

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL  
COUNCIL – 3 OCTOBER 2016

NOTICES OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 49

To consider the notices of motions submitted under Procedure Rule 49:-

**1. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor John Fitzpatrick and will be seconded by Councillor Jill Weston:-**

"Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council objects to the ongoing cuts in funding to this authority from central Government.

Therefore, the Leader of the Council will write to the Department of Communities and Local Government to make this objection known."

**2. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Fiona Thomson and will be seconded by Councillor Bernard Sarson:-**

"Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council has signed up to the Hertfordshire Armed Forces Community Covenant making a commitment to value and support those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces.

The Office for National Statistics has begun consulting on the content for the next national census; and despite an estimated 1 in 10 of the UK population being members of the armed Forces Community, there is limited information about where they are or what their needs are.

The Royal British Legion has launched their 'Count Them In' campaign' which supports the need to include additional questions in the next census. These questions will seek to capture much needed data on the Armed Forces Community, particularly reservists and veterans, who are otherwise largely hidden from official statistics; and the information gathered would help develop a greater understanding of the Armed Forces Community's needs, location and profile.

This Council pledges its support to the Royal British legion's 'Count Them In' campaign calling for additional questions on the Armed Forces Community to be included in the next census".