

**COUNCIL**  
**13 JULY 2017****NOTICES OF MOTION**

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**Notices of Motion Received**

1. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that he has received the following 7 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 – Looked After Children at Riverside Special School**

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 P Denham, Mr R M Udall, Mr P M McDonald, Ms P A Hill, Mr R C Lunn, Mr C J Bloore and Ms C M Stalker.

"As Corporate Parents, all Members of this Council are responsible for ensuring that all Looked After Children, especially those with special emotional and mental health challenges, are educated in suitable premises.

Council therefore requests the CMR for Children and Families to check whether the premises occupied by Riverside Special School, at City Walls Road, Worcester, adequately meet our students' needs. Currently seven Looked After Children are on this school's role. If the premises are found to be unsuitable, Council requests that accommodation which fully meets the needs of children attending the school is urgently sought."

**Notice of Motion 2 – Adult Social Care**

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: Ms P A Hill, Mr R C Lunn, Ms C M Stalker and Mr R M Udall.

"In a recent report, the Local Government Ombudsman found a string of faults against Worcestershire County Council and its social workers, who failed to

assess the needs of a woman, or take proper responsibility for her care and in addition acted contrary to the law when the Council stopped paying for the women's care.

Therefore this Council calls upon the OSPB to carry out an immediate investigation into this case and report back to Council within eight weeks."

### **Notice of Motion 3 – Women working in construction and road building**

**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, Ms C M Stalker, Mr C J Bloore and Mr R C Lunn.

"Council is concerned that women only make up 11% of workers in construction, in a national UCATT survey.

- More than half (51%) said they were treated worse at work simply because of their gender
- Many complained of lower pay than their male colleagues
- Four in ten identified bullying and harassment by managers as a problem
- Almost three in ten were afraid to complain about poor treatment to their managers.

Council asks the CMR to take action to ensure all future construction and road building projects to be commissioned by the County Council will have conditions which will promote and encourage women in the workplace and will provide employment protection and support to women employees to prevent harassment, discrimination and under representation."

### **Notice of Motion 4 – Skills on Show event at County Hall, Worcester**

**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 R C Lunn, Mr R M Udall, Mr P M McDonald, Ms P A Hill, Mr C J Bloore and Ms C M Stalker.

"We call on the Administration, in the interests of the Worcestershire Economy, to reintroduce a "Skills on Show" event at and in the grounds of County Hall. Such an event should be both actual and virtual to appeal to the widest possible business audience. We request that they submit plans for such an event at the September Council meeting."

## **Notice of Motion 5 – Police and Crime Commissioner's proposals for the Fire Authority**

**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.

"This Council resolves to meet to consider its response to the proposal of the Police and Crime Commissioner to abolish the Shropshire and Wrekin, and the Hereford and Worcester Fire Authorities and run the two Fire and Rescue services himself.

At that meeting the Council will debate in detail the business case put forward by the Police and Crime Commissioner together with the views of our representatives on Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority and recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board. The whole Council will decide its formal response to the proposal to remove control of our local fire service by locally elected councillors thus creating a democratic deficit.

The consultation ends on 11 September. Since the next Council meeting is scheduled for 14 September, the expense of holding a special Council meeting could be avoided by bringing that date forward by one week, unless permission can be received to allow Council's response to be submitted late."

## **Notice of Motion 6 – Harnessing the potential contribution of elected members**

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

14. 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.

"In the final year of the previous Council, a Motion from this Group was proposed and agreed that led to the establishment of a cross-group Working Party to consider how the skills and expertise of members of this Council might be best harnessed for the benefit of the County Council and its work in difficult financial times.

The Working Party, which was led by the previous Chairman of Council, met periodically over a number of months and considered various issues. It also commissioned an on-line survey of members' experiences and satisfaction with the operation of Council and its committee meetings over the preceding years and of reflections on the scope for enhancing members' contributions through other ways of working. A summary of findings, based on the 50% response rate achieved, was circulated and a follow up set of questions for political groups to consider was prepared and issued in April. But with the May elections looming, the Working Party was unable to complete its work, and no final conclusions or

recommendations were made back to Council on how the potential of us councillors might be optimised.

This Notice of Motion calls upon Council to reconvene the Working Party – albeit with some new appointments to replace those councillors no longer with us in this chamber – and to continue and complete the project. With the same challenges remaining, of still having to make significant annual budgetary reductions at a time of growing demand, need and expectation for County Council public services, we councillors represent an increasingly important potential resource. Identifying and trialling different ways of capitalising on our potential and ensuring best use of our time and skills, surely has to remain a priority."

### **Notice of Motion 7 – Footway crossings (dropped kerbs)**

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

16. 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.

"A number of other councils in England offer discounts to disabled residents and blue badge holders for the installation of dropped kerbs.

Council calls on the Cabinet Member Responsible to consider offering a similar discount to disabled residents of Worcestershire."

### **Contact Points**

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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.