

## LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP - NOTICE OF MOTION

<i>for Council on</i>	17 October 2016
<i>submitted on</i>	30 September 2016
<i>to:</i> <i>copied to:</i>	Surjit Tour Andrew Mossop
<i>Proposed by:</i>	<b>Cllr Phil Gilchrist</b>
<i>Seconded by:</i>	<b>Cllr Dave Mitchell</b>

### MAKING INFORMATION PUBLIC



Council notes that

- a) Cabinet considered the report 'Keeping Residents Informed' at its meeting on 27 June 2016 (Minute 20 refers) – "Officers be authorised to take all necessary steps, including requisite procurement exercises, in order to progress the proposal for a monthly publication as outlined in the report with a view to delivering the first edition in late autumn 2016";
- b) the matter was considered further at the Call In on 27 July 2016 when the terms of the Call in were dismissed.

Council believes that

- i) the public interest is best served by the disclosure, in full, of the legal advice obtained from Counsel;
- ii) it is in the interest of all Members to see the advice in full regardless of any enquiries made by and exchange of information with the DCLG;
- iii) it should not be necessary for any Member to have to resort to the use of the Freedom of Information Act in pursuit of their diligent and proper duties;
- iv) correspondence to and from the DCLG on this matter should be circulated to all Members of the Council.

Council, therefore, calls for the issue and publication of the full Counsel's opinion in the interests of openness and transparency.

<i>Proposer:</i>	Cllr Phil Gilchrist 		<i>Seconder:</i>	Cllr Dave Mitchell 
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