

## **COUNCIL**

### **9 NOVEMBER 2023**

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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### **Notices of Motion Received**

1. The Assistant Director for Legal and Governance reports that she 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 – Pesticide/Herbicide-free Worcestershire**

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 Cllrs Matt Jenkins, Martin Allen, Natalie McVey, Tom Wells, Andrew Cross, Beverley Nielsen, and Malcom Victory:

“As a ‘pollinator-friendly’ county, we aim to play our part in slowing and reversing the dramatic decline of pollinators globally. As part of this, the county is aware that it needs to continue to reduce pesticide use, as there is evidence showing a link between glyphosate-based herbicides and biodiversity loss.

There is growing evidence that glyphosate is a higher health risk than previously assumed and that the World Health Organisation has upgraded glyphosate to ‘probably carcinogenic to humans’, with a growing understanding of the damages caused by other chemical weed killers and pesticides to health and the environment.

Other councils in Britain have already decided to ban the use of glyphosate and other chemicals in their own operations. This is in the wake of large cities all over the world - such as Chicago and Paris – who have already decided on a ban and the Netherlands and Denmark which have banned the use of glyphosate in urban areas.

Our motion has the following goals:

- To reduce and ultimately end the use of all pesticides (mostly herbicides) by the council, its officers and contractors on all land directly or indirectly under its control, within 5 years. We understand that there may be rare exceptions, such as dealing with Japanese Knotweed, where this may not be feasible.

- Work with those district councils that wish to eliminate glyphosate-based herbicides.
- Bring in other key stakeholders to follow suit in ending the use of pesticides on land under their control.
- Encourage the public to stop the use of pesticides in gardens, allotments and other areas.

Our motion:

Calls on the Cabinet Member Responsible to draw up a herbicide-free strategy that sets a clear direction of travel and timescales. The strategy should include investigating the alternatives to herbicides, such as hot foam (Foamstream has been shown to work as well as glyphosate-based products). This strategy should be available for scrutiny and approved by the Council within a year.”

### **Notice of Motion 2 – Vaping**

**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 Cllrs Mel Allcott, Lynn Denham, Josh Robinson and Luke Mallett:

“This Council regrets the huge rise in vaping amongst those people who have never vaped, whilst acknowledging the benefits to the population it can have for people trying to stop smoking.

We call on the Council:

- to support the cross party LGA view that disposable vapes should be banned
- to ensure all vacancies in trading standards are filled in a timely manner to ensure we can deter any illegal sales of vapes
- to continue to work with schools to highlight the dangers of vaping in young people
- to promote the ways in which disposable vapes can be recycled.’

### **Notice of Motion 3 – Local bus services**

**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 Cllrs Mel Allcott, Lynn Denham, Josh Robinson and Luke Mallett:

“Worcestershire residents want reliable bus services so they can get to work, to hospital appointments and to meet their friends. We therefore welcome the Government’s announcement of £3.4 million proposed funding for Worcestershire to “improve services and make buses cheaper and more reliable”.

This Council made an unsuccessful bid last April for £84 million which the government said “lacked ambition” so it is difficult to understand how £3.4 million will be ‘transformative’.

Council supports the LGA’s call for greater long-term investment in local bus services. We request the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer requesting that significant sustainable funding for public transport be included in his Autumn Statement.”

## **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.