

COUNCIL – 25 JULY 2019

NOTICES OF MOTION

In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, Peter Bryant (Head of Democratic and Legal Services) has declared a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in Agenda Item 16g – Notices of Motion – arising from (i) being a member of the Cards Trust, the supporters’ club for Woking Football Club, (ii) providing occasional unpaid assistance to Woking Football Club, e.g. acting as Returning Officer for the election of directors and (iii) a Council appointed director of Kingfield Community Sports Centre Limited. The interest does not prevent Mr Bryant from advising Council on this matter.

In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, Leigh Clarke (Finance Director) has declared a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in Agenda Item 16g – Notices of Motion – arising from (i) her husband having a small shareholding in Woking Football Club and (ii) a Council appointed director of Kingfield Community Sports Centre Limited. The interest does not prevent Mrs Clarke from advising Council on this matter.

Executive Summary

The deadline for notices of motion for the meeting of Council on 25 July 2019 was midday on Thursday, 18 July 2019. This report sets out the details of the Notices of Motion received following the publication of the Council Agenda but before the deadline for Notices of Motion.

Submitted by		Notice of Motion
16a	Councillor I Johnson	<p>That this Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Notes the UK Government’s invitation in May 2019 for market-led proposals for a new rail link connecting Heathrow Airport from the south and Waterloo and Surrey/Hampshire and this Council’s long-term aspiration for a direct rail link to Heathrow Airport, 2) supports action to benefit the environment by minimising traffic and pollution by transferring journeys from road to rail, 3) welcomes the initiative of Heathrow Southern Railway to propose a project involving a direct rail link from Woking to Heathrow Airport including significant sections via tunnels to minimise environmental impact and 4) asks the Council to write to the Member of Parliament for Woking to press the Secretary of State for Transport to expedite the process of approving a project and selecting a preferred developer, and to advise members when this has been done.
16b	Councillor G Cundy	<p>This Council should introduce a policy at the earliest opportunity whereby any new planning application for development over 15 storeys should have at least 20% of its total surface area as living wall , garden terrace or roof garden . Where the Council has ownership , control or interest this policy should be adopted prior to formal policy introduction as a matter of internal policy.</p>

16c	Councillor A-M Barker	This council supports the work of the Fiery Bird Venue/Phoenix Cultural Centre CIC and calls for a permanent space to be found for this project in Woking Town Centre
16d	Councillor M Ali	<p>The democratic system works best with checks and balances and distributed decision making as opposed to centralized and single source authority. As such it's important that the chairs of the oversight panels including but not limited to Victoria Square and Sheerwater are elected by the councillors who are the members of the respective panel and shall as a recommendation not be the relevant portfolio holders. This serves democratic practices best.</p> <p>Following the approval of this motion immediate election for the chairs of the oversight panels shall be held for the current year (irrespective of any past decisions) and there after every year follow the same pattern as the rest of the committees of the council for election of the chair.</p> <p>This shall apply to existing and future panels.</p> <p>In view of the recent meeting of Victoria square,I request that this motion be determined by the full council now and not referred to the executive.</p>
16e	Councillor W Forster	<p>This Council recognises that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The consequences of global temperatures rising above 1.5 degree celsius are so severe that preventing this from happening must be humanity's number one priority. - That the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that limiting global warming to 1.5°C may still be possible, but only with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, and local communities; - All governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of an increasingly erratic climate and biodiversity loss. Local authorities that recognise this should not wait for the national government to change its policies; - Woking Borough Council has a good history on environmental issues and has already begun to assess a realistic timescale to make the Council carbon neutral. <p>Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Declare a Climate Emergency; - Pledge to make Woking Borough Council, its wholly-owned companies and contractors carbon neutral by 2030; - Call on the Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible; - Ask the Climate Change Working Group to oversee a plan to deliver the 2030 target and report to Full Council in 6 months on immediate and longer term actions to be taken.

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16f	Councillor J Bond	<p>Following the suggestion by Cllr Bittleston at a recent Council meeting, I would like to formally move a motion of no confidence in his position as Leader of Woking Council.</p> <p>As this motion has major implications and has already been offered by Cllr Bittleston, I would also request that it is determined immediately without recourse to the Executive Committee.</p>
16g	Councillor A-M Barker	<p>Council notes that a capacity of 5000 is sufficient for a football team to compete in League Two.</p> <p>Council calls on officers to assess the effect on current proposals for development at Kingfield of stadium capacities at various levels between 6000 and 8000.</p>

Background Papers: None.

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