

COUNCIL
19 MAY 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 – Equality Impact Assessments and the Council's obligations to people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010

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

“Council is concerned that the Equality Impact Assessments at Worcestershire County Council may not be sufficiently robust to meet our obligations to people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. We request the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to urgently review policies, procedures and processes, learning from best practice in other authorities, and to consider if he needs to bring a report back to Cabinet’.”

Notice of Motion 2 – Valuing and Encouraging Foster Carers

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 Richard Morris, Cllr Adam Kent, Cllr Mike Rouse, Cllr Kyle Daisley, Cllr Andy Roberts, and Cllr Emma Marshall:

“Foster Care Fortnight is between 10 to 23 May this year. The annual campaign aims to raise the profile of fostering and to show how foster care transforms lives. It is also the UK's biggest foster carer recruitment campaign.

Foster carers provide a safe, loving environment for vulnerable children. With their love and support, the children in their care quickly adapt and often thrive. Put simply, foster carers help to make a real difference to vulnerable children in society.

This motion seeks to get councillors (in their role of corporate parents) to help build the body of people who carry out this vital service.

Foster Care Fortnight is the UK's biggest foster care awareness raising campaign, delivered by leading fostering charity, The Fostering Network. Established for almost 20 years, the campaign showcases the commitment, passion, and dedication of foster carers. It also supports fostering services to highlight the need for more foster carers. Nationally, thousands of new foster families are needed every year to care for children, with the greatest need being for foster carers for older children, sibling groups, disabled children and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

It is proposed that Council agree that councillors make efforts, using their connections, network and social media, to engage with people in their division to emphasise the role of foster care, its importance and how they can make further enquiries."

Notice of Motion 3 – Acknowledgement of Worcestershire's Veterans and Service Personnel

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 Martin Allen, Cllr Matt Jenkins, Cllr Josh Robinson, Cllr Dan Boatright, Cllr Beverley Nielsen, Cllr Mel Allcott, Cllr Luke Mallett, Cllr Natalie McVey, and Cllr Lynn Denham:

"As indicated by its active involvement with the Armed Forces Covenant, this Council acknowledges the service and sacrifice of Worcestershire's Veterans and Service Personnel of Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

In the fortieth anniversary year of the Falklands Conflict, this Council requests that the Chairman send to her Majesty the Queen, our grateful thanks, and good wishes to all Veterans and Service Personnel for their loyal service and dedication in protecting and upholding the values and traditions of our Country. This Council further acknowledges the great debt we all owe to these men and women, who step into danger when called upon to do so."

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.