COUNCIL MEETING – 30 NOVEMBER 2022 NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NOS. 53-60

MOTION NO.	PROPOSER	SECONDER	MOTION
155	Councillor Mawston	Councillor M Storey	Public Censure
			A Standards Committee Meeting held on 11 May 2022 concluded that Councillor J McTigue, acting in her capacity as a member of Middlesbrough Borough Council ('the Council'), had breached items 3.2, 3.5 and 3.12 of the Members Code of Conduct on social media posts on 28 November 2019 and on 23 December 2020, in that she did not respect others, conducted herself in a manner which was likely to bring the authority, office, or the Member into disrepute and did not use social media responsibly.
			Following consideration of the Standards complaint, the Standards Committee in consultation with the Independent Person, ordered that a number of sanctions be imposed, one of which included that Councillor McTigue to be subject of a motion of public censure at the full Council meeting.
			Cllr McTigue has also failed to comply with the other sanctions that were imposed by the Standards Committee at the hearing on the 11th May 2022, namely:
			1. Councillor McTigue was to provide a written apology to the Council employee who was the subject of the complaint, by 6 July 2022, with a copy provided to the Standards Committee.
			2. Councillor McTigue to receive one-to-one training on the appropriate use of social media and the Member/Officer Protocol, to be provided by the relevant Council Officer(s), and this should be completed by 6 July 2022.
			In accordance with the Standards Committee's resolution; the matter of a motion of censure is now placed before Council in respect of Councillor McTigue's conduct in respect of the matters detailed by the Investigating Officer in the report to the Standards Committee meeting held on 11 May 2022.

156	Councillor P Storey	Councillor	Middlesbrough Council acknowledges that Britain is in the midst of a cost-of-
		Thompson	living crisis that is affecting household's right across our borough. We are
			particularly concerned about the impact on low-income families with school aged
			children.
			This Council notes that figures from The North-East Child Poverty Commission
			showed that 41.2% of children in Middlesbrough are currently living in poverty.
			This Council notes that at this time only pupils in reception and KS1 are entitled to
			Free School Meals in Middlesbrough. Given the cost-of-living crisis, this Council is
			deeply concerned that Nursery children in our maintained schools and nurseries
			are excluded from this offer.
			This Council therefore believes that ensuring our youngest students are included in
			our Free School Meal offer is a critical tool to achieving those goals.
			This Council acknowledges the Mayor and his executive have forecasted an
			overspend on this year's budget and that additional costs cannot be incurred
			lightly. However, given the longer-term benefits a healthy start in life brings, it is
			right that the potential of such a scheme be explored.
			This Council therefore calls upon the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and Executive
			Member for Children's Services to publish costs associated with an extension of
			Middlesbrough's Free School meal offer to include all 3 and 4 year olds' in nursery
			and primary schools in the Borough, and to do so by the end of December 2022.
			The Council also calls upon the Schools' Forum to set out the implications for
			schools, by the end of December 2022.
			This Council requests that the Children and Young People Learning scrutiny panel
			then consider the Mayor's assessment of the costs at its meeting in January 2023.

157	Councillor C Cooke	Councillor P Storey	As we mark Bonfire Night in the month of November, it is important that we consider the effect that fireworks and loud displays can have on those who are or have served for our country and suffer long terms effects such as PTSD and will find fireworks particularly hard to cope with. A safe and peaceful space is needed during this time.
			Middlesbrough Council resolves:
			 To work with Middlesbrough based armed forces charities to set up a safe and quieter space, and enable veterans to come together in support of one another. In the event that the council is setting up events with fireworks, the council should be mindful of the effects on others and look at ad-hoc provisioning of a safe space.