

COUNCIL
15 JULY 2021**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Notices of Motion Received

1. The Assistant Director for Legal and Governance reports that he has received the following 3 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 – Climate Change

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 Cllr Mel Allcott, Cllr Lynn Denham, Cllr Dan Boatright, Cllr Richard Udall, Cllr Luke Mallett, Cllr Jake Satterthwaite and Cllr Josh Robinson:

“Climate change is already causing a serious problem for our communities across Worcestershire and society across the world. The Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change’s 2018 Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5% calls for urgent action within 12 years to protect people from the consequences of irreversible climate change. All governments, national, regional and local have a duty to act.

Council declares a climate emergency that requires urgent action and therefore calls upon Worcestershire County Council’s Cabinet to commit to doing the following:

- Work with our partner authorities to review and update all relevant strategies, ensuring more ambitious targets for improvement
- Establish a Member Advisory Group to engage with the community, develop an action plan and report regularly on actions taken
- This Council sets the target of reaching carbon neutral by 2035.”

Notice of Motion 2 – West Mercia Rape and Sexual Assault Support Centre (WMRSASC)

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: Cllr Mel Allcott, Cllr Richard Udall, Cllr Dan Boatright, and Cllr Lynn Denham

“Council notes with deep regret the decision of WMRSASC to close its waiting list due to a lack of funding. Council calls upon the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to urgently consider providing a report to Cabinet to discuss ways in which the County Council could help to secure funding to enable this essential service to continue”

Notice of Motion 3 – Road Safety

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 Cllr Matt Jenkins, Cllr Beverley Nielsen, Cllr Martin Allen, Cllr Natalie McVey and Cllr Tom Wells:

“With over 1,000 human casualties on the road each year in Worcestershire - half reputedly involving pedal or motor cycles - and all the personal tragedy that this involves, is it not time, once and for all, to finally crack down on speeding in our county?

To this shocking toll, we can add the devastating impact on our wildlife. An estimated 300k-700k birds, at least 3,500 endangered hedgehogs and animal wildlife already at a precarious tipping point, are all mown down each year on our roads in Worcestershire.

We call on this Council to immediately prioritise road safety, and speeding enforcement, to protect our residents, visitors and all who go about their business or leisure on our roads in Worcestershire. We call on this council to immediately prioritise road safety to help our dwindling wildlife.

We know how passionately the public feels about this, as our inboxes are filled with complaints and concerns. Our conversations with fellow members across all parties reveal similar disquiet and distress.

A specific action we are calling for would be for this council to conduct a pilot project, with our Police and Crime Commissioner, drawing on a zero-tolerance approach to speeding through rigorous monitoring and enforcement of speeding limits across Worcestershire. This should be implemented with a sense of urgency, total conviction, and clarity of purpose.”

Contact Points

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.