

**COUNCIL**  
**17 JANUARY 2019****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 4 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 – Worcestershire Children First**

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, Prof J W Raine, Mr M E Jenkins, and Mrs F M Oborski.

"This Council is shocked at the proposal to transfer the majority of Education Services into Worcestershire Children First, the new Alternative Delivery Model company being set up under the improvement programme for children's safeguarding and social care. We ask for a Scrutiny and full consultation with all partners before such a huge decision is taken. It would be a severe loss of democratic involvement in the life and needs of Worcestershire's young people and would offer a blank cheque from council tax payers for policy and priority choices made by the independent company"

**Notice of Motion 2 – Archives and Archaeology Service**

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 R C Lunn, Mr C J Bloore, Mr P Denham, Mr R M Udall, Ms P Agar, and Ms C M Stalker:

"This Council calls on the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to protect the County award-winning Archive and Archaeology Service from cuts in funding which would adversely change its nature and reduce its effectiveness.

Council calls upon the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to confirm how she will provide an effective service which recognises the historic significance of the county.

Furthermore, Council asks the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to confirm that there will be no compulsory redundancies."

### **Notice of Motion 3 – Sexual harassment in the workplace**

**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, Ms P Agar, Mr P Denham, and Mr R C Lunn:

"Council notes and deeply regrets that 40% of British women have experienced sexual harassment in the workplace. Council believes it has a duty to take action to prevent sexual harassment for all its employees and asks the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to bring a report to Council which will provide such a commitment and will illustrate how such a duty could be implemented by Worcestershire County Council."

### **Notice of Motion 4 – Asylum seekers**

**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 Mrs E B Tucker, Prof J W Raine, Mr M E Jenkins, and Mrs F M Oborski:

"This Council repudiates the views of Cabinet Member Alan Amos as expressed in the Worcester News' letters page on 4 January regarding his comments about immigrants and asylum seekers. In particular, his statement about "so-called asylum children" putting pressure on Council services and the accusation that Worcestershire people who welcome and support refugees are "just hypocritically parading their consciences."

We thank his fellow Cabinet Member Andy Roberts for setting the record straight by actually providing the facts, namely that only "23 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children" came to the county last year and that central government provides the funding. These extremely vulnerable children have been through unimaginable horrors, may have been badly treated and can be experiencing mental health issues.

As a Council we are proud that a small number of vulnerable people affected by the Syrian conflict are being housed within Worcestershire and that unaccompanied asylum-seeking children are being given support."

## **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.