

**COUNCIL**  
**16 MAY 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 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 – The Living Wage**

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

"This Council calls on the Cabinet to ensure in future that all contractors, agencies and any organisation or body carrying out work or research on behalf of this Council, pay its employees/workers at least the 'Living Wage' as defined by the Living Wage Foundation."

**Notice of Motion 2 – Parish and Town Councillors**

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 Middlebrough, Mr R C Adams, Mr A A J Adams, Mrs E A Eyre, Dr K A Pollock, Mrs L C Hodgson, Mr B Clayton, Mr S J Mackay, Mr A I Hardman, Mr R W Banks, Mr M J Hart, Mr J H Smith and Ms K J May.

"Following their successful election or appointment this month, Worcestershire County Council will continue to celebrate and cooperate with new and returning parish and town councillors to deliver public services for the benefit of all our residents."

### **Notice of Motion 3 – Climate Change**

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

"The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in their October report stated that if the planet wants to avert dangerous climate breakdown, we need to cut emissions in half by 2030, and hit zero by the middle of the century.

Worcestershire is already doing its bit: we are committed to reducing emissions from our own estate and activities by 20% from a 2015/16 baseline by the end of March 2021. Unfortunately, our current plans are not enough.

The IPCC's report suggests that the world has just a dozen years left to restrict global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. Should they increase by 2 degrees Celsius, humanity's capacity to prevent catastrophic food shortages, floods, droughts, extreme heat and poverty will be severely impaired.

Limiting Global Warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius may still be possible, but only with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities. Furthermore, bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities.

We call on Worcestershire County Council to:

1. Declare a "Climate Emergency";
2. Pledge to make Worcestershire County Council (including all buildings, schools and services) carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
3. Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;
4. Continue to work with partners across the county and region, such as district councils, Worcestershire LEP, to deliver this new goal; and
5. Set up a task group, commencing by September 2019, to investigate the actions Worcestershire County Council will take to address this emergency, reporting via Scrutiny to Cabinet by March 2020."

### **Notice of Motion 4 – Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**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 P M McDonald, Ms P A Hill, Mr P Denham, Mr L C R Mallett and Mr C J Bloore.

"In light of concerns expressed about the provision of health services in the county from the public and recent statements by local MP's, we call on the

Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board to explore and implement ways of expanding the scrutiny powers and scope of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

This should include contacting the Secretary of State for Health with proposals to improve the accountability of Health Service providers in Worcestershire"

#### **Notice of Motion 5 – Availability of sanitary products**

**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: Mr R M Udall, Ms P A Hill, Mr P Denham, Mr L C R Mallett and Mr C J Bloore.

"Council welcomes the decision of HM Government to fund free sanitary products in all primary and high schools, Council asks the Cabinet Member with Responsibility (CMR) to consider bringing a report to Cabinet on the progress towards implementation of the new initiative, to provide details of how it will be monitored and to ensure the maximum possible uptake. Furthermore, Council asks that the CMR report considers all other ways to reduce period poverty in the county and to consider all possible means to ensure period poverty is eliminated within 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.