

MEETING:	Council
MEETING DATE:	26 September 2014
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 Five notices of motion have been received. The first three received are set out below. The other two have been held over for the next Council meeting in accordance with the Constitution.

NOTICE OF MOTION ONE –Rotherwas Rail Link

(Submitted by Councillor RI Matthews (seconded by Councillor J Hardwick)

Herefordshire Independents believe that a far more forward looking approach to our infrastructure policies is required by this authority. This particularly applies to our utilisation of rail transport. The efficient movement of people and goods with the minimum environmental impact is an essential element to support the growth of our economy and vital to encourage new businesses onto the Enterprise Zone.

To help to sustain progress, we believe that some clear objectives should be set out to help to clarify our proposals:

- 1 To reinstate the rail link into Rotherwas.
- 2 To construct a new passenger station at Rotherwas together with a park and ride scheme.
- 3 To include a rail freight facility for existing and potential businesses in the Rotherwas Industrial Estate and Enterprise areas.

Therefore:

This Council resolves that the executive take urgent and positive action, by working with the appropriate rail authorities and other interested bodies, to produce a development plan to deliver these improvements. This plan and an associated funding proposal should be placed before the council at the earliest opportunity so that it can be progressed through the Local Enterprise Partnership and government funding routes with the minimum of delay.

NOTICE OF MOTION TWO – Fairer Funding for Schools

(Submitted by Councillor JW Millar seconded by Councillor AW Johnson)

For 2014/15 Herefordshire has been allocated only £1.5m of capital school maintenance funding, 27th lowest out of the 152 authority allocations from a total funding pot of £553m; it has not been allocated any funding from the £820m targeted basic need capital programme, or from the Priority School Building Programme.

Therefore:

This council resolves to press government for fairer funding for Herefordshire schools.

NOTICE OF MOTION THREE – Hospital Car Parking

(Submitted by Councillor GJ Powell seconded by Councillor KS Guthrie)

This council requests that the NHS patient, visitor and staff car parking principles as published by the government on 23rd August 2014 (see link below) be applied in Herefordshire.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-patient-visitor-and-staff-car-parking-principles/nhs-patient-visitor-and-staff-car-parking-principles>

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Background Papers

- None