusive and natural solutions are available as an alternative. | | | |
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| | <p>In light of the public and occupational health concerns about glyphosate exposure and the need to protect habitat and biodiversity we call Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring forward an action plan and timetable for bringing Glyphosate down to zero, in the spraying of glyphosate on such land. • Stop the use of Glyphosate by all Council contractors and employed staff on public and council owned land by December 2024. • Where there are problems with invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed and where there is a duty to eradicate, then glyphosate may be used until an acceptable non-chemical alternative becomes available. | | | |
| <p>29.02.24</p> | <p>RESOLVED that on the successful motion of Councillor Salvin and duly seconded by Councillor Hargreaves:</p> <p>That this Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the return of Steelmaking to Teesside. • Notes that the 16-week determination period for this application is a maximum and not a minimum time period for an application to be heard. | <p>AC</p> | <p>The motion was agreed</p> | <p>The application was considered at a meeting of Regulatory Committee on 3 April 2024.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notes that at the time of submitting this motion there had been NO OBJECTIONS to planning application (R/2023/0793/ESM).• Notes that there are no legal reasons why this application cannot be considered at the planning meeting on 7th March.• Notes that should the application be delayed; it may risk hundreds of new steelmaking jobs and the return of steelmaking to Teesside.• Resolves that planning application R/2023/0793/ESM be added to the agenda for consideration by Regulatory Committee on 7th March 2024. | | | |
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