

Title: **Notice of Motions**

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## **Purpose**

To consider the following notices of motions:

### **1. Motions previously considered – Reporting Back**

The following notice of motion was presented to Council on 8 November 2006 and referred to the Scrutiny Committee which considered it at its meeting on 29 November 2006:

#### **Post Offices – Cllrs Chivers and Barker**

“This Council calls upon the government to support local Post Offices by,

1. Reverse the decision to take away TV Licences and other services
2. Maintain the £150m social Network payment
3. Keep Post Office Card Accounts or provide an alternative

This Council writes urgently to ministers urging them to note local concerns and the concerns of this Council.”

In considering the notice of motion, the Scrutiny Committee made the following recommendation to Council:

#### **RECCOMENDATION TO COUNCIL: -**

**That the Notice of Motion be adopted, as amended.**

**“This Council calls upon the government to support local Post Offices by,**

1. **Reverse the decision to take away TV Licences and other services**
2. **Maintain the £150m social Network payment. The above should be borne in mind of any consequences of the social Network payment.**
3. **Keep Post Office Card Accounts or provide an alternative, which should be made more widely available in the interests of maintaining a sustainable community.**
4. **Clearing banks that do not have arrangements with the Post Office should make arrangements, as originally agreed.**

**This Council writes urgently to ministers, including opposition party spokesmen and MEP's, urging them to note local concerns and the concerns of this Council."**

additional wording underlined

**(2) New Motion Received**

**TV Licence Fee – Cllrs Content and Carbin**

- (i) That this Council is greatly concerned by the news that the BBC proposes a licence fee increase from April 2007 based on RPI plus 2.3 per cent a year. In today's prices, this means £150.50 a year per household by 2013, compared to the current £131.50.
- (ii) That this Council writes to the BBC, Government and any other relevant parties expressing our strength of feeling on this matter and the effect this increase has on our residents who are already facing increasingly burdensome bills by mortgages, utility bills, taxes and other inflationary related costs.
- (iii) That this Council actively lobbies for Disabled/Housebound Citizens to be entitled to discounted Television Licence Fees. Highlighting the issues surrounding disabled/housebound residents for whom the television is the main source of contact and news from the outside world.

**RECOMMENDED: If the above notice of motion is carried**

**That the above motion be referred to the Scrutiny Committee for consideration and report back to Council.**

**For Members' Assistance –  
Procedure for dealing with notices of motions**

- Certain types of notices of motion as described in the Constitution are 'special notices of motion' and require at least 11 signatories and at least 10 clear working days notice.
- Other notices of motion require at least 2 signatures with 10 clear working days notice.
- At the Chairman's invitation, a notice of motion (NoM) must be moved and seconded by :
  - one of the members who has submitted it or
  - in their absence, they may in writing and with the consent of the Chairman, assign the right to move the motion to another member.

If the NoM is not moved at the meeting, it will, unless postponed by consent of the Council, be treated as abandoned and may not be moved without fresh notice.

- If a NoM is seconded, the proposer has up to 5 minutes to speak to it
- If the NoM relates to a function exercisable only by Council, then the Council will debate the NoM and vote on it.
- If the NoM relates to a function delegated to another member body then the Council will vote on whether to refer it to that member body \***without debate**. That member body will consider the NoM at its next available meeting and report back to the Council as soon as practicable.

\* If the NoM is referred to another member body, the Leader and Chairman of Council may permit a NoM to be debated at the meeting. If debated, the resolution of the Council will then form a recommendation to the member body and will be taken into account by that member body when considering the NoM.

If the NoM relates to a function that has been delegated to another member body but is not referred to that member body, the motion may still be debated with the permission of the Leader and Chairman. However, a decision cannot be made without receipt of a report; the matter will therefore be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

If the NoM relates to a function that has been delegated to another member body but is not referred to that member body and the Leader and Chairman decide that it is not to be debated, the motion will fall.

- If the NoM relates to an executive function, the Cabinet will be permitted to determine it and report the outcome for information to the next available ordinary meeting of Council.

#### Minority Group Notices of Motion

- The Leader of any political group which does not have a majority on the Council, may require the Leader and Chairman of Council to permit a NoM to be debated at the Council. 10 clear working days' notice is required from a group leader. Minority Group NoM's will be labelled as such on the agenda and the above procedure shall be applied.