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To receive the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on four Notices of Motion received by him (**Lilac pages**).

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17 September 2015

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion 1 – Devolution

1. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that he has received the following four 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 Mrs E B Tucker, Mrs S Askin, Mr M E Jenkins and Mrs F M Oborski:

"Emerging legislation includes provision to allow for the devolution of powers from the UK Government to some of England's towns, cities and counties. Worcestershire County Council and the six district councils have commissioned consultants KPMG to work on the county's future devolution options and assist in the drawing up of firm recommendations to the Government.

So far any formal involvement and input from County Councillors into the process has been confined to members of the controlling administration. The devolution debate includes consideration of important options for the future of our county.

It is vital that the views of all Councillors be heard on this matter so that they can be considered and included in the KPMG recommendations to Government and therefore this Council requests that a full debate be conducted on this issue by the end of September".

Notice of Motion 2 – Vulnerable Persons' Relocation Scheme

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

"The County Council notes the recent Government statement that the 'Vulnerable Persons' Relocation Scheme', in place since early 2014, will be expanded, with an additional 20,000 people currently living in camps in Syria, Turkey and Jordan being resettled in the UK by 2020.

The Council recognises the urgent need for action and is determined to play its part, together with partner agencies and authorities, in accommodating an equitable and realistic number of refugees here in Worcestershire as soon as it is practicable to do so.

Accordingly, we would ask the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning to press the Government that adequate funding will continue beyond the first year and to use their delegated authority to work with partner authorities and local agencies, to formulate an application to the Home Office's Syrian Vulnerable Persons' Relocation Scheme".

Notice of Motion 3 – Training Costs

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 C J Bloore, Mr R M Udall, Mr L C R Mallett and Ms P Agar:

"We call upon the Audit and Governance Committee to carry out an investigation into why £4m was spent on training individuals who were part of planned redundancies over the last three years."

Notice of Motion 4 – Combined Authority

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 L C R Mallett, Mr C J Bloore, Mr R M Udall, and Ms P Agar:

"That this Council before finalising the creation of a combined authority with any other authority holds a referendum for the residents of Worcestershire. If such a course of action becomes necessary we suggest the referendum be held on the same day as the local government elections in May next year."

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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.

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