

COUNCIL
9 FEBRARY 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 – Inquiry into local government overview and scrutiny

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 Mrs E B Tucker, Mrs S Askin, Mrs F M Oborski, Mr M E Jenkins, Mr T A L Wells and Prof J W Raine:

"The Communities and Local Government Select Committee has announced a new inquiry into the work of overview and scrutiny in local government and is inviting anyone with an opinion or case studies to provide a written submission before March 10, 2017.

The government is interested in a range of issues such as the effectiveness of scrutiny, best practices, procedures for selecting chairs, and support for scrutiny function from leadership among many other topics. We would strongly urge those working in overview and scrutiny to take some time to submit evidence to inquiry.

In view of shortcomings of our own scrutiny practice as illustrated by the findings in the Children's Services' OFSTED, this Council asks that a whole-council workshop be held to gather members' views and that evidence be submitted to the Select Committee on the Council's behalf."

Notice of Motion 2 – Recycling of unwanted furniture by charities

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 Denham, Ms P Agar, Mr R M Udall, Mr P M McDonald and Mr G J Vickery:

"Charities which collect unwanted furniture donated by households in order to provide it free of charge to local needy people, used to be able to dispose of unsuitable items at the County Landfill Recycling Centres (e.g. Hill and Moor). They are now being turned away and being asked to use private trade waste recycling companies. The charities have to pay about £120 on each occasion to dispose of the donated items which are unsuitable for giving away.

These new additional costs make the charities less sustainable, reduce the numbers of needy people they can help and could eventually put them out of business.

It is important that the County Council demonstrates its commitment to re-cycling in a tangible way as indeed it used to.

Council requests the CMR to ensure that non-charging charities which transfer unwanted furniture from some local households to other households who desperately need it are able to dispose of unsuitable items free of charge. One obvious solution would be to allow the charities concerned to take their household waste to household waste disposal sites like Perdiswell".

Notice of Motion 3 – State visit by the President of the United States of America

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 R M Udall, Mr G J Vickery, Ms P Agar, Mr P Denham and Mr P M McDonald:

"Council notes Worcestershire is the home of many residents who were born in or have dual citizenship with Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen. Council is concerned by the recent decision of President Trump, who has discriminated against these residents with a potential travel ban to the United States. Council wishes to send a signal on behalf of all Worcestershire residents that his actions are not supported; noting his decision was announced on Holocaust Memorial Day. Therefore Council calls upon the Prime Minister to postpone the proposed State visit to the United Kingdom by President Trump, until the situation has been resolved, or until any Worcestershire residents cease to be disadvantaged by his decision".

Notice of Motion 4 – Safeguarding of Children

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 P Denham, Ms P Agar, Mr G J Vickery and Mr R M Udall:

"This Council believes children in Worcestershire are not safe in the hands of this inadequate authority.

Such incompetence needs urgent intervention. Council calls upon the portfolio holder to consider seeking urgent intervention from the Secretary of State to restore confidence in safeguarding children in the county".

Notice of Motion 5 – Outcome of Ofsted Inspection

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, Mr T A L Wells, Prof J W Raine, Mr M E Jenkins, Mrs F M Oborski and Mrs S Askin:

"Council recognises that the outcome of the recent OFSTED judgement on this Council's Children's Services performance reflects poorly on the responsibilities of every Member of Council.

Council therefore resolves:

- 1 To require every future Member of Council to participate in a programme of mandatory Corporate Parenting Training, which will properly inform them of their roles and responsibilities as Corporate Parents (and as set out in an updated Corporate Parenting Handbook).
- 2 To ensure that the Scrutiny Function is strengthened (with the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel having access to professional staff support in the process of holding the Cabinet Member and Administration to account).
- 3 To empower the Corporate Parenting Board to scrutinise such elements of the Council's functions with regard to the services for Looked-After Children as are felt necessary to ensure effective oversight (and with regular reporting back to the Children and Young People's Panel).
- 4 To revise and regularly publish an appropriate framework of Key Performance Indicators to include qualitative and quantitative measure in order to enable better performance monitoring in relation to services to Vulnerable Children".

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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.