

**COUNCIL
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TITLE OF REPORT: AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following motion has been submitted at the time of agenda publication, due notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

To be moved by Councillor Matt Barnes and seconded by Councillor Dominic Griffiths

Motion on Four-Day Week:

In January 2023, South Cambridgeshire District Council began trialling a four-day working week for Officers.

In response to this trial, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities issued non-statutory guidance to local authorities in England who are considering adopting a four-day working week stating that *“Councils which are undertaking four-day working week activities should cease immediately and others should not seek to pursue in any format”*.

This Council notes that Local Authorities have a statutory requirement, as defined in Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1999, to adhere to the Best Value Duty by *“making arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness”*.

Council resolves that it will not implement, trial, experiment, or pilot (or equivalent) a four-day organisational working week during the 2024/25 civic year, and that it will continue to fulfil its statutory obligations, whilst ensuring the provision of cost-effective and efficient delivery of services to residents in North Hertfordshire (acknowledging that employees have the legal right to request flexible or part time working).

Council also resolves that it fully supports the right of local authorities to continue to determine their own working arrangements.

Proposed by: Cllr Matt Barnes

Seconded by: Cllr Dominic Griffiths