

**d) Joint working to address needs of the boating community (proposed by Councillor Wade, seconded by Councillor Landell Mills)**

Liberal Democrat member motion

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This Council notes that on 6 April the City Executive Board accepted a Scrutiny recommendation that the draft Waterways Public Spaces Protection Order should not be progressed. However officers are still being asked to identify localized solutions to specific concerns raised at four locations which might require 'bespoke solutions, many of which are already available through existing legislation' i.e. statutory provision and local bye-laws.

This Council asks the Board Member to request officers to continue working with the Canal and River Trust to explore the following possibilities, proposed by members of the boating community, which should assist with the problems identified:

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**Amendment proposed by Councillor Sinclair (changes in italics)**

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*These were as follows:*

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- 2. Commission officers to develop localised solutions to public safety concerns for four identified priority areas;*
- 3. Commission officers to further develop policy proposals that will address public safety and antisocial behaviour problems and improve public enjoyment of the city's waterways resources.*

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- a) A sanitary facility.....
- b) A caretaker boater...

**Motion as amended reads:**

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