

Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	30 September 2016
Title of report:	Motions on notice
Report by:	Monitoring officer

Classification

Part exempt

Motion one is exempt by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Key decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards affected

Countywide

Purpose

To consider motions received on notice.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) the motions as listed at paragraphs 7 and 8 are debated and determined by Council.

Alternative options

- 1 There are no alternative options to the recommendation; the constitution makes provision for motions on notice to be debated and decided by Council.

Reasons for recommendations

- 2 To comply with the provisions of the constitution.

Key considerations

- 3 The constitution provides that members of Council may 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.

- 4 Motions must be about matters for which the council has a responsibility or which affect the area.
- 5 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.
- 6 A maximum of 1½ hours will be allocated for dealing with notices of motion but that time may be extended at the discretion of the chairman.
- 7 Two notices of motion have been received and are set out below:

Motion one

In the opinion of the Proper Officer this item will not be, or is likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time it is considered and the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for this item of business.

Motion two– Supplementary planning document (SPD) relating to polytunnels

(Proposed by Councillor EJ Swinglehurst)

With the adoption on the Core Strategy in 2015 a number of other planning policies were either replaced, saved or lost. One of the lost policies was the supplementary planning document (SPD) relating to Poly tunnels. This is a comprehensive and detailed supplementary policy framework dealing specifically with the impact of Poly tunnels, it was originally adopted in 2008 and I believe it is still relevant.

It represents not only a tremendous amount of work, investment of officer time and expertise but also it is a clear statement of what is required of applications. This is a helpful framework for applicants, objectors and officers alike and I would like to ask the Council and Executive to consider re-instating all policy compliant elements of this piece of work to sit alongside the core strategy.

This would aid in the determining of applications, reduce the likelihood of appeals, assist the planning committee in determining applications and contribute to ensuring a sustainable future for this type of farming in the county.

I therefore make this proposal

That Herefordshire Council ask the Executive to consider reinstating the SPD on Poly tunnels working with officers to ensure that the policy is still fit for purpose, up to date and policy compliant.

Community impact

- 8 None arising from the recommendation; if any motions results in a request that the executive (cabinet) take some action the implications of such action will inform any decision by cabinet.

Equality duty

- 9 None arising from the recommendation; if any motions results in a request that the executive (cabinet) take some action the implications of such action will inform any decision by cabinet

Financial implications

- 10 None arising from the recommendation; if any motions results in a request that the executive (cabinet) take some action the implications of such action will inform any decision by cabinet.

Legal implications

- 11 None arising from the recommendation; if any motions results in a request that the executive (cabinet) take some action the implications of such action will inform any decision by cabinet.

Risk management

- 12 None arising from the recommendation; if any motions results in a request that the executive (cabinet) take some action the risks associated with such action will inform any decision by cabinet.

Consultees

- 13 None.

Appendices

None.

Background papers

- None identified.