

**COUNCIL MEETING – 14 OCTOBER 2020
NOTICE OF MOTION**

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NOS. 53-60

MOTION NO.	PROPOSER	SECONDER	MOTION
145	Councillor M Storey	Councillor Hellaoui	<p>Black Community Motion</p> <p>The motion has been compiled and written in collaboration with members of our black community in Middlesbrough and highlights the issues that of greatest importance to them and their community.</p> <p>This, the month of October, is black history month in the UK, Netherlands and Ireland. The purpose of having a black history month is to shine a light on the life, culture and history of our black residents, friends and family in our own community, across Britain and the world.</p> <p>Black History Month 2020 is also a time to look forward and celebrate the here and now - and the future possibilities. In years gone by, October has been the only time of year when the UK talks about the achievements of Black people in Britain. Hopefully, the events of 2020 will be a catalyst for Black history to be shared much more widely - in museums, galleries, schools, universities, public places.</p> <p>Whilst the recent death of George Floyd in the US has attracted significant international attention and peaceful protest, this is just one such incident in a depressing trend in many countries, including the UK.</p> <p>This Council supports a message of solidarity and support to the local Black community in Middlesbrough, in recognition of the continuing battle against racial injustice, racist violence, and abuse of power, and in recognition that the right to life, liberty, and justice of every citizen is precious.</p> <p>Middlesbrough Council resolves:</p>

			<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That a programme of training to be delivered to all elected members to educate Councillors in black history and issues of race and how they manifest themselves in society.2. That Black literature and media are represented in Middlesbrough Libraries and cultural spaces and to deliver promotion of these materials within Council settings. <p>Middlesbrough Council notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A request to support local educational establishments to promote and embed positive Black-led education initiatives.2. A request for a commitment from the Council to support Black-led businesses and organisations in Middlesbrough.
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