

16 September 2015

Ordinary Council

Notices of Motion

Report of: Jean Sharp

Wards Affected: All

This report is: Public

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Five notices of Motion have been submitted in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

1.2 Cllr Barrett submitted the following motion:

"The Council believes that the children of this Borough have the right to be educated in a Brentwood school of their preference, within appropriate catchment areas and admission rules. It further believes that transport costs should be supported to give parental choice to select a school that is appropriate for their child's abilities, aspirations and development within the Borough.

"That the Council (1) recognises the new Education Transport Policy from Essex County Council which will reduce parental choice by putting an extra financial cost on attending schools in the Borough (2) expresses its disappointment that parental choice could be limited by financial concerns with some residents forced to educate their children outside of the Borough.

That the Council will seek reassurance from Essex County Council that the children of Brentwood will not be forced to choose a school outside of the Borough due to transport costs and encourage Essex County Council to make open all of the town's secondary schools, within appropriate catchment and admission rules, options for our children".

1.3 Cllr Mrs Hones submitted the following motion:

"That, Members of Brentwood Borough Council being very concerned to hear that the last remaining bank in Ingatestone is set to close on Friday 16th October 2015 and because Brentwood Borough Council believes High Street banks have a social responsibility to not close the last remaining branch in town, a letter be written to the local MP, Sir Eric Pickles, and Mr Andy Fletcher, Barclays Bank Community Leader for Essex, to urge Barclays Bank to reconsider their decision".

- 1.4 Cllr Tee submitted the following motion and background information:

"That following Cllr Olivia Sanders' appointment as the Lead Mental Health Champion the Council reaffirms its ongoing commitment to mental health by appointing every newly elected Member in 2015 as a Mental Health Champion for 2015-2016 and that accordingly such councillors be duly appointed".

Mental Health Challenge

The Mental Health Challenge was set up by various Mental Health charities and is funded by the Department of Health. By adopting the Challenge in 2014, and agreeing to fulfil seven of the ten challenges outlined in the 'No Health without Mental Health; Implementation Framework', the Council has committed to promote local mental health services, consider ways in which it can make its services more accessible for vulnerable residents and raise awareness of mental health illnesses locally. At June's Community and Health Committee, Members agreed this year's action plan for continuing to fulfil the requirements of the Challenge.

Mental Health Champion

When the Challenge was first adopted in 2014, Members voted unanimously to become Mental Health Champions. Brentwood Borough Council was the first local authority in the UK to have every elected Member as a Champion, demonstrating a strong commitment to the Challenge.

- 1.5 Cllr Parker submitted the following motion:

"That Brentwood Borough Council seeks a review of the powers available to Local Authorities to deal with the increasing number of illegal incursions onto parks, community areas and open spaces. The Council will seek to ensure it is making best use of the powers and resources available in legal and mechanical terms, such as through the introduction of height barriers and ditches etc. and will explore whether anything else can be done by either the Council or partners and following the review, resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government as deemed necessary."

- 1.6 Cllr Poppy submitted the following motion:

"That Brentwood Borough Council is committed to tackling flytipping across the borough and as such, resolves to review the powers and resources available to take the necessary action against those who blight our community by dumping waste."

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