

Agenda Item 16c

AGENDA ITEM 16(c) - Thank You During the Coronavirus Lockdown

Amendment

After point 5, add in the following three points:

6. To teachers, who've worked hard to ensure both key-workers children and others have had access to education and a place to be educated during lockdown.

7. To factory workers and in particular to those in this city who have worked tirelessly and at little notice in the time of the nations need, to create and engineer lifesaving medical equipment to help save lives, such as ventilators.

8. To postal workers who ensured that important deliveries and mail infrastructure was maintained during COVID-19 and who for many (who were shielding) were the only regular friendly face seen they saw.

Proposed by (Name) Councillor Terry Norton

Seconded by (Name) Councillor Robert New

To therefore read as follows:

Council formally thanks the people of this city for the sacrifices so many of them have made during the coronavirus lockdown.

It also wishes to thank the many people across our city who have worked hard to keep us all safe and, in so many cases, alive. These include:

1. NHS and care workers
2. Refuse collectors and delivery drivers
3. Cleaners and gardeners
4. People in newsagents, pharmacies and other essential shops
5. Those who have been looking after the homeless
6. To teachers, who've worked hard to ensure both key-workers children and others have had access to education and a place to be educated during lockdown.
7. To factory workers and in particular to those in this city who have worked tirelessly and at little notice in the time of the nations need, to create and engineer lifesaving medical equipment to help save lives, such as ventilators.
8. To postal workers who ensured that important deliveries and mail infrastructure was maintained during COVID-19 and who for many (who were shielding) were the only regular friendly face seen they saw.

Council also wishes to thank the many mutual aid organisations - whether of neighbours, friends, relatives or brought together by social media - whose volunteering efforts have brought hope to so many.

In particular, Council wishes to congratulate the HIVE for its work co-ordinating hundreds of volunteers to bring a friendly call, vital food or essential medical supplies, as well as the many organisations that have helped it do that.

Council recognises this is a crisis with no clear ending. However, it does want this city to be greener, fairer and kinder once it is. To that end, it recommends the following:

1. That the Cabinet lobbies Government to ensure frontline workers get an appropriate reward for their work.
2. To request the Cabinet to ask the people of the city and council staff to nominate people for a special, independently-judged Coronavirus Civic Award to recognise those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty at this time. Such an award will be given with the other Civic Awards at the 2021 AGM.
3. To request the Cabinet to Work on plans, in line with the City Vision, to deliver a kinder, fairer and greener city that seeks to harness the efforts of all the volunteers who have come forward to help the vulnerable during this pandemic.