

Council

23 April 2026

Motions

Report from: Richard Hicks, Chief Executive

Author: Wayne Hemingway, Head of Democratic Services

Summary

To set out the Motions received from Members of the Council for this meeting.

1. Background

1.1. Section 10.1 of the Council rules states that there are two types of motions:

- a) those relating to the smooth running of the meeting's business (for example to introduce the Leader's report, to amend or withdraw an item, to propose a move to next business, or a variation in the order of agenda), which do not require notice;
- b) those that involve a debate relating to the Local Authority's functions, which do require notice, may be amended without notice at the meeting, but the Mayor may require all amendments to be provided in writing

1.2. Section 10.2 of the Council Rules, as laid out in the Council's constitution, sets out the rules for the receipt of motions that require notice:

1.3. Motions that require notice must be signed by at least one member of the Council and delivered to the Chief Executive by Midday eight working days before the date of the meeting. Once approved by the Monitoring officer (see paragraph 1.5 below), these will be entered in a book open to public inspection and listed on the agenda.

1.4. Only motions with notice from formally constituted political groups or from an independent member shall be debated at any Council meeting, with a limit of no more than three motions to be included on a Council agenda, where motions requiring notice are permitted business.

1.5. Upon submission of any motions, these will be reviewed by the Monitoring Officer who will seek appropriate amendments from the proposer of the Motion, so as to ensure compliance with any legal and/or constitutional aspects. In the event that the proposer of the motion is unable to agree, the Monitoring Officer will reject the proposed Motion and it will not appear on the agenda for the Council meeting.

- 1.6. In addition, Monitoring Officer may reject a motion if it:
- is not substantially about the Local authority's functions.
 - is frivolous, defamatory, offensive, racist, sexist, homophobic or otherwise improper.
 - is substantially the same as a motion which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months.
- 1.7. The reason for rejection of any motion shall be recorded and notified to the Member concerned.
- 1.8. Motions allocated for the January 2026 meeting are as follows:
1. Labour and Co-operative
 2. Conservative
 3. Unallocated
- 1.8.1. For the unallocated motion for the January meeting, the Independent Group, Reform UK Group and the Independent Member were entitled to submit a motion for potential inclusion on the agenda by the deadline set out above. If approved by the Monitoring Officer, and where there was more than 1 potential motion, this would be put into a "hat" and a draw made to determine which eligible motion would be included on the agenda. Any potential motions would be entered into the draw would be included on an equity basis. i.e. 5:3:1 basis to reflect the size of the Independent Group, Reform UK Group plus the Independent Member, Councillor Spalding.
- 1.8.2. Motions were received from the Labour and Co-operative Group, Conservative Group, which are both included on the agenda, plus the Independent Group, Reform UK Group and Councillor Spalding and a draw was made on Tuesday 13 January 2026 with regards to selecting a motion on the agenda from either the Independent Group, Reform UK Group or Councillor Spalding.
- 1.8.3. The draw was attended by Councillors Lammas, Maple and Spalding and the motion submitted by the Independent Group (Councillor Mrs Turpin) was drawn to be included on the Council agenda, in addition to the motions submitted by the Labour and Co-operative and Conservative Groups.

Lead officer contact

Wayne Hemingway, Head of Democratic Services

Telephone: 01634 332509

Email: wayne.hemingway@medway.gov.uk

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Motions

Background papers

None