

Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Price

Nottingham City Council meeting 12th July 2010

The City Council is aware that crime and criminal behaviour blight the lives of many people in our City. We will work closely with the Police and other agencies to fight crime and ensure that those who commit crime are caught and punished through the Criminal Justice system.

The City Council notes the expansion of HMP Nottingham and its designation as a community prison

The City Council notes the award winning work of Nottingham Probation Service and Pals in our community.

The City Council also recognises that the rehabilitation of offenders is a vital part of the process that will make Nottingham a safer City, that currently 70% of those who are in prison go back again, and we need to work with others to help reduce that figure to 60% by supporting the pathways to a crime free life for the benefit of us all.

The City Council acknowledges it has a role in the rehabilitation of offenders and recommends that:

- Nottingham City Council champions the employment of ex-offenders by offering guaranteed interviews to suitably qualified, risk-assessed ex-offenders via the Probation Service. In addition the City Council should aim to reserve a specified number of vacancies for offenders and ensure that this number is reported to the Council on an annual basis;
- the Council works with the Probation Service to ensure that Community Payback schemes are used to carry out work in communities, such as repairs to property and community facilities, in order to maximise community benefit and help re-integrate offenders into mainstream society;
- the Council encourages other agencies, such as Nottingham City Homes, to use community pay back to repair facilities, for example council houses, and request that Nottingham City Homes reports to the Council its involvement in the rehabilitation of ex-offenders on an annual basis;
- the Council explores opportunities for communities to benefit from prison industry in the manufacture of street furniture and playground equipment;
- the Council ensures that existing Adult and Community Learning and Family Learning programmes and other City Council policies dovetail with those programmes provided especially for offenders.

Councillor Andrew Price

