

Notice of Motion – 25 February 2025

Motion Title: Prohibition of Off-Road Bike Storage and Illegal Use in Council Tenancies

Proposer: Councillor Williams

Seconder: Councillor Wilkes

“Council notes that:

1. The misuse of off-road bikes, quad bikes, and other non-roadworthy motorized vehicles in public spaces, including roads, footpaths, and parks, poses a significant nuisance and safety risk to residents.
2. There have been increasing reports of illegal and anti-social use of such vehicles, leading to damage to public property, disturbances in the community, and risks to pedestrians and other road users.
3. Many of these vehicles are stored within council properties, including gardens, garages, and shared areas, enabling their continued unlawful use.

Council believes that:

1. Stronger tenancy conditions are necessary to prevent the storage and use of off-road bikes that contribute to anti-social behaviour and illegal activity.
2. Tenants should be held accountable if vehicles stored at their property are found to be used unlawfully on public roads or common areas.
3. Enforcement measures should be clearly outlined to deter the storage and illegal use of off-road bikes.

Council therefore resolves to call on the Leader and Cabinet to explore options to:

1. Create a new tenancy condition prohibiting the storage of off-road bikes, quad bikes, or other non-roadworthy motorized vehicles within council tenancies.
2. Implement enforcement measures including written warnings, financial penalties, property inspections, and potential termination of tenancy for repeated breaches.
3. Provide clear communication to all council tenants regarding the new tenancy condition and the consequences of non-compliance.
4. Work with local enforcement agencies to identify and address instances of illegal off-road vehicle use in council-managed areas.”