

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

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Title of Motion:	Union Flag to be flown permanently at Castle House
Date of Council meeting:	16 December 2025
Proposer of Motion: (Name, and signature if hard copy submitted)	Councillor Paul Peacock
Seconder of Motion: (Name, and signature if hard copy submitted)	Councillor Susan Crosby

Background/supporting information (maximum 300 words):

UK Government guidance published in February 2023 states:

'The Union Flag is the national flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Crown Dependencies and the Overseas Territories. It is a symbol of national unity and pride. The first Union Flag was created in 1606 and combined the flags of England and Scotland; the present Union Flag dates from 1801.....

There are designated days when the Union Flag must be flown on UK government buildings by command of His Majesty The King. However, UK government buildings are encouraged to fly the Union Flag all year around.....

Where UK government buildings only have one flagpole, the Union Flag should be flown every day except on certain occasions when you may wish to fly other flags, including but not limited to, the national flags of the constituent nations of the United Kingdom, the Armed Forces Day flag, the Commonwealth flag, county and other local flags, and other flags which may promote civic pride.'

The Union Flag is a sign of unity that gives us all a sense of Pride in Place, it is also a symbol recognised throughout the world that signifies tolerance, fairness, strength, hope, trust, compassion and decency.

It is noted that Nottinghamshire County Council has decided to spend £75,000 on installing flags on lampposts throughout the County, including on the road outside our offices. This is at a time when the County Council is also cutting its funding to community organisations that serve our residents. While use of County Council funding is a matter for that Council to determine, given that this motion proposes to fly the Union Flag permanently on our flagpole, it is recommended that Newark and Sherwood District Council express our disappointment that Union Flags have been attached to lamp posts across the district.

Motion to be proposed (active section):

Newark and Sherwood District Council is committed to promoting unity, compassion and trust in authority and agree the following:

1. The Council believes that the Union Flag is a symbol of Pride in Place and symbolizes the British values of tolerance, community cohesion, decency and fairness.

2. The Council agrees that the Union Flag should be flown at Castle House every day except on certain occasions when other flags may be flown.
3. By flying the Union Flag at Castle House, the Council is declaring Castle House as a place of sanctuary, safety and security for all communities.
4. That the Council writes to Nottinghamshire County Council expressing its disappointment that Union Flags have been attached to lamp posts across our district.
5. That the Council's flag will be flown at Castle House below the Union Flag.

Date and time received:

(for completion by Democratic Services)

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