

COUNCIL
12 MAY 2016**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Notices of Motion Received

1. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reports that he had received the following three Notices of Motion at the date the agenda papers were published. 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 Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.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 – Planning Applications relating to fracking

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 Mr P Denham, Mr P M McDonald, Mr C J Bloore and Mr R M Udall:

"This Council believes that local councillors, who are democratically accountable, are the best people to make decisions on contentious planning issues. We welcome the Government's commitment to Localism and note that there is a commitment to allowing local planning authorities to determine wind farm applications.

It therefore appears inconsistent that the Government plans to designate fracking wells as "nationally significant infrastructure projects" which would remove planning decisions on fracking from local authority control, thus denying local residents the ability to express their views on such applications.

We therefore mandate the Chief Executive to write on behalf of this Council to:

Liz Truss, the Environment Secretary;
Amber Rudd, the Energy Secretary; and
Greg Clark, the Communities Secretary

to urge them to reconsider their proposals and to allow planning decisions on fracking to be made by local planning authorities".

Notice of Motion 2 – Government White Paper – Educational Excellence Everywhere

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 Mr P Denham, Mr P M McDonald, Mr C J Bloore and Mr R M Udall:

"This Council notes:

The publication of the Government's White Paper, Educational Excellence Everywhere, which:

- dictates that all schools in Worcestershire must adopt the academy model and must do so by 2022
- is projected to cost the people of Worcestershire £5,000 – £15,000 per school transferred
- will remove from parents the right to be represented on the governing body of their child's school
- proposes to leave the Council with duties to schools, parents and children which it will no longer have the power or the money to enact
- Head teachers at all levels have expressed concerns regarding the contents of the White Paper.

Therefore, we ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to consider carrying out a consultation exercise with all heads and governors of maintained schools for their views on the current proposals within the White Paper".

Notice of Motion 3 – Asbestos in Council buildings

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 Mr P M McDonald, Mr C J Bloore, Mr P Denham and Mr R M Udall:

"This Council have been made aware since November 2015 when the question was asked by Councillor Peter McDonald, Labour Group Leader *"How many buildings owned and those run by the County Council have asbestos in them?"* that there were 160 Academy Schools and an additional 539 buildings.

Since then it has come to light that there are 177 maintained schools in addition to the 160 academies that have asbestos within them putting teachers and students at risk from asbestosis. The Council has done nothing to rid these buildings of what can only be described as a very dangerous substance.

Therefore, we request the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to consider developing and implementing a plan for the removal of all asbestos which ensures that removal is completed as soon as is reasonably practical but certainly no later than 2017".

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Background Papers

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.