

Amendments to Notices of Motion

The Council is requested to consider the following amendments, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9)

(1) Notice of Motion No. 3 – DEVOLUTION

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

Delete all after first paragraph and insert:

"Council considers it essential that all Members are kept fully informed regarding the discussions taking place, especially around the direction of progress and sticking points.

Council requests the Leader to ensure that all Members receive a detailed briefing on the progress, with options on the checks and balances for any new structure, with a view to making an informed decision in a timely manner."

(2) Notice of Motion No. 4 – FLOODING IN MORETON

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Bernie Mooney

Seconded by Councillor Anita Leech

Add the following:

Council recognizes that all of the issues covered in this motion have already been implemented and that following the severe flooding event in Moreton the Council, as the Lead Local Flood Authority, was duty bound under the relevant legislation to initiate a full and extensive investigation involving all relevant parties. This process was initiated immediately following the flood and two of the local Councillors attended a briefing where they were informed of the actions taken.

Council wishes to acknowledge and thank the residents of Moreton for all their hard work and support during and after the event and would also like to thank the Environment Agency, United Utilities, Fire Brigade and Police. Council also thanks Magenta Housing and other private landlords for their efficiency in evacuating and rehousing their tenants, Biffa for supplying extra teams at the weekend and all Council staff for their dedication in helping people to clean up the area, find replacement accommodation and taking action to ensure that tenants could live safely.

(3) Notice of Motion No. 6 – WIRRAL’S SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Pat Hackett
Seconded by Councillor Mike Sullivan

Delete paragraph 3 beginning: “With Britain growing faster than any other major advanced economy....”.

Delete the final paragraph.

Add the following:

“Council recognises that the developments listed above together with many others such as new retail development off junction 1 of the M53 and new retail investment at Croft Retail Park, are the result of the hard work of Council officers in partnership with agencies such as Wirral Chamber of Commerce and thanks all concerned. We are well placed to achieve the pledges in our 2020 Plan to create and safeguard 5000 jobs and attract £250m of private sector investment to the Borough.

Council is extremely concerned about the government’s decision to cut tax credits for low paid employees and believes that this makes a mockery of the Conservatives’ claim to be the party of working people.”

(4) Notice of Motion No. 6 – WIRRAL’S SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist
Seconded by Councillor Alan Brighthouse

Delete paragraph 3 (begins “With Britain growing faster.....”.

Delete final paragraph and insert:

“Council recognises the important contribution that all businesses in Wirral – along with those to which residents commute – make to the regional, national and European economy.

Council welcomes the fact that employees are beginning to see an increase in their real wages after a number of difficult years. However, Council also believes that there are now many Wirral residents facing financial difficulty as the Government has not created a path that properly cushions the introduction of the National Living Wage and the consequent changes in the Tax Credit System, the latter leading to many Wirral families being worse off in the initial years.”

(5) Notice of Motion No. 7 – SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist
Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

Insert at end:

Council recognises the recent progress reported by the Local Government Association in addressing these and other concerns.

Council notes that, according to the LGA:

- A. the Government has agreed that there will be funding beyond 12 months for each refugee within the scheme.
- B. Government also understands the need for full funding to minimise any impact on local services.
- C. in the expanded scheme, there will be additional funding for refugees beyond the first 12 months and we understand this will not be taken from the overall council allocation.

And that the LGA is seeking confirmation that:

- these arrangements will be applied to all cases since the 20,000 expansion was announced so councils which come forward early will not be disadvantaged.
- refugees arriving in the first months of this scheme are unlikely to include unaccompanied children. We are in separate discussions with the Home Office and DfE to develop a fairer national scheme for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

Council, therefore, requests the Leader to work with the LGA to address any additional local concerns so that Wirral can play its part in helping.