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**COUNCIL**  
**11 FEBRUARY 2016****NOTICES OF MOTION**

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**Notices of Motion Received**

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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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

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 G J Vickery, Mr J Baker, Mr P M McDonald, Mr R C Lunn and Mr P Denham:

"The health of the public of Worcestershire should be the overriding priority of this Council and should be a criterion for assessment of all policies and decisions of this Council. A Public Health Impact Assessment should be included as part of all reports presented to Council and we request that Cabinet follows the same procedure for its reports."

**Notice of Motion 2 – Alcohol-free zone**

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 Mr G J Vickery, Mr J Baker, Mr P M McDonald, Mr R C Lunn and Mr P Denham:

"In view of the fact that one of the three priorities of the Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Board draft strategy 2016 – 2020 is "to help people drink less alcohol", we congratulate the Leader on removing cabinets of alcoholic drinks from Council rooms and we suggest that consequently County Hall should be established as an alcohol-free zone."

### **Notice of Motion 3 – Commissioning Council**

**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 Mrs E B Tucker, Mrs F M Oborski, Prof. J W Raine, Mrs S Askin, Mr T A L Wells and Mr M E Jenkins:

"This Council aims to commission the vast majority of its services and to become a commissioning Council. In light of the recent high profile failings we seek evidence that this organisation still retains the necessary capacity and expertise to fulfil its statutory obligations and ensure contractual specifications are being met.

Therefore we request a regular reporting mechanism so that Council and public can be reassured."

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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.

**COUNCIL**  
**11 FEBRUARY 2016****REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**  
**TAKEN BY THE PENSIONS COMMITTEE**

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**LGPS Asset Pooling**

1. The Government has announced its intention to work with Local Government Pension Scheme administering authorities to ensure that they pool investments to significantly reduce costs while maintaining overall investment performance.
2. By 19 February 2016 Funds must submit an initial proposal to Government including commitments to pooling, describing 'progress towards formalising arrangements with other authorities'. These submissions can be individual or joint, or both.
3. The Committee has approved the LGPS CENTRAL pool as the preferred pool option. The pool consists of eight like-minded LGPS Funds based in the central England area who are proposing to combine to meet the Government's criteria for the pooling of assets. The pool's asset value would be at least £35bn, which exceeds the scale criteria set by Government. A key feature of the proposal is that a 'One Fund, One Vote' policy would apply to ensure each Fund has equal influence over pool implementation and decisions once operational.
4. Authority has been delegated to the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to continue discussions with LGPS CENTRAL pool members to determine a joint response to the Government's consultation by 19 February 2016 regarding LGPS asset pooling and similarly for determining an individual response from the Fund.
5. The Committee has approved the changes required to the Extended Scheme of Delegation to the Chief Financial Officer in light of the Government's LGPS asset pooling agenda. The Committee has also asked that future Committee reports have particular focus on the implications of asset pooling on asset fund management.

**Summary of passive equities transition**

6. The Committee has previously provided the Chief Financial Officer with delegated authority to complete the joint procurement of a passive equity manager and if required terminate the Fund's incumbent passive equity manager (UBS). The LGPS Group, consisting of Cheshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire, working in conjunction with bfinance completed the tender in November 2015 and the preferred bidder was identified as Legal and General Asset Management (LGIM). Following consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the Chief Financial Officer decided to progress the appointment of LGIM and notify UBS of their mandate termination following the

transition of assets. The Committee has noted the summary of passive equities transition from UBS to LGIM.

**Mr R W Banks**  
**Chairman**

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### **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda papers for the meeting of the Pensions Committee held on 3 February 2016.