

Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	12 October 2018
Title of report:	Motions on notice
Report by:	Solicitor to the Council

Classification

Open

Key decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards affected

Countywide

Purpose

To consider motions received on notice.

Recommendation

THAT: the motion listed at paragraph 7 is 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. A member cannot propose more than one motion on notice per meeting and a maximum of three motions will be debated at meetings of full Council.
- 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 One notice of motion will be debated at the meeting. The motions for discussion is set out below:

Motion – Worcestershire Local Pension Board

(Proposed by Councillor PP Marsh, Seconded by Councillor *tbc*)

The Council welcomes the recent decision by several local authority funds, including Merseyside Pension Fund, to take practical steps to reduce their investments in fossil fuels.

We also welcome the powers now explicitly given by government for pension funds to take financially material considerations, including climate change, into account.

We note increasing evidence for change in demand for fossil fuels, such as Carbon Trackers' '2020 Vision: why you should see the fossil fuel peak coming', which will impact on share prices over the next decade and thus on returns to the fund.

Worcestershire Local Government Pension Fund is responsible for the pensions of Herefordshire Council employees and many other public sector employees. It has significant holdings in fossil fuels.

We call on our Herefordshire Council representatives on the Worcestershire Local Government Pension Fund board and committee to seek alternatives to investments in fossil fuels. In particular we ask them to push for the Fund to:-

- **provide regular information on the results of the Fund's policy of engagement with its fossil fuel and other carbon intense holdings; and**
- **overhaul their Statement of Investment principles and Responsible Investment principles in the next year, including undertaking a carbon risk audit.**

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