

Council

15 June 2020

Motions (3 total)

Motion A	Proposed by: Councillor Flo Clucas	Seconded by: Councillor David Willingham
	<p>Following the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis and other brutal activity, Cheltenham Borough Council puts on record its support for Black Lives Matter and its total opposition to any kind of racism.</p> <p>Cheltenham Borough Council believes in action, not just fine words. In conjunction with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Cheltenham Borough Homes, Cheltenham Trust, Festivals and other partners, Cabinet is requested to look at holding a conference for Cheltenham's BAME community organisations, to discuss how we might work closer together to challenge bias, both deliberate and unconscious, and racism in all its forms.</p> <p>To that end, Council also requests that all policies, the organisational structure, appointments process and working environment of the Council be interrogated by Cabinet to ensure they reflect the Council's stance on these matters.</p> <p>Council would request the Police and Crime Commissioner, Cheltenham Borough Homes, Cheltenham Trust, Festivals and other partners to work together with the Council, to ensure that effective action is taken.</p> <p>In addition, Cabinet is asked to look at how we can support other councils in less diverse areas through the LGA, by means of exchange programmes and secondment schemes and, for members, unconscious bias training,</p> <p>Further, that Cheltenham's national representative on the Council of Europe, is requested to raise these issues at the Council of Europe; and the Cabinet member to raise issues through Council of European Municipalities and Regions in relation to local government and how, together, we can best fight bias, racism and brutality in all its forms and provide a voice to action, so that in deed and word, Black Lives Matter.</p>	
Motion B	Proposed by: Councillor Steve Jordan	Seconded by: Councillor Peter Jeffries
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Recognises the extraordinary collective and sustained effort of organisations, communities and individuals across Cheltenham to respond to Covid-19.2. Thanks all Council staff for their flexibility and dedication in responding to the crisis.3. Welcomes the Covid-19 Recovery Strategy approved for	

	<p>consultation by Cabinet on 14th May 2020.</p> <p>4. Notes that issues raised in debate of this motion will be considered as part of the consultation before a revised Strategy is submitted for approval by Cabinet in July.</p>	
Motion C	Proposed by: Councillor Victoria Atherstone	Seconded by: Councillor Flo Clucas
	<p>As part of Cheltenham’s Recovery Programme, Cheltenham Borough Council is requested to facilitate a Circle of Kindness which will benefit both local community organisations and small local businesses. The scheme will provide an official platform to appeal to local independent donors to bulk purchase goods and services to support local organisations by spending with local businesses impacted by COVID-19.</p> <p>Our local high street and independent businesses across Cheltenham are suffering the crippling impacts of COVID-19. The lockdown restrictions have resulted in loss of jobs or reduced income for workers and threatened livelihoods for small business owners.</p> <p>The Circle of Kindness was launched in Banbury by the Visit Banbury CIC initiative. Like Banbury we could use an established online platform ShopAppy to connect local community donation receivers with small business sellers – donations from local residents can be made in sums of £5 - £10 – 20 - £50 - £100 - £150 - £200 - £300 - £500 etc</p> <p>To be led by Cheltenham Borough Council in collaboration with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Cheltenham • Cheltenham BID • Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce • Cheltenham Borough Homes <p>And other business groups, stretching across all significant retail streets in Cheltenham Town Centre e.g:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bath Road • Winchcombe Street • Cheltenham Westend Partnership • St Pauls Residents Association • Other retail and residents’ groups 	

	I would like to request our Cabinet members to include developing a Circle of Kindness in our town as part of their recovery strategy for Cheltenham.