

COUNCIL

23 JULY 2020

AMENDMENT 1 TO MOTION 2

Proposed by: Councillor Jayne Cowan

Seconded by: Councillor Thomas Parkhill

This Council notes:

That Sir Thomas Picton is a celebrated statue in the Marble Hall as part of the Heroes of Wales collection, due to his role and ultimate death at the Battle of Waterloo.

That recent events have brought to wider attention the behaviour of Picton and his role in the transatlantic slave trade.

That the accompanying notes for the painting of Sir Thomas Picton in the Queen's Royal Collection of over 250,000 pieces of art will be the first to be amended to include links to his actions.

This Council also notes:

That Cardiff is a diverse and welcoming city.

That on 16th July 2020, the Cabinet established a new Race Equality Task Force to act on race inequality and address racial injustice in Cardiff.

This Council believes:

That the role of Picton both at the battle of Waterloo and as Governor of Trinidad should be put into historic context so that future generations do not forget the history and importance of these events.

This Council resolves:

1. To consult with relevant organisations, such as the Royal Collection Trust, on appropriate forms of recognition of people and/or other events of historical importance. In the case of Sir Thomas Picton, this should include a plaque or other description which can be added near the statue in the Marble Hall.
2. To ensure that all Councillors have an opportunity to input in the work of the Race Equality Task Force.
3. That no recommendation made by the Race Equality Task Force will be implemented without consideration by the relevant Scrutiny Committee and discussed at Full Council. To simply implement recommendations without involvement of democratic processes potentially fetters the Council's discretion.
4. That black lives matter, and that none of us are equal until all of us are equal.