

3 July 2014

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1. The Director of Resources 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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.

Notice of Motion 1 – School provision in Redditch

- 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 Ms P A Hill, Mr R C Lunn, Mr J Baker, Mr V J Vickery, Mr P Denham Ms P Agar and Mr P M McDonald:

"It is our understanding that the Council expects head teachers and governing bodies of local Academies to ensure the needs of their local communities are considered when considering changes.

If this is the case can we ask that the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families denounces the confusion, consternation and turmoil caused by the Tudor Grange Trust in Redditch and requests the Chief Executive of the said Trust to defer their consultation on changing its age range from 13 – 18 to 11 – 18 years and also she requests the Education Funding Agency to seek further clarification on the business case which can be provided to parents, governors and staff of those concerned schools in Redditch?"

Notice of Motion 2 – Transport Infrastructure in Bromsgrove

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

"Council notes the community concerns within Bromsgrove District in respect of transport infrastructure, in particular around the town. Council notes recent submissions to Bromsgrove District Council from the Bromsgrove Society and other organisations as to the provision of a Western Link Road for the town.

Council requests that the Cabinet Member with Responsibility considers progressing a feasibility study into the costs, funding and benefits of the provision of a Western Link Road in Bromsgrove to relieve congestion in the town and underpin economic and population growth."

Notice of Motion 3 – Park and Ride services and other bus services in Worcester

- 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 Denham, Mr P M McDonald, Ms P Agar, Mr G J Vickery, Mr J Baker Mr R C Lunn and Ms P A Hill:

"Council is extremely concerned about the decision to terminate the Park & Ride services from Perdiswell and Six Ways in September. In particular, this Council is fearful that increased congestion will occur in Worcester's already heavily-congested streets. We believe that the impact on the city's employers, employees, local residents, hospital workers, school children, students, users of health services, shoppers, potential tourists and other visitors will be harmful to both the city and county economies.

Council further notes with serious concern the decision to remove subsidy to bus routes in the city, believing that the impact of these service cuts on those dependent on public transport has been underestimated.

Council therefore proposes an urgent joint scrutiny review with Worcester City council of the above decisions, and requests that the agreement of the City Council is sought to such a joint scrutiny."

Notice of Motion 4 – Park and Ride services in Worcester

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

"Recent Cabinet and Scrutiny debates on the proposals to scrap the Park and Ride have referred to many towns and

cities that have successful schemes. For park and ride to be successful there has to be connection between the cost of car parking in the towns and the provision of Park and Ride. It is apparent that this connection does not exist in Worcester, especially as the current City Council administration has already announced that they will be reducing car parking costs.

This Council asks that the County and City Council Cabinet Members responsible revisit the decision to scrap the Park and Ride schemes and work together with a political will to produce a joined-up policy that will promote their use. This will reduce congestion – we are currently the third most traffic-congested city in the country – and avoid the waste of huge financial resources that have already been spent on existing and future Park and Ride schemes."

Contact Points

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Director of Resources) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.