

Thursday, 12 January 2017, 10.00 am, County Hall, Worcester

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COUNCIL
12 JANUARY 2017**NOTICES OF MOTION - Continued**

Notices of Motion Received

1. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that in addition to the Notice of Motion published in the agenda papers on Wednesday 4 January 2017 he has received the following four further 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 2 – Return to a form of committee system

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

"In November last year, Worcester City Council voted to switch to a committee system to run the council.

Worcester joins a growing list of councils, including county councils like ourselves, which have either switched or are actively looking at switching to some form of committee system to run their council.

The current Cabinet system excludes most councillors and Worcestershire residents from any meaningful input to decision-making. The elected representatives of the people of Worcestershire would serve their residents better through a cross-party committee system, which works from published papers and reports and thus gives far greater transparency and leads to better decision-making.

Council believes that we should start the process of moving to a form of committee system."

Notice of Motion 3 – Children's Centres

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 J Baker, Mr P M McDonald, Mr R M Udall, Ms P A Hill, Mr R C Lunn, Mr C J Bloore and Mr G J Vickery:

"Council is aware of a number of Children's Centres that have either significantly reduced their services or have announced their closure. This is despite the Cabinet Member with Responsibility (CMR) claiming at scrutiny meetings that "no children's centre will close". Council therefore calls upon the CMR to consider offering an apology to the service users who have been disadvantaged by his decision"

Notice of Motion 4 – Co-operative Councils

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 A Hill, Mr R C Lunn and Mr G J Vickery:

"Council has been impressed by the number of Councils such as Oldham that have become leading Co-operative Councils. This was achieved by implementing a new council structure that reduced the financial burden, bureaucracy and administration. Council therefore requests the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board to consider an investigation on how this Council could achieve its required savings by advancing towards a new structure incorporating Co-operative values and principles."

Notice of Motion 5 – Cross-country Train service to Bromsgrove Railway Station

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 C J Bloore, Mr R C Lunn, Ms P A Hill, Mr R M Udall and Mr P M McDonald:

"Council recognises the concerning news that despite the large investment into Bromsgrove Railway Station, Cross-country Trains have put forward proposals to axe four long distance trains servicing Bromsgrove Railway Station.

Council asks the Leader and Chief Executive to write to Cross-country Trains on behalf of this Council to urge them to reconsider these damaging proposals"

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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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