

**COUNCIL
16 JANUARY 2020**

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TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following motions have been submitted, due notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

A. Sky Lanterns

To be moved by Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg and seconded by Councillor Daniel Allen:

“This Council notes the suffering caused to farm animals and the fire risk and litter problems resulting from the release of sky lanterns and balloons. In response to the concerns of many local residents on this matter, it resolves:

- 1) to ban the release of sky lanterns and helium balloons on all Council owned land and property;
- 2) to publicise the ban and its reasons to encourage residents to cease the practice;
- 3) to write to the Government in support of the National Farmers Union campaign for a ban on the sale of sky lanterns.”

B. Renewable Energy

To be moved by Councillor Steve Jarvis and seconded by Councillor Kay Tart:

“This Council:

- (i) recognises the importance of our work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- (ii) recognises the central role that councils can play in sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;
- (iii) further recognises:
 - that very large financial set up and running costs in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so;
 - that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier’s operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations; and

- that revenues received by councils that become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;
- (iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by the last Parliament by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the set up and running costs of selling local electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Supply; and
- (v) further resolves to:
- inform the local media of this decision;
 - write to local MPs asking them to support the bill; and
 - write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for the People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.