

COUNCIL

13 JANUARY 2022

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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 – Her Majesty, The Queen

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 Elizabeth Eyre, Cllr Scott Richardson Brown, Cllr Richard Morris, Cllr David Chambers, and Cllr Brandon Clayton:

“This Council acknowledges the unique achievement of Her Majesty, The Queen, in being our longest-serving monarch; it commends her long life of service to our nation, our Commonwealth and many aspects of International life.

It requests the Chairman send loyal congratulations on behalf of our residents and agrees to support them and their communities, during the 4-day 2022 programme of events, around the County, as permitted by the Covid restrictions at the time: from facilitating road closures for street parties, to supporting tree plantings, to encouraging divisional funds appropriately to support the costs of celebrating her Platinum Jubilee.”

Notice of Motion 2 – Declaration of a Biodiversity Emergency

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 Josh Robinson, Cllr Jack Satterthwaite, Cllr Lynn Denham, Cllr Richard Udall, and Cllr Dan Boatright:

“Council declares a Biodiversity Emergency and commits to doing the following:

- Produce a biodiversity strategy to support sustainable land management, which is sympathetic to wildlife and the prevention of wildlife habitats being unnecessarily destroyed and to seek ways to create and care for wildlife-rich spaces across Worcestershire
- Work with partners to review and update all existing relevant strategies
- Establish a Member Advisory Group to assist with the future revision of a biodiversity strategy and report annually on actions taken.”

Notice of Motion 3 – Health impacts of the pandemic

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

“The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on all our lives. In particular, it has highlighted and exacerbated the existing health inequalities that exist within our society.

There are various areas where these effects are felt, often cutting across the council departments of health, adult care and children’s services.

Examples of the concerns are:

- The impact on children born during the pandemic
- School readiness of children on free school meals
- Worsening educational outcomes and risk for the most disadvantaged
- Impact on mental health
- Black, Asian and other ethnic groups carry a disproportionate toll due to the pandemic.

This motion calls for the creation of a scrutiny task group or member advisory group that can undertake a cross-departmental investigation of the impact of the pandemic on health inequalities and find solutions that reverse these impacts.”

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.