

TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

To consider any Motions submitted by Members of the Council, due notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12. The following motions have been submitted:

(A) Legal Aid

To be moved by Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb and seconded by Councillor Frank Radcliffe:

- “1. That the Council notes the unavailability of legal aid for cases relating to debt, benefits and employment and the lack of a provider of housing legal aid in the district or within accessible distance;
2. That the Council supports a review of the Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 ("LASPO") and wider provision of legal aid to improve access to justice;
3. That the Council will write to local MPs in order to request their support for a review of LASPO and wider provision of legal aid to improve access to justice; and
4. The Council will consider the provision of funding to improve access to justice in the area, will contact neighbouring authorities to discuss how this may be effectively done and report the findings to Full Council at the meeting on 11 April 2017.”

(B) Fly Tipping in North Hertfordshire

To be moved by Councillor Jim McNally seconded by Councillor Michael Weeks:

“That this Council recognises the need for constant vigilance in order to protect the environment and countryside of North Hertfordshire from environmental crime such as fly tipping. We would like to acknowledge the professionalism and commitment of the NHDC Community Safety Team for the work they do, gathering evidence and preparing cases against those people involved in such anti-social offences and Legal Services for bringing such cases to court expeditiously and efficiently. The Community Safety Team, in particular, is at the forefront of our recent successful campaign to tackle fly tipping and are to be commended for their work. Through this campaign, we are sending a message to those who are tempted to fly tip their rubbish that the Council has a zero tolerance to this form of environmental crime and will pursue a prosecution wherever possible.”

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