

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL
COUNCIL – 21 NOVEMBER 2016

NOTICES OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 49

To consider the notices of three motions submitted under Procedure Rule 49. The Mayor will call each Motion in the order in which they were received.

1. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Kieran Thorpe and will be seconded by Councillor Max Holloway:-

“This Council has launched an online survey for residents in Welwyn Hatfield to survey their views on the potential to introduce charges for bin collections.

- This Council accepts that this survey is deeply flawed in that it does not offer a chance for residents to choose the status quo option, that things carry on as they are.
- This Council accepts that this survey is further flawed in not collecting data to identify respondents as Welwyn Hatfield residents and prevent repeated responses to the survey.
- This Council accepts this has caused deep concern among residents.

This Council resolves to halt this process and cease efforts to further the introduction of changes for residents to have their bins collected.”

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

“This council declines to support the proposal to charge for or abandon collection of brown bins and deplores the failure of the so-called consultation to allow the public to adequately reflect their views and the pressure applied to withdraw a more comprehensive consultation drawn up by concerned members of our borough.”

3. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor John Fitzpatrick and will be seconded by Councillor James Broach:-

"Given the additional financial pressures that this Council is facing, leading to cuts in support for the most vulnerable and fee increases for residents and businesses alike, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council acknowledges that this is not the time for increases to Member allowances.

Therefore, this council reverses the recent allowance changes with immediate effect."