

Council – Wednesday 21 November 2018

Urgent Motion

Item 12 Motions

The Mayor has agreed to accept the urgent motion set out below for the following reason.

The reason given as to why the motion was not submitted earlier is because the motion is about the incidents in Edmonton over the weekend, where a shooting and multiple stabbings occurred. Councillors have had many enquiries about the issue, so it is felt it is too important to wait until the next meeting.

Motion in the name of Cllr Terry Neville

Following the shooting on Saturday 17 November of three men in Gordon Road and the soaring level of serious crime in Enfield and across the capital, the Council expresses its dismay at the continuing lack of action on the part of the Mayor of London and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner to re-prioritise the use of police resources to tackle this most serious problem. This has led to abysmally low detection and clear up rates. Against this background the council is also concerned at the cost of policing the increasing number of marches in central London (to which officers from all over London are drafted in to the centre), and urges the Mayor to seek to re-charge a fixed percentage of the policing cost to the march organizers, which would assist in funding additional officers for front line policing.

The council also condemns the Labour administration for not taking the issue more seriously and calls upon the cabinet member for community safety to bring forward proposals for tackling the root causes of gang related violence.

It further calls on the council to either instruct the Crime Scrutiny Panel to inquire into the problem, taking evidence from all interested parties, and to make recommendations to the council within six months, or to follow the successful precedent of the Conservative administration in 2004/5 and set up a Special Commission to undertake such Inquiry.

Finally, it instructs the Director of Law and Governance to write to the Sentencing Council asking them to remind sentencers of both their power to depart from Sentencing Guidelines where, as now in respect of soaring levels of violent crime and burglary, deterrent sentences are required and to remind them that such sentences are exilily provided for in section 142(1)(b), Criminal Justice Act 2003.