



COUNCIL MEETING

26 January 2023

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Jonathan Wallace will move the following motion:

This Council notes that food inflation is at its highest level for forty years and is currently higher than the Consumer Prices Index. Council further notes that the consumption of fresh fruit is beneficial for the health of Gateshead's residents.

Council further notes that there are a number of disused orchards in the borough. Furthermore, many residents who have fruit trees in their gardens are unable to use all the produce which often goes into the waste system instead, at a direct cost to Gateshead Council.

Council calls on the Chief Executive to draw up a strategy in which:

- 1) unused orchards are identified;
- 2) the voluntary sector brings them back into use;
- 3) surplus domestically produced fruit is collected by the voluntary sector to help address food poverty in the borough.

Proposed by: Councillor J Wallace
Supported by: Councillor R Beadle
P Craig
P Diston
J Mohammed
I Patterson
D Welsh