

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL
COUNCIL – 17 MARCH 2021

NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 16

To consider the following notice of motions submitted under Procedure Rule 16:-

1. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Helen Quenet and will be seconded by Councillor Malcolm Cowan:-

Our long-awaited Local Plan is now coming closer to adoption. Whilst it does seek to address climate change and biodiversity, it was too far advanced in preparation to incorporate some of the actions and directions required by our Climate Emergency Declaration.

It is therefore proposed that once the Local Plan is adopted, Council agrees that an immediate Local Plan review is conducted by planning and climate change officers to ensure that this vital aspect of the plan is consistent with and progresses our zero carbon and biodiversity aspirations and goals.

The review will include the mitigation and adaption measures necessary to address the climate emergency, following good practice guidelines such as those outlined by the UK Green Building Council.

2. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Malcolm Cowan and will be seconded by Councillor Siobhan Elam:-

The growth of home delivery during the pandemic has accentuated the trend towards larger amounts of cardboard being disposed of.

The frequent sight of overflowing 'bring' paper and cardboard skips, often accompanied by excess amounts being left around the skips, suggests the current arrangements need urgent revision, either by more skips, more frequent emptying, or other measures. Accordingly, this council asks officers to investigate and report back with recommendations as a matter of urgency.

3. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Kieran Thorpe and will be seconded by Councillor Glyn Hayes:-

This Council notes

- The incredibly hard work undertaken by workers in the health and care sector during the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- That the government has recently announced a recommendation that a payrise of 1% should be considered by the independent advisory panel.
- That a below inflationary pay rise equates to a real terms pay cut.

This Council resolves

- To write to the Chancellor, and the MP for Welwyn Hatfield to state in the strongest terms this Councils view that even in the current economic situation, this is an appalling way to treat these workers after an unprecedented year, and that an urgent review of the current recommendation should take place as soon as possible.