

MEETING:	Council
MEETING DATE:	25 September 2015
TITLE OF REPORT:	Notices of motion under standing orders
REPORT BY:	Governance manager

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To consider Notices of Motion.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The Constitution provides that Members of Council can submit written notice of motions for debate at Council. A motion must be signed by at least one Member and submitted not later than midday on the seventh working day before the date of the Meeting.
- 2 Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the area.
- 3 Motions for which notice has been given will be listed on the agenda in the order in which notice was received, to a maximum of three, unless the Member giving notice states, in writing, that they propose to move it to a later meeting or withdraw it. Motions exceeding three are not listed on the Agenda and will be held over for listing on the Agenda for the next meeting in the order they were received.
- 4 A maximum of 1 ½ hours will be allocated for dealing with notices of motion but that time may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman.
- 5 Where a critical local situation arises a motion signed by two Members may be permitted in addition to the maximum of three if accepted by the Chairman in consultation with the Monitoring Officer.
- 6 Two notices of motion have been received. These are set out below.

MOTION ONE – No 1 Ledbury Road - short breaks and respite care

(Proposed by Councillor MD Lloyd-Hayes)

That, in view of the vision contained within the children and young people's plan that our children and young people grow up healthy, happy and safe within supportive families and carers, this Council resolves that:

The executive be asked to:

- a) commit to the retention of the option for families and young people to access professionally staffed respite care in Herefordshire;
- b) honour its obligations to actively involve parents/carers and children at all stages of any change programme; and
- c) consider the recommendations from the task & finish group before any decision is made on any changes to the respite care service provision in Herefordshire.

MOTION TWO – Chinese Lanterns

(Proposed by Councillor BA Baker)

Members of this council will be aware of the regular use of Chinese Lanterns at large public events and other social occasions throughout the country in general and in this county in particular, but may not be aware of the damage their use can cause to private and commercial property and their potentially lethal effects if swallowed by farm animals or domestic pets, especially in rural counties such as ours.

They have been responsible for any number of fires throughout the UK and a serious incident at a caravan park near Tewkesbury was caused by one of these lanterns quite recently.

Herefordshire Council currently has no policy on the use of Chinese Lanterns within our parks, our open spaces, our river banks, our cemeteries or the crematorium gardens, nor are there any restrictions on their use at public events licensed by this authority.

I therefore move that Council resolve: "That the executive consider imposing restrictions on the use of Chinese lanterns on council owned land or at events licensed by the council, and consider implementing a publicity campaign to inform residents of the risks associated with the use of such lanterns."

Background Papers

- None