

Motion - to support the ICAN Cities Appeal, to encourage the UK government to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons



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[Name of Council] is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat.

Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.

***[Name of Council]* therefore resolves to:**

- Warmly welcome the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations in 2017
- Call on our national government to ratify the treaty

Action

That the Chief Executive:

1. Writes to the UK government – Secretaries of State for 1) Defence and 2) Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy - to inform them that *[Name of Council]* has endorsed the ICAN Cities Appeal to call for our Government to sign the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
2. Informs our residents and media about our support of the ICAN Cities Appeal, and informs ICAN by emailing them at info@icanw.org
3. Takes steps to ensure that funds administered by *[Name of Council]* are not invested in companies that produce nuclear weapons. See www.dontbankonthebomb.com