

West Wiltshire District Council

Council

21 July 2004

Notice of Motion

<p>To consider notices of motion received in accordance with the Constitution</p>

(a) Chairman/Vice-Chairman of Council

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillors Newbury, Manasseh, Syme and Cox:

- “1. To vacate the office of Chairman of Council and to proceed to appoint a member to serve as Chairman.
2. To vacate the office of Vice-Chairman of Council and to proceed to appoint a member to serve as Vice-Chairman.”

(b) Reverting to Area Committees

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillors Chivers and Barker

“In line with good practice of engaging in meaningful consultation with the local community, some local Melksham Councillors and residents have carried out intensive residents’ surveys to gain local views.

An overwhelming majority of residents responding are strongly in favour of local Councillors deciding local planning issues.

With this in mind this Council returns to locally based area planning committees. And in doing so also considers what other powers can be delegated to area committees and seeks more effective ways of involving the community and parish councils in the decision making process. This Council should also investigate ways of devolving more power to town and parish councils”.

For Members' Assistance – Procedure for dealing with notices of motions at the meeting

- A Notice of motion (NoM) must be moved and seconded by :

the person who submitted it
a substitute nominated in writing before the meeting
or if they are unable to attend, due to unforeseen circumstances, by any Member
 - If a NoM is seconded, the proposer has 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.
- *The Leader and Chair of Council may permit a NoM to be debated at the meeting. Any such debate will form a recommendation to the member body it is referred to and will be taken into account by that member body when considering the NoM.