

COUNCIL
13 SEPTEMBER 2018**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 – Bus and Community Transport Provision

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

"The Council is concerned at the unexpected cuts in bus services announced by First and Diamond bus companies in August which take effect on 17 and 3 September respectively.

We welcome the undertaking that the Council will carry out a fundamental review of its entire subsidised services which will involve a public consultation exercise.

We ask that this review is supported by an urgent cross-party scrutiny into current bus and community transport provision which should include the availability of transport at crucial times of the day to get to work, to school or college, to medical appointments and for shopping. The scrutiny exercise should be completed by middle/late November to feed into the 2019/20 budget-setting process."

Notice of Motion 2 – County Bus Services

5. **This motion is in relation to the exercise of an executive function and will therefore be referred to Cabinet for a decision.**

6. Notice of Motion standing in the names of: Mr R C Lunn, Mr P Denham, Mr P M McDonald, Mr R M Udall, Ms P Agar and Ms C M Stalker

"Council calls on the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways to consider presenting a report to Cabinet, which should include a series of proposals to improve usage, reduce fares and remove some of the main obstacles that slow down buses.

As the County Council are unfortunately not allowed by Government legislation to run its own bus services, we are keen to encourage more people to use the services in the county as this is the best antidote to further service cuts.

We also urge the Cabinet Member to constantly request the very highest standards of service from the county's bus providers and to consider providing an annual report to Cabinet on the relationship between the Council and bus providers and on ways he can encourage and improve the public transport service within the county"

Notice of Motion 3 – Nitrous oxide abuse

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, Ms P Agar, Mr R M Udall, Mr R C Lunn, Mr P Denham and Ms C M Stalker.

"Used gas canisters are increasingly littering our streets as the use of nitrous oxide spreads across the county.

Nitrous oxide, laughing gas or hippy crack is among the latest illicit substances to hit our streets. Nitrous oxide is a colourless gas that when inhaled can make people feel euphoric and relaxed.

The effects of the gas have seen it nicknamed "laughing gas", but it can also cause some people to have hallucinations. The effects are caused by the drug slowing down the brain. Nitrous oxide is normally bought in pressurised canisters. It is then transferred to a container such as a balloon to be inhaled.

It is extremely dangerous: It can cause dizziness and affect your judgement, creating a risk of accidents. In large quantities it can also cause the user to faint or pass out. If nitrous oxide is inhaled through the mouth from a pressurised gas canister or in a confined space it can cause sudden death through lack of oxygen. Heavy, regular use of the drug can cause a deficiency of vitamin B12 and a form of anaemia.

Yet it is illegal to sell it for the purpose young people are using it for and action needs to be taken now before we see young people's health damaged for life and even fatalities.

Therefore, this Council calls upon Trading Standards to take whatever action is necessary to rid our streets of this hippy crack."

Notice of Motion 4 – Domestic abuse

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 M Udall, Ms C M Stalker, Mr P Denham, Mr R C Lunn, Mr P M McDonald and Ms P Agar.

"Council is concerned about the growing rates of reported domestic abuse in Worcestershire and the UK as a whole and wishes to offer our own employees help to escape any abuse and/or violence.

Council asks the Head of Paid Service to amend relevant policies to grant our employees who are victims of domestic abuse ten days' paid leave to allow them to leave their partners, find new homes and to protect themselves and their children."

Notice of Motion 5 – Adult Social Care – Green Paper

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 A I Hardman, Mr J H Smith, Dr K A Pollock, Mr P Grove, Mr S J Mackay, Mr G R Brookes and Ms T L Onslow.

"This Council wishes to celebrate the work of our adult social care services, noting that like the NHS, adult social care is 70 years old this year. Since the National Assistance Act of 1948 social workers and social care assistants have helped many thousands of people in Worcestershire to lead independent and dignified lives. Sadly, and unlike the NHS, no additional monies have been announced to support these critical services. Council resolves to fully support the County Council network's Green Paper as a basis for Government's emerging Green Paper and continue to campaign to highlight the need for additional money to ensure that good quality support is available to those in need, promoting independent and healthy living"

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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.