

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL – 1 FEBRUARY 2023

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 Frank Marsh and will be seconded by Councillor Gemma Moore:-

This Council notes with concern the very significant waiting list for social housing, with many thousands of eligible residents currently on the waiting list.

As noted in the local plan, this council accepts that the shortage of social housing is acute in our borough and efforts are needed to readdress this shortfall.

This council notes that current planning policies require all new developments to provide a significant proportion of affordable housing, with a requirement that over 50% of that affordable housing be social housing.

This council reaffirms its commitment to enforcing current planning policy on social housing and requests that planning officers recommend refusal of any development which fails to deliver the required housing mix.

2. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Tim Rowse and will be seconded by Councillor Sandreni Bonfante:-

Fly tipping defaces our Borough and as well as being an eyesore can contribute to attracting vermin and other health and safety issues. The Council commits to take the following steps to address this:

1. Review the specification and produce implementation plans for the clearances of the skips from local recycling facilities including scheduling of weekend collections where this is deemed necessary.
2. Review the specification and produce implementation plans for the clearances of the skips from local recycling facilities over the Xmas period when demand is higher.
3. Review the provision of recycling facilities and produce implementation plans for all fabrics including clothing, curtains and bedding materials.
4. Work with Lovells to reintroduce local recycling facilities at High View in Hatfield as soon as is practicable.
5. Revert to the communication of bin collection days to the specific rounds ie cease the “all encompassing” communication which too many residents find confusing
6. Complete the trial of recycling from Council flats within the Borough and communicate a clear timetable for rolling out recycling to all Council flats and subsequently all other flats within the Borough.
7. Produce targeted materials for students describing the correct recycling procedures within the Borough and aligned to distribution through the University of Hertfordshire freshers’ week.

8. Ensure that Borough literature covering the dos and don'ts of correct recycling and based on common errors is provided to each household eg don't attempt to recycle soiled takeaway food packaging
9. Ensure that the procedures for securing more or larger home recycling bins are communicated within Borough literature, on the Council website and through social media.
10. Produce specific communications for targeting landlords and tenants of HMOs
11. Trial the reintroduction of "cage days"
12. Take further preventive steps to deter fly tipping at known hot spots such as local recycling facilities.

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

Welwyn Hatfield Council believes:

- Workers should not foot the bill for the cost of living crisis caused in part by covid-19 and the economic turmoil brought on by the governments own actions,
- Workers being forced to take strike action is always the last thing they want. This shows just how much they have been forced into a corner with the current wave of industrial action across many sectors,
- Employment rights are hard fought for and workers must be able to negotiate directly with their employers in good faith,
- The ability for workers to organise and strike is a fundamental right and must be protected

Welwyn Hatfield Council resolves to:

- Put on record its support to all workers who are standing up against bad employment practices and poverty pay,
- Put on record our thanks to workers for everything they do to keep our economy and public services moving,
- Write to the relevant secretaries of state with regards to health workers and transport workers, urging the government to negotiate fairly with the unions to end these disputes quickly and in good faith,
- Write to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy opposing his anti-strike law.