

Committee: Ordinary Council	Date: 2 nd November 2022
Subject: Notices of Motion	Wards Affected: All
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Summary

Nine Notices of Motion have been submitted in accordance with Rule 3 in Part 4.1 of the Constitution - Council Procedure Rules and are listed in order of the date received.

Motion 1 – Received on 13th October 2022 @ 18:07

Mover: Cllr Cloke Seconder: Cllr Laplain

Members call for the Borough Council to produce a comprehensive Cost of Living Crisis leaflet to be distributed to every home in Brentwood, signposting what support is available to Brentwood residents from the Council and various organisations offering help and advice.

Motion 2 – Received on 13th October 2022 @ 18:07

Mover: Cllr Naylor Seconder: Cllr Kendall

The members of Brentwood Borough Council, call upon the Government to uprate Universal Credit and Social Security schemes, in line with inflation.

This Council will write to the Secretary of State for Work & Pensions "Chloe Smith MP" and the Parliamentary Under- Secretary of State for Welfare Delivery "David Rutley MP", the Prime Minister Liz Truss and the Chancellor of the Exchequer "Jeremy Hunt". With a call from the elected representatives of Brentwood Borough Council to uplift Universal Credit and Social Security schemes, in line with the consumer price index (CPI) rate of inflation.

Motion 3 – Received on 13th October 2022 @ 18:07

Mover: Cllr Kendall Seconder: Cllr N Cuthbert

The Liberal Democrat Group calls upon the Council Officers in the Economic Development Department to organise a Brentwood Job Fair event in 2023 to support local businesses and help local residents find work within the Borough. This could be a standalone event or one held alongside the Business Showcase.

Motion 4 – Received on 13th October 2022 @ 18:07

Mover: Cllr Mynott Second: Cllr Aspinell

The Borough Council will hold a public meeting at a suitable venue to present its Cost of Living Action Plan to local residents and will have officers and representatives from support agencies on hand to answer residents questions and listen to their concerns.

Motion 5 – Received on 14th October 2022 @ 14:43

Mover: Cllr Aspinell Second: Cllr Haigh

This Council resolves to investigate all avenues of available funding in order to supply and fix solar panels to our council properties, with a view to lowering energy costs borne by the Council and those Council tenants that would benefit from such an installation programme.

Additionally, the Council will investigate the installation of batteries for the storage of solar panel energy to enable continual electrical use.

The Liberal Democrat Group believe such a programme would make a positive contribution in addressing spiralling energy costs during this current cost of living crisis, but in future years as well.

Motion 6 – Received on 14th October 2022 @ 14:43

Mover: Cllr Aspinell Second: Cllr Cloke

This Council resolves to investigate the possibility of twinning with a town of comparable size in Ukraine.

The aim would be to undertake cultural and economic exchanges, explore business opportunities and demonstrate a general desire to help the people of that district/town to rebuild structurally and economically for their future.

Motion 7 – Received on 14th October 2022 @ 15:39

Mover: Cllr Hossack Second: Cllr Poppy

This council recognises the growing importance of social prescribing and asks officers to see how we can as a council develop this further with our partners and 3rd sector organisations.

Motion 8 – Received on 14th October 2022 @ 15:53

Mover: Cllr Lewis

Seconder: Cllr Kendall

Members call upon the officers to undertake a review on the opportunities that exist to recycle more of Brentwood resident's useful household materials that currently go to scrap. These materials would include furniture, warm clothes, cooking utensils etc and possibly heaters. All items that local people facing financial hardship might appreciate.

This review would also consider what extra financial and material support might be given to community organisations like the Lighthouse Furniture project, Moses Basket and others to perhaps expand and develop the services they currently offer.

Officers would also review the legal, financial and health and safety implications of any changes that would involve the Borough Council.

Motion 9 – Received on 16th October 2022 @ 23:10

Mover: Cllr Naylor

Seconder: Cllr Laplain

Brentwood Borough Council urges the Government to go further on the £100 off-grid fuel support, and to urgently step-up investment, and subsidy, to alternatives to off-grid fossil-fuel dependency.

Brentwood Borough Council will write to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, to urge the UK government to offer stronger support to Brentwood residents who are not connected to the mains gas grid.

To demand urgent action for Brentwood households, and businesses, including an uplift to the payment to bring it in line with the support that has been put in place for on-grid customers.

To urgently step-up investment, promotion, reducing required skills gap, and subsidy, for alternatives to off-grid fossil-fuel dependency. For example, air-source heat pumps, and insulation.

And to write to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to ensure new standards for housing and commercial developments built in areas that are off-grid, are built to a sustainable standard that ensures no dependency on off-grid fossil-fuel energy.

