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COUNCIL
14 SEPTEMBER 2017**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Notices of Motion Received

1. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that he has received the following 5 Notices of Motion. The Constitution provides that any submitted motion must be moved and seconded at the meeting. Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.
2. If a motion is in relation to the exercise of an executive function it will be referred to the Cabinet for decision (if applicable this will be indicated below). Otherwise the Council may decide itself to determine the Motion, or refer it to the Cabinet or another appropriate Committee for advice before determining it at the next available meeting.

Notice of Motion 1 – Official Anthem of the County

3. **This motion is not in relation to the exercise of an executive function and the Council may decide to determine the Motion.**

4. Notice of Motion standing in the names of: Mr R M Udall, Mr P M McDonald, Ms P A Hill, Mr L C R Mallett, Mr A Fry and Ms P Agar.

"Council recognises that one of the greatest sons of Worcestershire was Sir Edward Elgar. In order to promote his work and to encourage tourism to the county, Council asks Cabinet to consider declaring Land of Hope and Glory, Pomp and Circumstance March, as the official anthem of the county".

Notice of Motion 2 – Sale of car registration number plate

5. **This motion is not in relation to the exercise of an executive function and the Council may decide to determine the Motion.**

6. Notice of Motion standing in the names of: Mr P M McDonald, Ms P A Hill, Mr L C R Mallett, Mr A Fry, Ms P Agar, and Mr R M Udall.

"In light of the public uproar regarding the selling off of the famous and most coveted car registration number plate AB1, at a price experts' state to be fifty percent plus below its market value, by West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, J Champion. This Council calls upon West Mercia Police and Crime Panel to scrutinise the process carried out by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner that led to a possible loss of hundreds of thousands of pounds to West Mercia Police Authority".

Notice of Motion 3 – Asbestos in schools

7. This motion is not in relation to the exercise of an executive function and the Council may decide to determine the Motion.

8. Notice of Motion standing in the names of: Mr P M McDonald, Ms P A Hill, Mr L C R Mallett, Mr A Fry, Ms P Agar, and Mr R M Udall.

"Now that it is established that there are some 140 county schools riddled with asbestos, we call upon the Cabinet Member responsible to put forward a programme of works to remove asbestos from County schools within the next year".

Notice of Motion 4 – Public sector pay

9. This motion is not in relation to the exercise of an executive function and the Council may decide to determine the Motion.

10. Notice of Motion standing in the names of: Mr P M McDonald, Mr R M Udall, Ms P A Hill, Mr L C R Mallett, Mr A Fry and Ms P Agar.

"The following issues affect Worcestershire County Council employees who are represented by the National Joint Committee:

- Basic pay has fallen by 21% since 2010 in real terms
- NJC workers had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012
- Local terms and conditions of many NJC employees have also been cut, impacting on their overall earnings
- NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector
- Job evaluated pay structures are being squeezed and distorted by bottom-loaded NJC pay settlements needed to reflect the increased National Living Wage and the Foundation Living Wage.

This Council therefore supports the NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers and call for the immediate end of public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector. This Council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements.

This Council also notes the drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding and calls on the Government to provide additional funding to fund a decent pay rise for NJC employees and the pay spine review.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Call immediately on the LGA to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review and notify us of their action in this regard

- Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking additional funding to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review."

Notice of Motion 5 – Countywide seminar/workshop to discuss upcoming issues

11. This motion is not in relation to the exercise of an executive function and the Council may decide to determine the Motion.

12. Notice of Motion standing in the names of: Mrs E B Tucker, Prof J W Raine, Mr M E Jenkins and Mrs F M Oborski.

"As elected members of Worcestershire County Council we must all share the shame and the blame for the Council's failure to ensure a proper safeguarding service for vulnerable young people within the county. Quite rightly, immediate effort has concentrated on the service itself and responding to Ofsted and Government requirements.

But we must learn from this failure and reassess at each level of responsibility – Leader of Council, Cabinet Member with Responsibility, Scrutiny both OSPB and Children's Panel and all other elected members – to understand at what point each of us should have recognised the problem, and what changes would enable us to identify it much sooner.

Recently we have been learning of a catalogue of performance problems that collectively begin to make the Council's branding as 'World Class Worcestershire' seems pretty inappropriate::

- Liberata/Mercury
- Children's Services – Ofsted
- Key staff departures
- Highways/public transport
- Commissioning
- Babcock Prime
- Place Partnership.....

How can we have confidence that there are no further service and administrative failures about to show themselves in other areas of Council activities?

Councillors outside the Cabinet are left in the dark about upcoming problems and that this needs to change. We call for an urgent countywide seminar/workshop to consider what changes are needed and make recommendations to be presented to Cabinet and Council in November."

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.