

## **Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B36**

### **1. By County Councillor Nikki Hennessy**

That this Council:

- (i) Will support and sign the Cooperative Party Charter Against Modern Slavery which sets out the following commitments:
  - Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
  - Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
  - Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
  - Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
  - Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
  - Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
  - Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
  - Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
  - Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
  - Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually.
- (ii) Will promote awareness of Modern Day Slavery amongst our residents and work with officers to support survivors.

### **2. By County Councillor Kim Snape**

Lancashire County Council notes the consultation due to be launched by Our Health Our Care regarding the future of Accident & Emergency services in the Chorley, South Ribble and Preston areas. The Council strongly opposes any proposal for a single site Accident & Emergency at either Preston or Chorley & South Ribble Hospital. The Council believes such a proposal would have a detrimental impact on the quality of local health care for the local population and that Chorley & South Ribble Hospital along with Preston Hospital both need a 24 hour Accident & Emergency department.

### **3. By County Councillor Nikki Hennessy**

Council welcomes the recent commitment by the Scottish Government and the Private Members Bill by Monica Lennon MSP to tackle period poverty through the free provision of sanitary products in educational establishments and notes that Scotland is one of the first countries in the world to tackle 'period poverty' through a pilot scheme in Aberdeen.

Council recognises however that whilst many women and girls will benefit from this, others in vulnerable situations, may not.

Lancashire County Council therefore instructs the Director of Public Health to consult with women and girls, to develop and implement an action plan to introduce free sanitary products, including menstrual cups, in schools in Lancashire and to scope out extending access to others.

### **4. By County Councillor Gina Dowding**

Council notes:

The Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan is currently under review.

Council believes:

That in light of the controversial processes currently underway within the County for exploration and appraisal, and ultimately production of unconventional hydrocarbons, it is imperative that the Minerals and Waste Local Plan includes criteria for the production of hydrocarbons within the plan.

Council resolves:

As part of the review:

- To instruct officers to include a section in the Minerals and Waste Local Plan on criteria related to the production of hydrocarbons.
- To include a criterion for production of hydrocarbons which takes into account the growing need for action on reducing carbon emissions.

This is in line with ongoing UK government commitments in the 2008 Climate Change Act and as signatories to the COP21 Paris Agreement. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) support a move to a low carbon future and NPPG provides examples of where hydrocarbon extraction proposals can integrate mitigation measures.

### **5. By County Councillor Gina Dowding**

Council notes that two years have passed since the EU Referendum and little concrete progress has been made in negotiating the terms of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU.

Lancashire County Council:

- Recognises the significant support it has received through EU funding over many years.
- Notes the reports from 1 August highlighting the serious concerns local authorities have over delivery of public services post-Brexit.
- Notes the reported difficulties experienced by Lancashire NHS Trusts in recruiting adequate numbers of professionally qualified staff as well as difficulties experienced by the care sector in maintaining a sufficient workforce of care staff.
- Recognises the mounting popular concern at the prospect of leaving the EU with either a bad deal or no deal at all.
- Understands that the EU Withdrawal Bill threatens the rights of citizens as well as environmental protections, which could have a negative impact on the quality of life of Lancashire's residents.
- Shares the anxiety of EU citizens living in the County who feel unwelcome in the place they have made home, and uncertain about their future.
- Notes that many councils have adopted a motion supporting the calls for a People's Vote on the final Brexit Deal.
- Notes that The People's Vote campaign has worked hard to successfully develop cross-party support at the highest level, with signatories from MPs of the Conservative Party, the Green Party, the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrat Party.
- Notes that many local authority areas have already produced Brexit Impact studies.

Accordingly, Lancashire County Council resolves to:

- Conduct and publish without delay a Brexit Impact study for Lancashire.
- Write to Lancashire's MPs to ask them to support a People's Vote in the interests of the residents, businesses and the public sector in the County.