

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Motion 2

Recognising the Contribution of Tamil People to Milton Keynes.

Councillor Mahendran (11 January 2024)

- “1. That Milton Keynes is a thriving place that has consistently welcomed people from diverse backgrounds that have enhanced our city and contributed to the dynamism of our economic and social fabric.
2. That this Council notes that:
 - a) Tamil people have made significant contributions to the social, economic and cultural fabric of the UK; from serving in the Royal Air Force during the World War Two, Tamil scientists working on ground-breaking Covid vaccines, and an estimated 15,000 Tamil people working in the NHS, amongst other achievements;
 - b) the number of Tamil speaking people in Milton Keynes is increasing, with the 2021 census highlighting 1 in 100 people in the city can speak Tamil; and
 - c) many Tamil people came to Milton Keynes have experienced persecution and have rebuilt their lives here while contributing and enhancing our city.
3. That this Council further notes:
 - a) that January each year marks Tamil Heritage Month;
 - b) Pongal, the Harvest Festival, takes place from January 14 each year; and
 - c) that Tamil people make a rich contribution to social, economic and cultural life in Milton Keynes.
4. That this Council resolves to:
 - a) thank the Tamil community for their contribution to Milton Keynes and our country;
 - b) mark Tamil history month in an appropriate way;
 - c) highlight the celebration of Pongal; and
 - d) use the communications channels of the Council to raise awareness of these actions.”