

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

Date: 24 January 2013

ITEM 3

Title: Motions

Notice has been received of the following motions from Members of the Council to be put to the Council meeting.

1. Motion signed by Councillors Jim Allan, John O Shea, Carole Gambling, Tommy Mulvena and Lesley Spillard

'This Council understands that during these tough economic times, residents are seeing a squeeze on their income. Some people are having to turn to food banks to help them sustain their families. Although this solution is not ideal.

This Council commends the work that all of its Kitchen Managers across the Authorities various buildings in making sure waste is minimised. However, where demand doesn't meet expectation and; we cook too many portions, food comes to the point of not being able to be served (Best before dates etc.), Hospitality orders are either cancelled after preparation or a lot of items are left after the hospitality event. Therefore this Council requests the Mayor and her Cabinet to support the food banks within North Tyneside and that where possible these food stuffs are donated to a Food Bank / Homeless Shelter / Refuge. Ensuring that we reduce our waste, and be seen as an example on how to work more to help those who are enduring financial hardship.

Therefore this Council requests that the Mayor instigates a review of its kitchen estate (both offices and schools) against the locations of food banks. And where possible establishes links between those kitchens and their local Food Bank / Homeless Shelter / Refuge. Further we call upon the Mayor to consider using our Joint Service Centres or other similar Council buildings, as places where food banks could be established to serve as local outlets. Again, if possible, we request the Mayor to implement, where possible, these facilities as soon as possible using her delegated powers.'

(Delivery of these left over food stuffs could be done via Food Bank / Homeless Shelter / Refuge collecting them.

Utilising the Courier network where destinations are "On Route" therefore not to negatively increase Mileage or Task Time a Volunteer from the Kitchen/Workplace delivering them.)

Reference the recent report from Newcastle CVS – "Food for Thought" November 2012.

2. Motion signed by Councillors Jim Allan, John O Shea, Carole Gambling, Tommy Mulvenna and Lesley Spillard

'This Council acknowledges that the welfare reform bill will greatly impact certain members within our communities and they will suffer financial hardship, as a result of the very tough austerity measures. This Council is aware of the various clauses included in Local Government Legislation that enables local authorities to implement measures that can deal with residents suffering from hardship, to at least minimise the financial impact that some of our residents are suffering.

This Council requests the Mayor and Cabinet as a matter of urgency to research all the clauses of the local government legislation that relate to well-being and hardship matters, and then consider proposals to make use of the same legislation and where necessary provide delegated authority to officers or elected members to make urgent decisions to deal with emergency situations on an individual basis.'