

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1.1 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13, the following motions have been received and were deferred from the Council meeting held on 2 November 2021:-

1.2 **From Cllrs J E Newport and C M Stanley:-**

Council notes that:

- The Keep Britain Tidy Campaign offers local authorities the opportunity to become a member of a Network, which provides access to specialist advice and support.
- The campaign is also promoting a Love Parks campaign and a Charity Bin sponsorship scheme whereby the monies raised from recycling cans deposited in designated local authority bins is contributed to local charities.
- Several national supermarket chains are now operating trials of reverse vending machines, where customers are rewarded for returning used cans and bottles for recycling.
- The Government department DEFRA has also previously published a voluntary code for local businesses and local business partnerships to sign up to and reduce the litter that results from fast food businesses.

Council recognises that:

- Whilst we are committed to tackling litter in our District, and to working for cleaner streets and public spaces across our communities, we cannot do this alone.
- In the battle for cleaner streets and public spaces, we must involve the public and our business partners in a co-operative effort.
- There are community champions and organisations commendably 'doing their bit'.
- The Keep Britain Tidy and DEFRA initiatives provide extra opportunities and an extra incentive for members of the public and business partners to become actively engaged and empowered in tackling the litter which blights our streets.
- In doing their bit, residents and business will help the Council to make the streets, district centres, parks and public amenities of our District cleaner and more inviting to residents and visitors.

Council resolves to:

- Promote participation in litter prevention activities to members of the public, community, faith and youth groups, and businesses through our social media, website and existing email-outs to partners.

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¹ Source: Hull City Council, 2020

- Ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place to produce a litter strategy for our District and as part of that strategy examine the merits of becoming a local authority member of the Keep Britain Tidy Network, and identify which of the campaign's initiatives, including Love Parks and Charity Bins, could be introduced in the District.
- Ask the Leader of the Council to write to national supermarket chains with stores in this District asking them to consider Rayleigh as the location for a future trial of a reverse vending machines.
- Promote take up of the DEFRA voluntary code amongst our fast-food businesses and local business partnerships and seek their sponsorship for the introduction of a Charity Bin scheme and for public education programmes.

Resource Implications

Keep Britain Tidy, the cost is approximately £1000 per year. This could be accommodated from exiting Waste & Street Scene budgets.'

1.3 **From Cllrs L J Newport, Mrs C M Mason, Mrs T L Carter, Ms T D Knight and Mrs C A Weston**

'This Motion proposes that the Council actively supports the right for everyone, especially women and girls, to be safe from violence and harassment and will commit to working in partnership with key stakeholders by as part of its wider community safety approach.

This Motion calls on the Council to consolidate various initiatives and publish a policy that gives information and clarity to all so that our residents can rest assured that the Council is doing its utmost to tackle violence against women and girls and that information to empower woman and girls to feel safe is both published, promoted and easily accessible.

This Council agrees the following:

1. Believes everyone should have the right to be safe from violence and harassment on our streets.
2. Recognises that the killing of Sarah Everard has, again, brought the issue of behaviour towards women and girls and their safety to the forefront.
3. Acknowledges it's not just women who are at risk but that any individual may be vulnerable to an attack for various reasons.

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This Council also notes:

4. There are already many excellent initiatives and campaigns by local and national organisations aimed at safeguarding the welfare of individuals e.g. ‘Got Ya Back’ , “Ask for Ani” scheme and ‘Ask for Angela’.

5. That this Council is the only SE local authority to have a housing options officer, trained as an independent domestic violence advocate.

6. Violent incidents are thankfully rare in the Rochford District and our police force already work closely with Council officials to combat sexual harassment and other types of aggression.

7. However, every occurrence of intimidation or attack is one too many.

Council therefore:

8. Resolutely rejects behaviour and actions which may cause women and girls from any background to have to modify their activities in order to feel safe.

9. Champions the right of women and girls to be protected from violence and harassment in public places within Rochford District.

10. Believes that this principle should be embedded in our Council strategies going forward.

11. Will actively support schemes such as ‘Ask for Angela’ and call on licensed businesses to participate and to take active steps to ensure harassment and sexual intimidation is taken seriously through participation in this scheme.

12. Calls on all Council departments and other bodies responsible for public spaces e.g. housing associations, parish councils, schools, transport providers, to improve the security of public spaces by encouraging them to review lighting (in streets, car parks and parks) CCTV provision and other pertinent means to improve safety.

13. Calls on schools, colleges, universities and youth organisations to renew their efforts to promote a ‘safety and respect for all’ agenda amongst their students.

14. That the Leader of Rochford District Council ensures that White Ribbon Accreditation is secured for the organisation and promote the wider awareness of the accreditation in our District. As part of this, appoint a male Councillor as an Ambassador; mark White Ribbon Day on 25th November each year with a fundraising event; and encourage participation amongst council staff and local primary and secondary schools.

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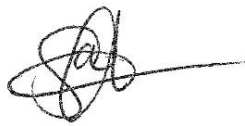
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15. Requests an update on progress on these matters to Council on 7th December 2021.

- Councillors are reminded of their public sector equality duty which requires the Council to consider or think about how their policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.¹

Reference

<https://www.whiteribbon.org.uk/>



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