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Council Motions

Wards: All

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Report summary

Motions and amendments submitted by Councillors, in accordance with Council Committee Rules and Procedures, are set out below. Motion 1 and 2 will be debated as per council and committee rules and procedures.

Key to shading:

Bold – additions

~~Strikethrough – deletions~~

Motion 1: Green

Action after COP26

This Council notes that:

(1) Despite being disappointing overall, the Glasgow Climate Pact (i) is significant in signalling the winding down of the extraction and use of coal, oil and gas, and an agreement by leaders to "keep 1.5C alive".

(2) The moral authority shown by climate activists, based on climate science, has been clear in setting this higher ambition.

(3) The Glasgow Climate Pact nevertheless did not secure National Determined Contributions (NDCs) to stay within 1.5C. It will therefore only be a game changer depending on what the UK does with its continued presidency of COP (Conference of the Parties), and wider actions and leadership across the UK.

This Council further notes:

(1) That the most climate vulnerable countries are calling for natural justice, for the rich countries to pay for current losses and damages based on historic greenhouse gas emissions.

(2) That the world's governments must now accept that we are in a climate & ecological emergency mode.

(3) That at COP27, to be held in Egypt November 2022, countries will have to come back with plans and pledges that at least halve carbon emissions by 2030, and set carbon budgets that stay well within the 1.5C limit.

(4) That the COP26 Glasgow Leader's Declaration on Land Use, signed by the UK, commits to "facilitate trade and development policies, internationally and domestically, that promote sustainable development, and sustainable commodity production and consumption, that work to countries' mutual benefit, and that do not drive deforestation and land degradation".

(5) That shortly before the Glasgow conference the UK government published its Net Zero Strategy, which includes the intention to establish a Net Zero Forum to coordinate the strategy with local government.

(6) That the Glasgow Climate Pact recognises, "...the important role of ... local communities and civil society, including youth and children, in addressing and responding to climate change, and highlighting the urgent need for multilevel and cooperative action".

Therefore, Council calls on the UK government to:

(1) Reverse Official Development Assistance (ODA, "aid") budget cuts.

(2) Conduct an independent review into UK fossil fuel subsidies and set out a plan and timetable to phase these out.

(3) Put climate change at the heart of all future trade deals, and calls for an end to the investor-state dispute settlement (so called "corporate courts") that allow companies to sue governments for taking climate action (see www.globaljustice.org.uk).

(4) Commit to no more coal, oil or gas extraction in the UK, or through UK investments overseas.

(5) Commit to no airport expansion across the UK, and for international aviation and shipping decarbonisation to be included in NDCs, and in future trade deals.

(6) Cancel the UK's current road building programme and divert spending to the GLA/TFL and local council zero carbon transport plans.

(7) Commit that UK international climate finance is provided in addition to existing official development assistance (ODA) as agreed at the Copenhagen and Paris climate summits and for this to include funds for climate mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage payments.

In addition, this council calls on the Mayor of London to:

(1) Oppose all airport expansion in and around London and make plans for the area around City Airport to become a Mayoral Development Corporation to develop a new quarter for the city in place of this airport.

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- (3) Cancel traffic-inducing road schemes, including the Silvertown Road Tunnel and the Croydon Five Ways road plan, diverting the funding to clean transport and people-friendly streets.
- (4) Bring all climate targets in the London Plan and in all of the Mayor's strategies forward to 2030
- (5) Change the rules for Mayoral decision-making so that every budget plan and official decision report in City Hall includes an assessment of the impact on climate and ecology.
- (6) Set up an independent London wide Citizens Assembly on the climate and ecological emergency, recruiting a representative group of Londoners to serve for a year at a time on a permanent body, supported by and working with the London Assembly.
- (7) Divest all GLA controlled investments from fossil fuels.
- (8) Provide up-to-date and accurate information about how London will be affected by climate changes, and review and make new plans to protect people from impacts such as extreme heat, flooding and a secure water supply during droughts.
- (9) Create a standing scientific advisory group for the GLA, which will assist the Assembly to independently scrutinise, assess and propose policy to the Mayor to help both avoid, and deal with climate risks.

To play our part in overcoming weak outcomes in Glasgow, Lambeth Council resolves:

- (1) To bring forward proposals for a local Green Investment Bond (as promoted by the LGA) which can enable those in our communities to invest to contribute to the development of local green infrastructure projects.
- (2) To recognise a hierarchy of action with direct investment in facilities, buildings, infrastructure and changes to services first, and carbon off-setting as a very last resort.
- (3) To accelerate work on waste reduction, circular economy initiatives, sustainable food strategies and natural carbon capture.
- (4) To continue to play a part in the wider transport system transformation, including support for active travel, public and shared transport

Amendment 1: Labour

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(5) That shortly before the Glasgow conference the UK government published its Net Zero Strategy, which includes the intention to establish a Net Zero Forum to coordinate the strategy with local government **following successful lobbying from councils like Lambeth.**

(6) **In reflecting the crucial role of local and regional government and other stakeholders,** that the Glasgow Climate Pact recognises **the need for multilevel action and collaboration** and "...the important role of ... local communities and civil society, including youth and children, in addressing and responding to climate change, and highlighting the urgent need for multilevel and cooperative action".

Therefore, Council calls on the UK government to:

(1) Formally recognise the vital role local authorities have in delivering net zero by bringing them in as equal partners to the development of the national strategy and provide the necessary funding for local authorities to be able to deliver net zero at the regional, local and community level

(2) Support the work of the Local Government Association and its commitment to helping councils achieve net zero.

(3) Assist London Councils with investment and funding in their seven programmes on climate change as set out in the cross party LedNet and TEC Joint Statement on Climate Change in November 2019.

(4) Back, invest in and work with the Core Cities, London Councils and Catapult Connected Places UK Cities Climate Investment Commission (UKCCIC) report which sets out a ground breaking pathway of investment in net zero.

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~~(4)~~ **(8) Work with devolved governments, local authorities trade unions and businesses to set out a clear route map and timetable to transition away from coal, oil and gas extraction and invest in low and zero carbon industry and renewable energy both in the UK and via our investments overseas and create alternative employment for the communities that will be impacted.** ~~Commit to no more coal, oil or gas extraction in the UK, or through UK investments overseas.~~

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(6) Support local authorities such as Lambeth with additional funding to deliver initiatives that benefit the capital as a whole, such as sustainable urban drainage measures to help adapt our city for the future and to reduce flood risk.

(7) Expand the ultra-low emission zone to cover all of Lambeth, to enable everyone to enjoy the benefits of the cleaner air that it brings.

(8) Work with the council to bring forward the replacement of the Vauxhall gyratory; the transformation of the Waterloo roundabout and Tulse Hill gyratory with the aim of facilitating safer, more efficient and low-emission mobility options such as walking, wheeling, cycling and using the bus.

(9) Bring forward planned improvements to the A23 in Streatham to facilitate more climate-friendly modes of travel such as walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport.

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Motion 2: Labour

Building Lambeth's economic recovery

Council Notes:

- That over the last 22 months, the Covid-19 pandemic has brought significant shock to Lambeth's economy, with multiple long-term implications for businesses and employees.
- That unemployment has risen to 10% in the borough – making Lambeth the hardest hit borough within London.
- That Lambeth's cultural and night-time industries have been particularly badly hit, with major impacts on hospitality venues, cultural institutions and local independent businesses that support them,
- Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic residents are disproportionately affected by the continued economic crisis in part due to being disproportionately employed in hospitality, retail, and similar public facing jobs.

Council further notes:

- Since March 2020, working closely with seven Business Improvement Districts across the borough, Lambeth Council has provided unprecedented support for local businesses, distributing over £100 million to more than 4,000 businesses in business rate relief and responding to government gaps in support by providing 655 discretionary grants totalling £8.5m to hospitality businesses, over £5m of funds to 324 creative and cultural businesses and £2.6m to business support projects.
- The Council has used money raised from taxing new private development in the borough to fund support to existing local businesses, market traders, charities and social enterprises in Lambeth.
- The Leader of the Council's letter with the seven Business Improvement Districts to the Chancellor in December 2021 calling for more central government economic support to match the scale of the ongoing public health crisis that we face.
- That at the time of writing, the government have announced a £1 billion fund for the hospitality and leisure industry to support them through this challenging time, with businesses able to claim a one-off cash grant of £6000 which is a drop in the ocean for many businesses at Christmas.

Council welcomes:

- The hard work that has been done across the borough by businesses, staff, residents, and BIDs to keep Lambeth thriving and resilient throughout the pandemic.
- Lambeth's refreshed Economic Resilience Strategy, reflecting the progress made since August 2020 and the Council's vision for economic recovery and resilience building, focused on people, business, place, global city, and a sustainable low carbon recovery.
- The investment in supporting Lambeth's residents and businesses to thrive, including providing access to employment, skills, and training opportunities for Lambeth residents, supporting young people facing the greatest labour market disadvantage, enrolling hundreds of residents on adult learning courses, and expanding the creation and take up of apprenticeships at all levels across the borough.
- The ambitions for delivering economic growth that works for local people, with focus on health sciences, culture and creative industries, and low carbon sectors to create opportunities and jobs for Lambeth residents.
- The commitment to providing affordable workspace through the Future Workspace Fund, helping residents, entrepreneurs, and businesses to access affordable space within their home borough.

- The leadership shown by the council in requiring the London Living Wage to be paid in the council's new affordable workspaces, and the recognition of Lambeth's leadership from the Living Wage Foundation.
- The planned investments in Lambeth's neighbourhoods and town centres to deliver new affordable homes, good jobs, affordable business space, transport improvements and opportunities across the borough.
- The specific focus on encouraging growth in the low carbon sector to support the council's ambitions to tackle the climate crisis, including developing the UK's leading incubator of early stage cleantech businesses and tackling fuel poverty and providing clean and sustainable jobs through retrofit programmes.
- The collaborations with businesses, the Greater London Authority, and key partners such as universities, schools, colleges, NHS trusts and other public sector organisations to make this a strategy for the entire borough.

Council resolves:

- To support the refreshed Economic Resilience Strategy and the ambitions to deliver the economic growth needed to provide good jobs, genuinely affordable homes, and investment to all parts of the borough.
- To call on the government to match the council's investment in Lambeth residents, businesses, and communities by providing fully funded local services, comprehensive economic support through any Covid-19 restrictions, and growth funds that are distributed based on the needs of local areas not politically dubious criteria devised in Whitehall.
- To support Lambeth's businesses, residents, and local communities to deliver a recovery from the pandemic and the economic crisis that works for everyone and leaves nobody behind.

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- To call on the **Labour Council** ~~government~~ to **manage its finances more effectively** to match the **Government's** ~~council's~~ investment in Lambeth residents, businesses, and

communities by providing fully funded local services, comprehensive economic support through any Covid-19 restrictions, and growth funds that are distributed based on the needs of local areas not politically dubious criteria devised in **Lambeth Town Hall Whitehall**.

- To support Lambeth’s businesses, residents, and local communities to deliver a recovery from the pandemic and the economic crisis that works for everyone and leaves nobody behind.
- **To write thanking the Government on behalf of residents for the £100 million provided to keep local businesses running, and the extra millions spent during lockdown on supporting tens of thousands of Lambeth residents using the furlough scheme, preventing tens of thousands of lives from being ruined.**

Motion 3: Conservative

Comparing 50 years of Labour-Lambeth to next-door Wandsworth

Council notes that all parties represented with councillors at Lambeth Council claim to be committed to improving services for residents, ensuring that the Council reaches net zero, and improving social mobility for children on lower incomes.

Council also notes that Wandsworth and Lambeth have a broadly similar ethnic demography, and that both were failing councils under Labour control in the 1980s.

Council notes the following comparative data on Council Tax:

Council tax band	WANDSWORTH	LAMBETH	Labour’s extra tax
A	£559	£1,061	+ £502
B	£653	£1,238	+ £585
C	£746	£1,415	+ £669
D	£839	£1,592	+ £753
E	£1,026	£1,945	+ £919
F	£1,212	£2,299	+ £1,087
G	£1,399	£2,653	+ £1,254
H	£1,678	£3,183	+ £1,505

Council notes the following comparative data on other issues:

	Wandsworth	Lambeth

Council officers paid over £100,000 per year	13	24
Councillors claiming over £24k per year	12	17
Public libraries	12	10
Electric vehicle charging points (Oct 2021)	623	307
Capital committed to its Climate Action Plan	£20m	£2.5m
New affordable housing started since 2018	2,269	1,228
Council-owned homes class 'Non-Decent'	0	1,600
Conservative councillors	33	1

Council notes that Conservative-run Wandsworth is now the 4th best place in the country for children from lower income families to do well in life (social mobility), according to the independent Social Mobility Commission.

In the 50 or so years of Labour controlling Lambeth Council, and by comparing Lambeth Council with Wandsworth Council, Labour councillors have failed to improve services for residents on a sustained basis, is unlikely to reach net zero by 2030 without reducing opportunities for residents, and has not helped improve social mobility for children on lower incomes.

Council therefore notes that:

- 1) The Socialist ideas pursued by Labour councillors for 50 years have not worked, and that it is time to try something different;
- 2) Green councillors share many of the same political ideas as their Labour colleagues, but with a greater emphasis on preventing economic growth and opportunity;
- 3) The decades-long Labour policy identified by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) of Labour councillors trying to fight with and blame central Government has been disastrous for our residents and children, has kept them divided from the mainstream of our wider, tolerant British society and its opportunities, created a 'cover-up culture' at the Council, and stopped residents from focusing on Labour's half-century of local failure;
- 4) Contracting more effectively often allows the Council to run services well and at lower cost, leaving more money to look after vulnerable residents; lowering Council Tax puts money in the pockets of struggling families; managing housing stock and repairs properly and pro-actively would end 50 years of residents living in Labour-run filth and squalor; opening closed roads and ending traffic gridlock would help lower pollution; and schools would be more successful and improve exam results with teaching professionals given more independence.

Council agrees to the above principles to allow residents more fulfilling and successful lives in a new Lambeth, free from the political dogma and abuses of the past, and ready to hold its head high in the future.

Motion 4: Labour

Stop the Tory attacks on our rights

Council notes:

- That this Conservative government are pursuing a legislative agenda which seeks to undermine our communities and infringe on the rights of Lambeth residents.
- That the new Nationality and Borders Bill will create a second-tier category of British citizenship and will allow the government to strip a naturalised British citizen of their citizenship without any notice at all.
- That the Office of National Statistics data suggests that nearly six million people in England and Wales could be affected by the Nationality and Borders Bill, including two in every five people from non-white ethnic minorities – compared to one in 20 white people.
- That of the six million potentially affected, 5.2 million people who were born abroad could potentially be stripped of their citizenship, even when doing so would render them stateless.
- That Conservative MPs shamefully voted down an amendment to the Bill which would have exempted victims of modern slavery, exploitation or trafficking from many of the provisions in Part Five of the Bill if they were under 18 when they became a victim and would have created a new offence of human trafficking for sexual exploitation. By voting down the amendment, Conservative MPs are exacerbating the problem of modern slavery.
- That Amnesty International have said that the Bill will “create significant obstacles and harms to people seeking asylum in the UK’s asylum systems” and that the legislation undermines the Refugee Convention and the UK’s obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention of Reduction of Statelessness.
- That a report from Freedom from Torture concluded that the Bill “represents the biggest legal assault on international refugee law ever seen in the UK.”
- That rather than learning from the mistakes of the Windrush Scandal they caused, this Conservative government risks repeating them.

Council further notes:

- That the new Police, Crime and Sentencing Bill aims to stifle and suppress the right to protest and freedom of expression which is fundamental to a free and democratic society.
- That the Bill seeks to criminalise “serious annoyance”, increase police powers to restrict protests, and give the Home Secretary discretion over what types of protests are allowed.
- That in relation to the powers the Bill awards the Home Secretary, even former Prime Minister Theresa May MP, herself an ex-Home Secretary, has warned against the impact on the right to protest which is essential to our democracy.
- That Liberty, the civil liberties organisation, have stated that the Bill would “radically restrict not only our deeply cherished principles of freedom of assembly and expression, but also a vital tool and mechanism available to citizens of democratic countries to stand up to the State and make their voices heard.”
- That Lambeth council, Lambeth residents and councillors have already expressed serious concerns about the misuse of police powers around protests and covid-19 restrictions due to the appallingly disproportionate policing of women’s safety vigils following the murder of Sarah Everard.

Council welcomes:

- The official stand made by this Council in July 2021 against this government's hostile environment towards refugees, calling for the re-establishment of safe and legal routes for refugees, and making clear our commitment to offer sanctuary and support for refugees and migrants.
- The continued efforts by Lambeth council, community groups and campaigners to campaign for justice for those affected by the Windrush scandal.

Council resolves:

- To write to the Home Secretary to call for the government to reverse their plans in the Nationality and Borders Bill to give themselves the power to make 6 million people in Britain second-tier citizens who could have their citizenship stripped, making them stateless.
- To continue our commitment to resist the government's hostile environment and to ensure that Lambeth is a welcoming borough, providing safe refuge to all those in need of it.
- To also write to the Home Secretary to call for the government to reverse their plans to curtail the right to protest in the Police, Crime and Sentencing Bill.
- To support peaceful protests to be able to happen in Lambeth, and to continue to work with our communities and Lambeth Police Service to ensure the fundamental right to protest is protected and upheld in our borough.

Amendment 1: Conservative

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- **Since 2015 more than 3,000 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children were received in the UK of whom 54% were found to be adults who, when placed in settings with children such as schools, create potential safeguarding risks for our children which are continually ignored by Labour councillors.**
- That the new Nationality and Borders Bill will create a another category of British citizenship and will **clarify the existing procedure** ~~allow~~ to strip **murderers, rapists, terrorists and other criminals** a naturalised British citizen of their citizenship ~~without any notice at all.~~
- That the Office of National Statistics data suggests that nearly six million people in England and Wales could be affected by the Nationality and Borders Bill, including two in every five people from non-white ethnic minorities – compared to one in 20 white people.
- That of the six million potentially affected, 5.2 million people who were born abroad could potentially be stripped of their citizenship, even when doing so would render them stateless.
- **Mindful that the UK is a committed signatory of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (ECAT), which sets out signatory states' international obligations to identify and support victims of modern slavery,** ~~That~~ Conservative MPs ~~shamefully~~ voted down an amendment to the Bill which would have exempted victims of modern slavery, exploitation or trafficking from many of the provisions in Part Five of the Bill if they were under 18 when they became a victim, and

would have created a new offence of human trafficking for sexual exploitation. By voting down the amendment, Conservative MPs are **continuing to take the difficult measures needed to deal with** ~~exacerbating~~ the problem of modern slavery **by ensuring that victims are identified more quickly and provided with support, while enabling decision makers to distinguish more effectively between genuine and non-genuine accounts of modern slavery to enable the associated removal of murderers, rapists, terrorists and other criminals that blight the lives of working-class Lambeth residents in our communities that are continually ignored by woke Labour councillors.**

- That Amnesty International, **and other well-funded groups that do not represent the views of working-class Lambeth residents that have to suffer every day from crime and poorly-managed, overcrowded council homes,** have said that the Bill will “create significant obstacles and harms to people seeking asylum in the UK’s asylum systems” and that the legislation undermines the Refugee Convention and the UK’s obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention of Reduction of Statelessness.
- That a report from Freedom from Torture concluded that the Bill “represents the biggest legal assault on international refugee law ever seen in the UK.”
- That rather than learning from the mistakes of the Windrush Scandal **started under the last Labour Government in 2010** ~~they,~~ this Conservative government **seeks to avoid risks** repeating them.

Council further notes:

- That the new Police, Crime and Sentencing Bill **and a new Bill of Rights** aims to ~~stifle and suppress~~ **give a statutory footing to** the right to protest and freedom of expression which is fundamental to a free and democratic society;
- That the Bill seeks to criminalise “serious annoyance”, ~~vary increase~~ police powers to restrict protests, and give the Home Secretary discretion **in limited circumstances** over what types of protests are allowed **to try to ensure that the right to protest and freedom of expression are held in balance and are not used as a means to break other laws.**
- That in relation to the powers the Bill awards the Home Secretary, even former Prime Minister Theresa May MP, herself an ex-Home Secretary, has warned against the impact on the right to protest which is essential to our democracy.
- That Liberty, the civil liberties organisation, have stated that the Bill would “radically restrict not only our deeply cherished principles of freedom of assembly and expression, but also a vital tool and mechanism available to citizens of democratic countries to stand up to the State and make their voices heard.”
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Council welcomes:

- The official stand made by this Council in July 2021 against the **Labour government’s** hostile environment towards refugees **started in 2010**, calling for the re-establishment of safe and legal routes for refugees, and making clear our commitment to offer sanctuary and support for refugees and migrants **that have arrived in the UK legally;**
- The continued efforts by **the Government,** Lambeth council, community groups and campaigners to campaign for justice for those affected by the Windrush scandal.

- **The new registration routes created by the Bill which are important and helpful to many Lambeth residents, for example for the adult children of unmarried British Overseas Territories citizen fathers to acquire citizenship, or for residents to be able to get citizenship on a discretionary basis when there has been some historic unfairness.**

Council resolves:

- To write to the Home Secretary to call for the government to **better explain** ~~reverse~~ their plans in the Nationality and Borders Bill to give themselves the power to make 6 million people in Britain second-tier citizens who could have their citizenship stripped, making them stateless.
- To continue our commitment to resist the **Labour** government's hostile environment **started in 2010** and to ensure that Lambeth is a welcoming borough, providing safe refuge to all those in need of it.
- To also write to the Home Secretary to call for the government to **better explain** ~~reverse~~ their plans to **vary** ~~curtail~~ the right to protest in the Police, Crime and Sentencing Bill, **and the balance sought between the right to protest and the rights of people and communities sometimes impacted by damage caused by protesters;**
- To support peaceful protests ~~to be able to happen~~ in Lambeth, and to continue to work with our communities and Lambeth Police Service to ensure the fundamental right to protest is protected and upheld in **every** ~~our~~ borough.

Motion 5: Labour

Trans and non-binary healthcare

Council notes:

- That the WHO Constitution (1946) envisages "...the highest attainable standard of health as a fundamental right of every human being."
- That despite the legislative and societal progression for some members of the LGBTQ+ community in the UK over recent decades, there is still a great deal of progress which needs to be made for trans and non-binary people, especially in regard to appropriate and timely healthcare access.
- That the report by the Women and Equalities Select Committee into Transgender Equality published in 2016 said that "the NHS is letting down trans people, with too much evidence of an approach that can be said to be discriminatory and in breach of the Equality Act."
- That Dr John Dean, Chair of the NHS National Clinical Reference Group for Gender Identity Services has stated that "not treating [trans and non-binary] people is not a neutral act – it will do harm."
- That the British Medical Association has called on the government to ensure the rights of trans and non-binary individuals in accessing healthcare.
- That NHS Guidelines say 18 weeks is the limit from referral to treatment, when in reality the average waiting time for a first appointment with a gender identity clinic is 18 months.
- That at the time of writing this motion, the Gender Identity Clinic in London had more than 10,000 people on their waiting list and in December 2021 were offering first appointments to people who were referred in December 2017.
- That research commissioned by Stonewall and conducted by YouGov in 2018 found that:

- When accessing general healthcare services in the last year, two in five trans people (41 per cent) said healthcare staff lacked understanding of trans health needs.
- Three in five (62 per cent) of trans people who have undergone, or are currently undergoing, medical intervention for their transition are unsatisfied with the time it took to get an appointment.
- One in four (24 per cent) of trans people fear discrimination from a healthcare provider.
- Seven per cent of trans people were refused access to healthcare because they were LGBTQ+.
- That ongoing misinformation about gender affirming healthcare is a barrier to trans and non-binary people accessing the support they need, not just in terms of healthcare specific to their trans status but general healthcare too.
- That the Covid-19 Pandemic resulted in the halting of almost all gender identity services and trans related healthcare, much of which has yet to return to its previous capacity.

Council welcomes:

- That CliniQ C.I.C. established the first trans specific sexual health, counselling and wellbeing service in the UK. It is in partnership with King's College Hospital and is funded in part by Lambeth, Southwark, and Lewisham Councils. CliniQ is playing a fundamental role in establishing trans and non-binary people's mental health and wellbeing services in South London and further afield.
- That Lambeth commissions the Pride in Practice programme, through the LGBT Foundation, which provides training, quality assurance and social prescribing to strengthen and develop Primary Care Services' relationship with LGBTQ+ patients within the local community. Pride in Practice enables practitioners to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ patients confidently and effectively through increased awareness and understanding of different healthcare needs. In its first year in Lambeth, the Pride in Practise Programme supported 45 GP surgeries and pharmacies.
- The Understanding Lambeth's LGBTQ+ communities in times of Coronavirus report on the experiences of LGBTQ+ residents in Lambeth during the Covid-19 pandemic, and how it has negatively impact on people's health and left community members feeling isolated. The report which was funded by the Transformation Fund at London Metropolitan University was produced in partnership with Lambeth Council and local charities Black Thrive, Black Out, Lambeth Links and Opening Doors London.

Council resolves:

- To write to the Secretary of State for Health and Adult Social Care to call for the government to:
 - Provide the funding and resources necessary to increase the capacity of and improve access to trans and non-binary healthcare, including expanding gender identity services and reducing waiting times.
 - Develop strategies to recruit more clinicians to become gender identity specialists across all relevant disciplines and train staff across the NHS on issues affecting trans and non-binary people.
 - Commit to effectively and regularly consulting trans and non-binary people and groups in the design and delivery of trans and non-binary healthcare.
- To continue working to extend and develop our Pride in Practice provision, delivered with LGBT Foundation, to all healthcare providers in Lambeth to make sure that our hospitals, GPs, and pharmacies are accessible for trans and non-binary people.

- To continue supporting the improvement of services in Lambeth to be fully accessible to trans and non-binary people, working with organisations such as CliniQ C.I.C., Gallop, Lambeth Links, The LGBT Consortium, LGBT Foundation, Opening Doors London, and Stonewall who are helping Lambeth to become the best place in the UK for anyone from the LGBTQ+ community to live and work.