

# NOTICES OF MOTIONS

## Motion 4

### Black History Month

Councillor Adewale (4 October 2023)

- “1. That this Council notes that:
  - a) October marks Black History Month in the UK, a national celebration which honours the contributions and achievements of black heritage and culture;
  - b) Black History Month is an opportunity to continue to amplify the voices of black people and to raise awareness of the inequalities they face across all sectors including education, policing, health, business, housing and more;
  - c) the theme this year is ‘Saluting Our Sisters’ which focuses on the stories of the lives and contributions of black women to celebrate their achievements and excellence; and
  - d) this Council’s Equality Vision: ‘Improve the way we engage, think and act to deliver equality and inclusion for everyone, every day’ which helps to create opportunities and remove barriers across the organisation.
2. That this Council welcomes:
  - a) the commissioning of ‘The Black Female Pioneers of Milton Keynes’, an exhibition which celebrates 11 pioneering black women in Milton Keynes, available to view at the Central Library from 4 October to 1 November 2023 and in Station Square; and
  - b) the positive and empowering initiatives to support the variety of events and activities taking place over the month of October such as free art and music workshops for children and families.
3. That this Council resolves to:
  - a) continue to recognise Black History Month as an important month in the City Council’s calendar each year;
  - b) continue to review policies and practices on a regular basis in line with the City Council’s Equality Vision;
  - c) further explore diversity and inclusion training around ethnicity and equality for all City Council employees;
  - d) encourage schools across the city to design a programme to celebrate Black History Month each year; and
  - e) continue to salute all black women across the city who continue to work and deliver excellence all year round.”