

Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	13 October 2017
Title of report:	Motions on notice
Report by:	Monitoring officer

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 Two notices of motion have been received and are set out below:

Motion – Timings of meetings of the council

(Proposed by Councillor MD Lloyd-Hayes, Seconded by Councillor A Warmington)

The times at which publicly notifiable meetings of this council are scheduled shall ensure that at least half of all meetings of each sort (council, cabinet, committee, etc.) are held outside of core working hours – 09:00-16:00. The choice of which meetings within each committee’s cycle shall meet this requirement shall remain the decision of the committee and its chairman.

Motion – Street cleaning and litter

(Proposed by Councillor EJ Swinglehurst, Seconded by Councillor BA Durkin)

I would like to ask the Executive to write on behalf of Herefordshire Council to government making the following points:

- 1. The cuts in local authority funding have impacted our ability to deliver non statutory services. The rural sparsity of Herefordshire presents a particular challenge to our street cleaning programme and verge litter clearing which are non-statutory services.**
- 2. The increasing volume of litter being dropped in the county on our streets and both major and minor roads is unsightly and dangerous. We recognise the tremendous efforts made by local people who go on litter picks or who just pick up litter when they see it. However, it is neither practical nor safe to rely on local volunteers to litter pick on busy highways.**
- 3. Therefore we raise this issue with the suggestion that sufficient finances be made available to local authorities to attend to the problem. Such money should be raised from a tax on fast food (take away) outlets, confectionary and crisp manufacturers, alcohol and soft drink companies and tobacco companies since these are the main contributors to the problem. It will not be a pasty tax but a litter tax (although some benefit to health may accrue).**
- 4. Defra should also be encouraged to run a campaign to stop the careless disposal of silage wrappers, fertiliser bags, seed bags, feed sacks, baling twine and mineral buckets.**
- 5. Furthermore, the Executive is asked to consider whether further steps can be taken to support Parish Councils, local community groups and individuals who wish to deal with this problem in their area. The Executive is also asked to look into what can be done to encourage local business to engage with this challenge to reduce waste and litter in our lovely county.**

Motion – Blue Badge

(Proposed by Councillor MT McEvilly, Seconded by Councillor P Rone)

In the spirit of the Military Covenant to which Herefordshire Council is a signatory I ask the Executive to consider that residents in receipt of a War Pension who are also entitled to receive a Blue Badge have the £10 annual fee waived.

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