

9 July 2015

6. NOTICES OF MOTION - CONTINUED

Notice of Motion 2 – Protection of pollinators

5. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that in addition to the Notice of Motion circulated on 30 June 2015 he has also received the following three 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.

6. 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.

7. This motion is in relation to the exercise of an executive function and will therefore be referred to Cabinet for a decision.

8. Notice of Motion standing in the names of Mr A N Blagg, Mr A I Hardman, and Mrs E A Eyre:

“This Council wishes to designate Worcestershire as a Pollinator Friendly County and to promote protection of pollinators and their habitats. All types of pollinators including bees are declining in number throughout the United Kingdom including Worcestershire. They are vital to the food supply of the nation and are particularly important in a county with a large agricultural and horticultural industry such as ours where food including fruit, grains and animal feeds are grown. This will include looking to the management of County Council owned land including roadside verges and spreading information on biodiversity to help residents and businesses play their part in increasing local habitats, promoting bee keeping and planting pollinator friendly plants.

Pollinators include various species of bees, butterflies, moths, beetles and hoverflies. The economic value of honey bees and bumble bees alone as pollinators of commercially grown insect pollinated crops in the UK has been estimated at over £200 million per year.

Pollinators have been affected by a number of issues

including a decline in habitat, caused by the intensification of land use, habitat loss, pests, invasive species, climate change and the inappropriate use of agro-chemicals. The bee population in particular has declined significantly since the 1950's, with three native bumble bee species becoming extinct and another eight suffering serious contractions in their range.

We call upon all Council Members and Officers to make sure pollinator habitats are not destroyed and to help increase them wherever possible”.

Notice of Motion 3 – Childhood Obesity

9. This motion is not in relation to the exercise of an executive function and the Council may decide to determine the Motion.

10. Notice of Motion standing in the names of Mrs E B Tucker, Mr T A L Wells, Mrs F M Oborski, Professor J W Raine and Mrs S Askin:

"Council notes with concern the recent report which highlighted Redditch and Wyre Forest as areas with extremely high levels of Childhood Obesity. Council therefore requests the Cabinet Members with Responsibility and relevant officers to compile urgent advice to schools on ways to combat this serious risk to the health of our young people."

Notice of Motion 4 – Clerk to the Lord Lieutenant

11. This motion is not in relation to the exercise of an executive function and the Council may decide to determine the Motion.

12. Notice of Motion standing in the names of Mr P M McDonald, Mr G J Vickery, Mr R M Udall and Mr C J Bloore:

"In the context of the financial pressures on Council expenditure and demands made on contractors and commissioners to demonstrate propriety of expenditure and value for money, the Council invites the Clerk to the Lord Lieutenant to meet with the Council to report on his activities in which there is much public interest."

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Background Papers

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In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.