

18 September 2014

7. NOTICES OF MOTION - CONTINUED

Notice of Motion 2 – Badgers and bovine TB (bTB)

5. Further to the agenda papers published on 9 September 2014 the Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that he has received the following additional Notice 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.

6. 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.

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, Mr R M Udall, Mr P Denham, Mr C J Bloore and Ms P Hill:

"This Council notes the serious and damaging animal welfare and economic impact that bovine TB (bTB) has on the farming community. This Council also notes that the Government's 'solution' to bTB is shooting large numbers of free-running badgers at night; a proposal that has met with fierce criticism from the public, eminent scientists and animal welfare charities. This Council is concerned that the Government has ignored public, Parliamentary and scientific opinion by ploughing ahead with the badger cull this summer in a cruel and ineffective attempt to tackle bTB.

This Council believes that the Government would better serve the farming community by investing money in vaccinations for badgers and cattle and encouraging farmers to improve bio-security in order to achieve the long-term eradication of this disease in livestock.

This Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State at the Department of Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs to:

- highlight the Council's concern about the practicalities as well as the welfare implications of the current proposed cull
- object to any cull taking place on Worcestershire County Council-owned land, and
- call on the Government to seek alternative methods to tackle the problem of bTB."

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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.