

MOTION ON NOTICE. NO 12 (11/12)

Proposed Repeal of the Activity Centre (Young Person's Safety) Act 1995

This Council Notes

In March 1993 four teenagers from Southway School died in Lyme Bay. They died as a result of the criminal neglect of the people running the St. Alban's activity centre. Following this tragedy the local Labour MP David Jamieson, working with the parents and other organisations tabled a Private Members Bill, introducing the a licensing scheme for adventure activities. The Bill was accepted by the Government and gained Royal Assent in June 1995, as "The Activity Centres (Young Persons Safety) Act 1995.

The Government proposes to remove the licensing of adventure activities (trekking, water sports, caving and climbing) for young people under the age of 18 and instead introduce a code of practice that the HSE will oversee and monitor.

This Council requests:-

That a Council Officer be identified to work with the appropriate Portfolio Holder to prepare a response to the HSE and Minister on the proposals to repeal the Activity Centres (Young Person's safety) Act 1995.

That within the response this Council should strongly make the case for the retention of the licensing regime for adventure activities established under the Activity Centres (Young Person's safety) Act 1995.

Proposed by Councillor Nicky Williams

Second by Councillor John Smith