

COUNCIL
18 JANUARY 2018**NOTICES OF MOTION - CONTINUED**

Further Notices of Motion Received

5. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that in addition to the three Notices of Motion published in the agenda papers on Wednesday 10 January 2018 he has also received the following further three 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.

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.

Notice of Motion 2 – Availability of sanitary products

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

"Council notes reports of girls, especially those from low income families, are often missing from their education due to the high cost of sanitary products. Council calls upon the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to consider measures that can be used to help the children involved, including providing free sanitary products to all girls who may need them and which would help to end period poverty."

Notice of Motion 3 – Liberata contract

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 P M McDonald, Mr R C Lunn, Mr P Denham, Mr L C R Mallett and Ms C M Stalker.

"Council is aware of the problems surrounding the contract held by Liberata and that expenditure was made by the authority to resolve the problem.

Council calls upon OSPB to undertake an investigation to ensure lessons from the failings of this contract are learnt and not repeated.

An investigation should include an examination to ensure there was no unauthorised expenditure and transfer of council employees to Liberata, to examine who approved action and how decisions were made to resolve the problems. To address the concerns of suppliers or individuals who went without payment or had significant delays with payment and to consider if any compensation is necessary. To examine the contract and to determine if it needs any alteration or termination to ensure value for money. To examine the impact on staff involved and to comment on the damage caused to the reputation of the Council."

Notice of Motion 4 – Worcestershire Primary Schools - Key Stage 2 performance levels

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.

"Council recognises that in recent years Worcestershire Primary Schools have increased the percentage of local pupils who are achieving at least the National Average level at Key Stage 2. However, the demographics of Worcestershire would suggest that, instead of performing below National Average levels our pupils should actually be above the National Average, and whilst the gap between the Worcestershire and National attainment level is closing, too many Worcestershire schools are performing well below the Worcestershire Average of 57% in 2017, let alone the National Average of 61%.

Council therefore:

1. Asks the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to bring a paper to Cabinet setting out the consequences of this poor achievement for pupils and for secondary schools; its root causes and a draft policy on how to rectify the position and bring Worcestershire Primary performance to above average; and
2. Requests the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel to urgently investigate ways in which Babcock Prime can be held to account for their delivery against their target of continuous improvement in Key Stage 2 results."

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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.