

Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B36

1. By County Councillor Gibson

This council calls for fair funding for Lancashire Constabulary and the return of the numbers of police officers that Lancashire has lost since 2010.

This council notes that Lancashire Constabulary has seen amongst the highest level of cuts of any police force in the country with a reduction of 753 police officers.

Cuts have consequences - and this has meant that Lancashire has seen an increase in violent crime, knife crime, county lines (drug dealing) and even homicides.

By contrast, many forces in the south of England have seen no impact from austerity. Surrey, for example, has had a reduction of just 8 police officers (government figures) since 2010 and yet will receive 78 back this year. At the same time Lancashire will be allocated additional funding for just 153 police officers. This year Surrey will have 70 more police officers than in 2010 whilst in Lancashire we will still have 600 fewer. This is unfair, unjust and simply unacceptable. Lancashire is not a second class county and we should not be treated as one.

This council wholeheartedly supports the campaign of our Police and Crime Commissioner to get fair funding for Lancashire Police and our Bobbies back on the streets of Lancashire, and resolves that the Chief Executive and Director of Resources writes to the Home Secretary and the Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service calling on them to establish fair funding for Lancashire Constabulary.

2. By County Councillor Dowding

The Greater Lancashire Plan

Lancashire County Council welcomes the statement of intent within the 'Redefining Lancashire: our approach to recovery' document that the forthcoming Greater Lancashire Plan will be based on the three core components of:

- delivering economic resilience
- capitalising on the county's unique set of environmental assets
- setting in train a public service reform programme that will transform the delivery of public services across the county

Lancashire County Council further notes that climate and environmental imperatives must underpin all economic recovery to deliver future economic resilience and well-being of our residents, visitors and workers; and the programmes listed so far fall way short of plan fit for a zero-carbon 21st-century Lancashire.

Lancashire County Council therefore requests that the forthcoming Greater Lancashire Plan:

1. Focuses a far higher proportion of spending and investment, (currently just £4m of £62.5 m specifically for low carbon energy and technologies) on creating new jobs and investment in low-carbon sectors; rapid adaptation of existing manufacturing and businesses to net zero-carbon; and sustainable transport.
2. Adopts a transformational approach which embeds in EVERY programme:
 - better health and well-being of the population
 - meeting the demands of the climate challenge and ensuring a high quality environment
 - meaningful, rewarding work, working conditions and pay, training, and the reduction in economic, environmental, social and health inequalities
3. Targets funding, investment and development to:
 - the renewable energy supply sector, including onshore wind, offshore wind, solar, as well as new green hydrogen alternatives
 - the circular economy and waste recovery
 - a large-scale retrofit and energy efficiency programme for public and private buildings and homes, to reduce fuel poverty, create jobs and training, and ensure comfortable healthier buildings
 - the manufacture and production of low-carbon products
 - shortening supply chains, not just in manufacturing, and encourage a higher proportion of Lancashire consumption to be met by Lancashire products
4. Has greater focus on diversification rather than financial underpinning for the aerospace and nuclear industries, which global economic observers agree are a declining sector; and encourages those businesses to produce new low-carbon products for use in a low-carbon civil society.

The Council also calls on Lancashire leaders to actively encourage relocation of Government departments and civil service jobs directly into Lancashire which will contribute to a well-paid, skilled and sustainable workforce.