

MOTION 1

Road Safety

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council notes the concerns of local residents on the subject of road safety and in particular has received representation about the issues related to the hire of vehicles, whether as day hire or through leasing schemes.

Our main aim is not to unduly restrict the hiring of vehicles but to stop misuse and bring about more sensible behaviour. In moving this motion we wish to prevent people from harming themselves, others and property. We want to make Blackburn with Darwen a safer place for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

We resolve to ask the Chief Executive to write to the appropriate Government Department Ministers and our local MPs Kate Hollern and Jake Berry and to ask them to work with the relevant insurance agencies to bring forward legislation that restricts the ability of young drivers to hire high powered vehicles for limited periods of time or for other drivers to hire such vehicles and then allow young and inexperienced drivers to use them. This practice is a cause of significant concern for our constituents and has been a contributory factor in some serious road accidents.

Mover – Councillor Shaukat Hussain

Seconder – Councillor Arshid Mahmood

MOTION 2

The government has proposed that in 2018 all voters in elections in Blackburn with Darwen will need to supply a piece of photographic evidence to prove their identity if they are going to be allowed to vote at Polling Stations. This change is being introduced to deal with the potential issue of voter impersonation although there have been no proven examples of this crime within BwD.

This change will significantly inconvenience all law abiding electors and, in some cases, will prevent them from voting because they will not be able to supply the relevant documentation. It will involve the Council in additional expensive bureaucracy and will also present serious operational problems for polling clerks who will be expected to check pieces of documentation while a large queue of angry voters builds up.

On behalf of all law abiding electors in Blackburn with Darwen, this Council calls upon the Chief Executive to make these concerns known to the Electoral Commission and we ask the two local MPs, Kate Hollern and Jake Berry,

to support this action and to use their influence within their respective political parties to stop this unnecessary attack upon the democratic rights of their constituents.

Mover: Councillor Phil Riley

Secunder: Councillor Mohammed Khan