

CABINET

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REPORT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

A.4 OUTSTANDING MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

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PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide Cabinet with details of motions that have been submitted to Council since May 2002 and remain “outstanding” in that Council is yet to take a final decision on those motions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cabinet will recall that, at the meeting of the Council held on 3 July 2012, Council J Henderson submitted the following question pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 15.2:-

“Will the Leader of the Council please advise Members of any motions forwarded by the Chairman of the Council to the Cabinet for further consideration since May 2009 that are yet to be sent back to a meeting of the Council for determination?”

In replying to that question the then Leader of the Council (Councillor Stock) undertook to ensure that the full information was made available to all Members. In preparing his answer Councillor Stock had asked Officers to go back further than May 2009.

Attached as an appendix to the report is a list of eleven motions (most recent first) that are still outstanding since May 2002. The text of the motion is provided together with a short note outlining what happened to the motion.

In view of the significant length of time that has elapsed since these motions were first submitted to the Council the Leader of the Council has requested that these motions (with the two exceptions set out below) be not considered, in order to ‘draw a line under them’ and clear them from the Council’s ‘books’, and that the Council only progress those motions received by the current political administration (i.e. since May 2011). This could be achieved by Cabinet making a recommendation to Council that requests Council to decide that the outstanding motions will be not considered with the exception of those motions received since May 2011.

In respect of Councillor I J Henderson’s motion regarding the size of the executive and Councillor P J Oxley’s motion regarding the future delivery of leisure provision (listed as motions (1) and (2) respectively in the appendix to this report) the Leader of the Council is of the view that Cabinet should take a view on those motions and that such views should be submitted to the Council meeting to be held on 26 March 2013 for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

(a) That the Council progresses only those motions which were received by the current political administration (i.e. since May 2011) and that the Council determines that those motions outstanding since before that time be not considered.

- (b) That in respect of motion (1), Councillor I J Henderson's motion regarding the size of the executive, Council be informed that in the opinion of the Cabinet the motion should not be supported on the grounds that the executive has recently been reduced in size from ten members to eight.**
- (c) That in respect of motion (2), Councillor P J Oxley's motion regarding the future delivery of leisure provision, Council be informed that in the opinion of the Cabinet the motion should not be supported on the grounds that the Cabinet has requested the Chief Executive to consider the long-term viability of the sports provision provided in the District and to develop a robust business plan to ensure that sports provision is delivered in a cost effective and aspirational way so as to secure its long-term future.**
- (d) That the Cabinet's recommendations in respect of the aforementioned motions (1) and (2) be submitted for Council's consideration at its meeting due to be held on 26 March 2013.**

APPENDICES

A4 Appendix – Outstanding Motions to Council