COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2006

Notices of Motion

1. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J A Shaw

Motion

"That Wyre Forest District Council:

- i) expresses its concern at:
 - the decline of local services and facilities which affect local communities and in particular the elderly and people on the lowest incomes;
 - the resulting decline of local jobs and local economies and the resulting extra traffic and pollution caused by the need to travel further.
- and notes that this combination of factors increases people's feelings of exclusion and lack of involvement; and so
- iii) supports measures to reverse this process and
- iv) supports the concept of local sustainability as envisaged in the Sustainable Communities Bill, namely:
 - the promotion of local economies
 - the promotion of local services and facilities
 - the protection of the environment
 - the reduction of social exclusion and
 - measures to increase involvement in the democratic process
- v) and accordingly resolves to support the Sustainable Communities Bill which
 - requires the government to assist councils and communities in promoting local sustainability in ways decided by them; and
 - sets up a participative process whereby councils and communities can drive the way in which government uses its power and influence to assist with the promotion of local sustainability; and

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- recognises therefore that the Bill provides for a "bottom-up" rather than a "top-down" one-size-fitsall process
- notes that this Bill is therefore fully in accord with current thinking in local government in that it impacts on central authorities and does not impose any new duties on councils but instead enables them to influence how government uses its resources and influence to help councils and communities; and
- specifically provides that where councils themselves decide to take action to promote local sustainability that they should be given the resources to do so; and so
- vi) and further resolves
 - to inform the local media of this decision;
 - to write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and sign EDM (Early Day Motion) No. 641; and
 - to write to the Local Works Campaign (at 94 White Lion Street, London, N1 9PF) expressing its support."

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2.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors G W Ballinger, Mrs S M Hayward, Mrs F M Oborski, M M G Oborski and R Wheway, on behalf of the Liberal Group

Motion

"THIS COUNCIL totally opposes the Amy Mouchel proposals to ban turns from the A456 Birmingham Road onto the A449 Chester Road North at Kidderminster's Land Oak Junction.

Council believes that the implementation of the proposal would cause severe disruption for motorists, local residents and adjacent businesses and would inevitably lead to chaos on the many residential roads in the area which would be instantly converted into "rat runs"."

3.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors G W Ballinger, Mrs S M Hayward, Mrs F M Oborski, M M G Oborski and R Wheway, on behalf of the Liberal Group

Motion

"THIS COUNCIL totally opposes the proposed £30m reduction in the spending of Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust which will lead to the loss of 720 posts from across the three hospitals involved at Kidderminster, Worcester and Redditch.

Council believes that the loss of 1 in 7 staff will further undermine public confidence in local Health Service management, destroy staff morale and inevitably lead to a deterioration in services to patients and the public. This further destabilisation of Hospital Services across this County is totally and absolutely unacceptable.

Council calls upon the County Council Health Services Scrutiny Panel to conduct an immediate scrutiny exercise into the detailed implications of the proposed spending cut.

Council determines to immediately establish a Task Group to co-ordinate the Council's opposition to this latest ill begotten threat to local Hospital Services."