

To consider Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B36

1. By County Councillor Hennessy:

Liverpool has been selected as the host City for the 67th Eurovision Song Contest. Following the war in Ukraine, Britain opened its doors to welcome thousands of Ukrainians into our communities and homes in Lancashire.

Lancashire has a proud tradition of warmly welcoming refugees from all parts of the world and is proud of the way communities have welcomed and supported our Ukrainian visitors.

These people have been, and continue to be, an inspiration to all of us having left loved ones to fight against the aggression of Putin.

This Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, Steve Rotherham, and the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, asking them to provide 'free' complimentary tickets to Ukrainian refugees from Lancashire for events in and around Eurovision 2023.

2. By County Councillor Ali:

170,000 people carry the 'Just Can't Wait Card' across the Country including in Lancashire where the number is rising. Thousands of people across Lancashire suffer from illnesses/conditions which can be debilitating ranging from incontinence to stoma surgery. These conditions can lead to them needing the emergency use of toilet facilities urgently.

The Bladder and Bowel community have established the 'Just Can't Wait Toilet Scheme' which enables people to carry a card and enables businesses and organisations to allow emergency access to toilet facilities.

People have told the Bladder and Bowel Community that they are trapped in their own homes due to the lack of public toilets and the fear of being caught short. There are over 14 million people in the UK living with a bladder condition and 6.4 million with a bowel condition with thousands suffering across Lancashire desperately in need of emergency access to toilet facilities.

Therefore, this Council resolves:

- (i) That Lancashire County Council becomes a partner for the 'Just Can't Wait Card' scheme and commits to making all Lancashire County Council public buildings accessible for those carrying this card.
- (ii) To promote the scheme to other Local Authorities in Lancashire, partners and businesses, including via social media.

3. By County Councillor Whittam:

This Council notes:

During September/October this year the 3 Dads walking group walked 600-miles across the UK to each of the devolved parliaments raising awareness of suicide and ensure the topic is spoken about in schools in a safe and age-appropriate way.

The 3 Dads came together after their daughters took their own lives. They have also launched a petition to get suicide prevention added to the school curriculum and this has now reached over the 100,000 signatures which will enable a debate in Parliament. The debate is yet to take place, but the petition asks for suicide to be spoken about as part of Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) lessons and for the Department for Education (DfE) to include suicide prevention within the statutory guidelines of the new curriculum.

In 2020, the Government made discussion about mental health as part of the RSHE curriculum mandatory. They will review their statutory guidance in 2023 with an aim to bring in the revised guidance in 2024. The Government is also offering a grant of £1,200 for eligible schools and colleges in England to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

This Council resolves:

- (i) To ask the Leader to write to the 3 Dads Walking Group to support their aim to include suicide awareness in schools on the curriculum.
- (ii) To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education to request that suicide awareness and prevention is included in the new guidance as a mandatory part of the RSHE curriculum, and to also ask for the grants to be extended to train senior mental health leads in schools beyond March 2023.
- (iii) To ask the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing to promote resources to all our schools and colleges and to encourage our eligible schools and colleges to apply for the grant to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

4. By County Councillor Ashton:

Nature-based solutions in tackling the impacts of climate change

This authority notes the importance of nature-based solutions in tackling the impacts of climate change and the collaborative work with partner organisations needed to help with nature recovery and reducing emissions.

Lancashire County Council has recently helped restore 755 Hectares of peatland and planted 150,000 trees on its estate over the past decade. It is crucial we progress this work to help achieve our corporate priority to protect our environment and play our part in meeting the government commitment to net zero by 2050.

This authority resolves that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change will:

- (i) Prepare a comprehensive strategy for nature recovery for Lancashire.
- (ii) Continue to work with partner organisations to build on the excellent work to date and prepare large-scale tree planting and peatland restoration programmes in Lancashire.
- (iii) Invite the Scrutiny Management Board to consider including engagement in the development of the strategy in the scrutiny work programme.