



COUNCIL MEETING

10 November 2016

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor M Brain will move the following motion:

“This Council notes:

1. The Bus Services Bill passing through Parliament proposes measures which would effectively prohibit a Local Authority from forming a company for the purposes of providing a local bus service.
2. That the Localism Act (2011) provides general powers of competence to local authorities.
3. That municipal bus companies provide some of the best bus services in the country and have a successful track record of increasing bus passenger numbers and providing high quality bus services.
4. That public ownership of bus companies commands widespread public support.

This Council resolves:

To promote the principle of public ownership of public transport systems, and instructs the Chief Executive to write to Government stating our objection to any legislation which restricts Local Authority powers to deliver this.

Proposed by: Councillor M Brain

Seconded by: Councillor B Goldsworthy
Supported by: Councillor M Goldsworthy
Councillor J McElroy
Councillor L Twist
Councillor C Donovan