

To consider Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B36

1. By County Councillor Aziz

Council notes the concerning rise in the recreational use of Nitrous Oxide across Lancashire. Every district has seen a massive rise in the discarded canisters used to contain this cheap and highly dangerous drug.

Council resolves to write to the Government asking for an urgent review into the regulation and licensing of this product.

2. By County Councillor Barnes

The 'Our Streets Now' campaign demands the right of women, girls and marginalised genders to be safe in public spaces. Lancashire County Council resolves:

- (i) To fully support and Promote the Our Streets Now campaign to make street harassment a crime and encourage all elected members and residents to sign the petition.
- (ii) Encourage schools, academies and colleges in Lancashire to each develop a clear policy on tackling harassment, separate to their bullying policy.
- (iii) Urge our schools, academies and colleges to include education around public sexual harassment as part of their PSHE education using the framework, free resources and lesson plans from 'Our Schools Now' (the sister campaign of 'Our Streets Now').

3. By County Councillor Cullens

This council has previously declared a commitment to achieving Carbon Net Zero by 2030. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change runs a global campaign called the Race to Zero which encourages businesses, cities, regions and investors to show leadership and support for a cleaner, healthier zero carbon recovery - one that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs and unlocks sustainable growth.

The campaign requires stakeholders outside of national governments to sign a net zero pledge before planning the actions required, implementing them and then regularly publishing their progress against the targets in their plan.

This council supports this campaign and resolves that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change signs the Race to Zero pledge on behalf of the County Council.

4. By County Councillor Ali

In the recent Spending Review, the Chancellor made the announcement of the Shared Prosperity Fund, the replacement for EU structural funds. Despite a commitment to match EU funding levels – which were around £2.5 billion a year once match funding is included – just £0.4 billion has been allocated for 2022/3 rising to £1.5 billion in 2024/25.

Economic Development in Lancashire has benefitted massively from the injection of EU funds during the lifetime of the programmes and whilst the recent announcement is welcome, it in no way makes up for the loss of funding.

Council therefore resolves to write to the Right Honourable Rishi Sunak, MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to ask for his assurance that:

- Lancashire will receive its fair share of these replacement funds.
- Further replacement funding will be made available to make up for the shortfall.