

COUNCIL

18 JULY 2018

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

AGENDA ITEM No.

12

TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

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

(A) Plastic Free Letchworth

To be moved by Councillor Michael Weeks and seconded by Councillor Lynda Needham

“That this Council pass a motion which supports the principle of an initiative entitled “Plastic Free Letchworth”, which is committed to plastic free alternatives, to be extended to include any other Towns or areas in North Herts without the matter needing to be the subject of a separate resolution, should any other areas wish to subscribe to such an initiative.

In agreeing such a motion it is noted that such an initiative would have no specific cost implications for the Council.

Further, the motion seeks the approval to nominate a Member to the Letchworth Strategic Group, once this has been established (subject to the normal governance checks with the body prior to this being confirmed).”

(B) Single Use Plastics

To be moved by Councillor Sam Collins and seconded by Councillor Paul Clark:

“Council Instructs the Chief Executive to produce an action plan to:

- a) Minimise the Council's use of plastics and to eliminate the use of single use plastics by the end of 2019.
- b) require all of the council's suppliers and contractors to remove single use plastics from their products and packaging as soon as possible, but within 5 years.
- c) Work with local businesses and retailers to
 1. eliminate the use of single use plastic within the local authority area
 2. reduce the use of plastic in packaging and work towards the removal of plastic from packaging
 3. encourage them to require their suppliers to remove plastic from their products and from packaging.

We also call on the Council to work with other public bodies and large employers to inform people of the environmental damage caused by plastics and promoting the reasons for using the alternatives.”

(C) Rail Users

To be moved by Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg and seconded by Councillor Daniel Allen:

“This Council recognises the continued problems residents are facing travelling on the rail network through the District. It is unacceptable that passengers have suffered two months of disruption. It welcomes the work of the local Rail Users Groups to highlight the issues and will continue to work with them to achieve a satisfactory resolution.

This Council agrees to lobby all local MPs, the Department for Transport, Network Rail and Govia Thameslink Railway to ensure rapid progress towards an acceptable level of service.

We will further press for the parties to conduct a thorough “lessons learnt” exercise to avoid even more disruption at the next timetable change point in December 2018”

(D) Garden Waste

To be moved by Councillor Lisa Nash and seconded by Councillor Ruth Brown:

“Council notes that those residents who have paid for the garden waste collection service did not initially receive the service for which they paid and believes that they should be offered the option of a refund or an extension of the service period at no additional cost to reflect this.”

(E) Education Funding

To be moved by Councillor Helen Oliver and seconded by Councillor Sue Ngwala::

“This Council notes the concern expressed recently by head teachers in North Herts and the recent communication to all Councillors from a group of parents regarding the effects of funding reductions on the education of children in our schools, leading to basic provisions being unavailable.

It welcomes and supports the initiative of these parents and agrees to raise these concerns with the County Council and Department of Education.”