

COUNCIL
12 SEPTEMBER 2019**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Notices of Motion Received

1. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that he has received the following 6 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 Footways

1. **This motion is not in relation to the exercise of an executive function and the Council may decide to determine the Motion.**
2. Notice of Motion standing in the names of Mrs E B Tucker, Prof J W Raine, Mrs F M Oborski and Mr M E Jenkins:

"This Council understands the important contribution that walking makes to people's health – even just getting out of the house and walking to the shop, walking the dog, or a short walk in the fresh air can make all the difference.

For people with weak ankles, walking disabilities or frailties of aging, it is particularly important that roadside paths are in a safe and level state.

Council asks for the Cabinet Member for Highways to take a report to Cabinet setting out the current criteria that trigger maintenance work on footways and what changes to those standards are required for safe walking by less able or less confident walkers. This should include equalities advice plus input from outside organisations and include the safety of people using buggies.

We also ask that the report reviews the construction specifications for housebuilders where they affect the public footway. Pedestrian safety and the convenience of flat and level paths should take precedence over the desire of householders to reduce the gradient of their driveways."

Notice of Motion 2 – Road Verge Biomass Harvesting

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, Prof J W Raine, Mr M E Jenkins and Mrs F M Oborski:

"Lincolnshire County Council is letting its grass verges grow wild over summer in order to encourage pollinators such as butterflies and bees instead of mowing them. At the end of the summer, the grass will be cut and the long cuttings sent to be used as biofuel. The money made from the scheme will be put back into maintaining the verges for next year.

The Council has produced a "tool kit" for other interested councils, so others could trial this energy production technique, and charities the RHS and Plantlife have endorsed such schemes.

See <https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/wildlife/wildlife-gardening/wildflower-hub/verges-faq> for more information.

This is a great idea that Worcestershire County Council should investigate. Council asks for the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to commission a report into the feasibility of implementing a similar scheme in Worcestershire."

Notice of Motion 3 – Preparations for Brexit

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 Prof J W Raine, Mrs E B Tucker and Mr M E Jenkins.

"Number of jobs in county at risk of being affected by BREXIT. What preparations are being made by the Council and colleagues?"

Many jobs within Worcestershire will be at risk when the UK leaves the European Union, and even more so if the departure is done without a deal. This Council asks for an urgent report on its own preparations to support the local economy and residents of Worcestershire throughout this challenging time, and on the mechanisms in place to co-ordinate with other organisations such as the Local Resilience Forum and District Councils".

Notice of Motion 4 – Employment agencies

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 R C Lunn, Mr L C R Mallett, Mr P M McDonald, Ms P Agar, Mr A Fry, Mr P Denham and Mr C M Stalker.

“Council is concerned about a recent disclosure that it paid £823.00 per day since July 2017 for one agency worker. To secure value for money and to protect Worcestershire from poor reputational risk, Council requests the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board to establish an urgent review into the use of employment agencies by the County Council. To uncover total spend, assess value for money and to recommend any new methods of engagement”.

Notice of Motion 5 – Bewdley Fire Station

9. Council may decide to determine the Motion should the Chairman be satisfied it meets the constitutional requirements of PSO 17.

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

“Council calls upon the Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority to reconsider and review their future proposals for Bewdley Fire Station, especially after the decision of both the Police and the Ambulance Services to withdraw from the proposed Blue Light Hub.”

Notice of Motion 6 – Royal Mail and Post Office Services

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 R C Lunn, Mr P M McDonald, Ms P Agar, Mr A Fry, Mr L C R Mallett, Mr P Denham and Ms C M Stalker.

“Council has the power to act as champion of the consumer by investigating the Post Office and the Royal Mail and by scrutinising the provision of their services within the county. Council is concerned by the number of recent Post Office closures in the county and asks the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board to consider a scrutiny exercise into the services provided by both the Royal Mail and the Post Office”.

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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.