

COUNCIL

8 SEPTEMBER 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 – Bikeability

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 Emma Stokes, Cllr Emma Marshall, Cllr Alan Amos and Cllr Bob Brookes:

“The Council currently engages 23 instructors to deliver Bikeability, the Department for Transport Flagship national cycling programme for school children, to an expected 5,000 plus Children in Worcestershire during 2022/2023.

Whilst Bikeability assists the delivery of cycling competency and confidence to school children, this Council supports Bikeability PLUS schemes for delivery of family Bikeability, and e-bikes to increase cycling competency in adults.

We all saw an increase in cycling during lockdown; confidently, but “a bit wobbly”, sharing the road space with other users and this should be encouraged post lockdown.

An increase in cycling proficiency and confidence will sit within the Council’s promise to improve mental health, wellbeing and physical health and reduce car usage with associated carbon reduction benefits.

This Council, therefore, requests that the Cabinet Member(s) with Responsibility look at the allocation of some resource to ensure that this can be progressed”

Notice of Motion 2 – Rivers

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 Luke Mallett, and Cllr Richard Udall:

“Council believes cleaning up our rivers is important for public health and to protect and enhance wildlife, and that this requires the involvement of a wide range of stakeholders including local authorities, water companies, farmers, land-owners, developers, businesses and individual Worcestershire residents.

Therefore, Worcestershire County Council has a role to play in educating and raising awareness of the many individual behavioural changes that we can all make to lessen our impact on water pollution and the wider water environment.

Council calls upon the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to consider bringing a report to cabinet to outline the legal obligations and powers available to the council and to explore how Worcestershire County Council, in partnership with District Councils, the Environment Agency and other partners, can all contribute to improving river water quality in Worcestershire.”

Notice of Motion 3 – Air Quality

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

“Poor air quality is a huge problem that the county has a large role in reducing. Transport is one of the primary causes of poor air quality and we, as the highways authority, have a leading responsibility to act in ways that improve air quality.

We call on the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to:

1. Make sure that Worcestershire County Council commits to taking an active leadership role in improving air quality and supporting the district councils.
2. Ensure impact assessments include the impact of our actions on air quality.
3. Work with WRS and City Councils/District Councils to encourage a collaborative review of best practices in terms of air quality prioritisation and improvement.
4. Work with partners to produce an updated Air Quality Strategy and Action Plan for Worcestershire and make this available ASAP.
5. The Air Quality Action Plan Steering Group for Worcestershire needs to be promoted and appointments clarified.

Have a regular review of the action plan, with a focus on the implementation of relevant proposals.”

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.