

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN
COUNCIL MEETING – 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- 1. To consider the following motion, notice of which was given by Councillor Steve Adams and which was seconded by Councillor Andrew Parkinson**

This Council notes that, in the July meeting agenda of the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee there was an item covering proposed changes to the Camden Remedies Policy & Procedure Complaints (service failure), Property Management, which is considered in dealing with formal complaints. This sought and obtained, the clear majority of the Committee's approval for the revised policy.

Almost all of this policy seems reasonable and will be useful in dealing with common issues experienced in shortfall of Council response to resident experience. There were three elements that made it impossible for the Conservative Group to accept the overall report.

These covered the suggested payments to cover issues that either had the effect to "severely disrupt a child's education", "severe and ongoing issues that seriously impact health, safety or ability to use the home" which "may include widespread mould, structural damage or complete failure of essential services like heating or electricity" or the "severe and ongoing risks that threaten health or safety" including "widespread damp, or prolonged fire safety failures". The tariff for these items is £300-400, £500-£1000 and £500-£1000 respectively.

That these matters are set down in a standard tariff schedule is not only deeply concerning but frankly dismissive of the serious impact on residents' lives and wellbeing. It is not acceptable that the defence offered for these suggested payments is that they are copied from the policies of other boroughs. Camden should make every endeavour to cut a path, not follow one.

The Council therefore moves to remove these items from the standard tariff section, make plain that in serious cases such as these, specific attention shall be given to the effect of a failing and the suitable recompense and that this should be overseen by a cross-party members' panel. In this manner confidence can be restored in this report.

- 2. To consider the following motion, notice of which was given by Councillor Nina De Ayala Parker and which was seconded by Councillor Julian Fulbrook**

This Council notes:

- A circular economy keeps materials and products in use at their highest value for as long as possible, cutting waste, emissions and costs. This approach is aligned with Camden's Climate Action Plan, which flows from the UK's first local Citizens' Assembly on the climate crisis and commits the borough to a 2030 net-zero target.
- The Council convened a Circular Economy Scrutiny Panel, whose [report](#) examined how circularity can be embedded across the Council and borough, which received a formal response from The Cabinet Member.

This Council further notes Camden's progress since the Panel:

- The Draft New Local Plan Policy CC3 (Circular economy and reduction of waste) requires major developments to submit Circular Economy Statements (including material inventories and an overall material circularity calculation), and to design for maintenance, adaptability and future disassembly - prioritising reuse over demolition.
- Repair, reuse and sharing schemes have been expanded. The Queen's Crescent Fixing Factory helps residents repair small appliances, whilst the Library of Things at Kentish Town (with a new site in Swiss Cottage) has saved residents tens of thousands of pounds and prevented many tonnes of waste - evidence that practical circular services cut costs as well as carbon.

This Council believes:

- Circular economy action is central to tackling the climate and cost-of-living crises - supporting local jobs and skills while reducing waste and emissions. With a Labour Government now in office, national reforms can accelerate borough-level progress.

This Council resolves:

- To continue leading locally, by seeking to embed circularity into development management and pre-application engagement as part of the new Local Plan.
- To continue to support and, where appropriate, extend local schemes like Fixing Factory and the Library of Things to reduce costs and waste. ^(OBJ)

This Council further resolves to call on the relevant Cabinet Member to write to Government to push for the following measures:

- Replace weight-based recycling-rate targets with residual waste per head as a headline metric, and support local authorities to contribute to national goals.
- Undertake a new burdens assessment for local authority income at risk from the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), set out mitigation, and revise targets to reflect DRS material shifts.
- Expand the UK "right to repair" to all consumer electronics (including laptops, smartphones and tablets), require minimum 5-year warranties, and guarantee security/software updates for 5 years after products leave the market.
- Fund a national repair-voucher scheme (building on the North London Waste Authority model) via extended producer responsibility payments.

- Publish a national indicators framework for the Circular Economy Strategy, tracking prevention, reuse, repair and product lifetimes alongside recycling.

3. To consider the following motion, notice of which was given by Councillor Tom Simon and which was seconded by Councillor Matthew Kirk

This Council celebrates:

- 1) The diverse nature of our communities
- 2) Our proud history of welcoming asylum seekers
- 3) The cross party motion in January 2023 that called for Camden to become a Borough of Sanctuary
- 4) The work done to achieve that award in July 2024
- 5) The huge contribution made to Camden, and to the UK as a whole, by refugees and immigrants.

This Council condemns the Far Right demonstration that took place in central London on 13th September. The division and hatred espoused at the demonstration, including racism and transphobia, go directly against the values of unity, openness and compassion that we hold dear.

This Council notes:

- 1) That most immigrants are here in the UK legally
- 2) Without people coming from overseas to bolster our workforce, some industries and key public services could collapse.

This Council further notes that on immigration, communication from the Labour Government, including Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, closely follows the pattern of the previous Conservative Government. It focuses on irregular and illegal immigration, neglecting to provide much needed balance in the narrative on this key issue for the country.

This Council believes the nature of this communication by successive governments has contributed to the rise of Reform UK and the Far Right.

This Council calls on the Leader of the Council to:

- 1) Reconfirm the commitment to the ideals and practice of being a Borough of Sanctuary, against a rising tide of hatred and division
- 2) Write to the Prime Minister, urging him to stop the cycle of negative language from the government about people coming here from overseas.

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