

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>9 March 2018</b>
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Motions on notice</b>
<b>Report by:</b>	<b>Solicitor to the Council</b>

## **Classification**

Open

## **Key decision**

This is not an executive decision.

## **Wards affected**

Countywide

## **Purpose**

To consider motions received on notice.

## **Recommendation**

**THAT: the motions listed at paragraph 7 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 the proposer and seconder 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 unless the member giving notice states, in writing, that they propose to move it to a later meeting or withdraw it.

- 6 Up to one and a half hours will be allocated for debate on notices of motion but that time may be varied at the discretion of the chairman.
- 7 Four notices of motion have been received and are set out below:

### **Motion – Code of Conduct**

(Proposed by Councillor EPJ Harvey, Seconded by Councillor MD Lloyd-Hayes)

**The constitution of this Council rightly requires our employees to conform to high standards as regards the declaration of their personal interests. Presently we have not set a similarly high standard for elected members. In the interests of fairness and in line with the standards of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership which are required of councillors, I propose that:**

**This council commits its elected members to the standards for the declaration of their personal interests which it already requires of its employees as regards membership of any organisation which: is not open to the public without formal membership; or requires a commitment of allegiance; or has secrecy about its rules or about the conduct of its members.**

### **Motion – Verge Parking**

(Proposed by Councillor BA Baker, Seconded by Councillor SP Anderson )

**The damage caused by vehicles being parked carelessly on grass verges is not only unsightly but can add to the costs of maintaining the verges and highways at a time when council resources are already stretched. In light of this largely unregulated activity I move that the executive be asked to consider putting in place suitable controls to restrict parking on grass verges, including the introduction of by-laws.**

### **Motion – Video Casting**

(Proposed by Councillor AJP Powers, Seconded by Councillor FM Norman)

**Recognising that, following It's Our County's proposal and after a nine month trial period, this council has recently decided to audio-cast public meetings and to adopt these recordings as audio minutes; and knowing that almost all our neighbouring authorities (Gloucestershire, Monmouthshire, Powys and Worcestershire), and many others, already routinely video-cast their meetings – an option originally rejected by this council on cost grounds**

**That, to align this council with best practice elsewhere, the executive is asked**

- a) to re-consider the merits of 'up-grading' from audio to live on-line video streaming so that the public meetings of Herefordshire Council and its elected members would be publically open and visible to those unable to attend, and that the recordings should be archived and made available on-line.**
- b) to consider a trial period for live video streaming, with the opportunity during the trial for feedback from elected members and the public.**

## **Motion – Eastern River Crossing**

(Proposed by Councillor JLV Kenyon, Seconded by Councillor SM Michael)

**This council notes that the dates for completion of the western bypass are unknown, that it will not relieve the traffic issues within the city and also it's not its primary purpose.**

**The executive is asked to investigate and ensure that a protective corridor can be established for an Eastern river crossing from the B4399 at Rotherwas crossing over the B4224 near to the proposed rugby club development through to the A438 close to the Cock of Tupsley.**

### **Community impact**

- 8 None arising from the recommendation; if any motion 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 motion 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 motion 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 motion 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 motion 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**