

14 May 2015

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion 1 – Unqualified teachers

Notice of Motion 2 – 20mph speed limits

1. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that he has received the following two 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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.

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 P M McDonald, Mr R M Udall and Mr R C Lunn:

"Children throughout the county of Worcestershire are being robbed of a decent education with the rising numbers of classes being taken by unqualified teachers. More than 60% of teachers said that staff without qualified teacher status were leading lessons in their school - rising to 70% in academies. Not only is it jeopardising the educational progress of children but it is an abuse of unqualified staff who are being exploited by schools and it is denying teachers jobs.

Therefore, Council calls upon the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families to investigate to ensure that all schools within the county are not condoning the exploitation of unqualified teachers taking lessons."

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 Mrs E B

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

"Many councils across the country, of various party political control, have or are in the process of implementing, wide-area 20mph speed limits on residential and urban roads without traffic calming. Over 14 million people now live in these areas.

Public health and other bodies such as NICE, Public Health England, the LGA and the WHO all support such a policy. It is described as the most cost-effective way to improve health equality by tackling inactivity, obesity and isolation, whilst also being child, disability, elderly and dementia friendly.

Wide-area 20mph limits rarely need any traffic calming measures and in other areas have been shown to be affordable, costing around £3 per person.

Implementing wide-area 20mph limits should be a core part of our public health strategy. We therefore ask the County Council to rethink its current policy on 20mph limits, which restricts where they can be implemented, and call for a Cabinet report into introducing wide-area 20mph speed limits on residential and urban roads."

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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.