

# COUNCIL

10 APRIL 2018

\*PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

AGENDA ITEM No.

**9A**

## TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following motions has been submitted, due notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

### (A) Modern Slavery

To be moved by Martin Stears-Handscorn and seconded by Ian Albert:

“That, in view of evidence that modern slavery is hidden even in affluent areas like North Hertfordshire, this Council agrees to adopt as far as possible the Modern Slavery Charter (below).

It will:

1. Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply’s (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
2. Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
3. Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
4. Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
5. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
6. Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
7. Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
8. Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
9. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency’s national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
10. Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually.”

The following motion was submitted without the due notice specified in Standing Order 4.8.12. However, the Chairman has exercised his discretion by allowing the motion to be considered at this Council meeting.

**(B) Members' Allowances Scheme**

To be moved by Councillor Lynda Needham and seconded by Councillor Julian Cunningham:

“That this Council recognises that the Allowance Scheme for 2018/19, approved by the Council on 18th January 2018, was improperly made.

The adopted scheme for 2017/18 shall therefore remain in place without amendment for the 2018/19 year.

The Council further requests that the Chief Executive does not convene the IRP until any scheduled review of the allowances for 2019/20.

Council requests that the sum of approx. £6,800 saved by retaining the 2017/18 allowance scheme be allocated to the 5 Area Committees pro-rata to their existing allocation.”

**[Note:**

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.15(a), as the above motion is a motion to rescind a previous decision made at a meeting of the Council within the past six months, the notice of motion is required to be signed by at least 12 Members. The following Members have signed the notice of motion:

Councillor Lynda Needham  
Councillor Julian Cunningham  
Councillor John Booth  
Councillor Mike Rice  
Councillor Ray Shakespeare-Smith  
Councillor David Levett  
Councillor Tony Hunter  
Councillor Paul Marment  
Councillor Jim McNally  
Councillor Faye Frost  
Councillor Steve Hemingway  
Councillor David Barnard  
Councillor Fiona Hill ]