

Council

16 July 2026

Motions

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Summary

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

Please note that the Council Rules limit the number of speakers per motion to the proposer and seconder, plus up to 10% of each group (rounded up) as follows:

- Labour and Co-operative Group – 4;
- Conservative Group – 2;
- Independent Group – 1;
- Reform UK Group – 1;
- Independent Members – 2.

The same number of speakers will be allowed for each amendment to a motion.

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 July 2026 meeting are as follows:
 1. Labour and Co-operative
 2. Conservative
 3. Unallocated
 - 1.8.1. For the unallocated motion for this meeting, Councillor Mrs Turpin (Independent Group) and Councillor Spalding submitted motions. These were entered into a draw on an equity basis. i.e. 5:1 basis to reflect the size of the Independent Group plus the Independent Member, Councillor Spalding.
 - 1.8.2. The motion submitted by Councillor Mrs Turpin was drawn to be included on the Council agenda, in addition to the motion submitted by the Labour and Co-operative Group.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Motions

Background papers

None