

## Annex H - Council motion

1. On 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Councillor Reid brought a motion to Council in relation to Lendal Bridge. Councillor Reid's motion in respect of Lendal Bridge was referred to Cabinet, as the data on the trial was still being collated and analysed. The motion is set out below

“Council notes the report in *The Press* on 27th February which revealed important facts about the Lendal Bridge closure.

Council further notes that:

1. The Labour Cabinet's six-month trial closure of Lendal Bridge should have finished at the end of February
2. The closure has brought widespread criticism from local residents, business owners, tourists and tourist groups
3. Negative media and social media coverage has been generated to the detriment of our city
4. The closure has failed to significantly improve overall bus journey times
5. Traffic displaced by the closure has caused increased congestion elsewhere in the city e.g. Foss Islands Road and Water End at Clifton Bridge
6. Officers have admitted that the trial closure has had little impact on overall air quality
7. The Labour Cabinet Member responsible has admitted that the signage at the start of the trial was “very confusing”
8. Around 45,000 motorists have received fines for crossing the bridge.

Council therefore resolves to ask Cabinet to:

- a. immediately end the trial closure of Lendal Bridge
  - b. publicly admit that the trial has been botched and to apologise for this
  - c. immediately publish the raw data on the trial ahead of their detailed evaluation report
  - d. commit to consulting with residents and local businesses before bringing forward any future plans for Lendal Bridge.”
2. Members are asked to consider the views expressed in Councillor Reid's motion.