



Meeting of the City Council

9 November 2016

Report title	Motions on Notice	
Referring body/Person	Councillor Phil Bateman and Councillor Roger Lawrence (Leader of the Council)	
Cabinet Members with lead responsibility	N/A	
Wards affected	All	
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Originating service	Democratic Support	
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Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

That Council consider the motions received in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 For Council to consider the motions received in accordance with the Council's procedure rules as follows:

1. Local Impact Of National Cuts To Community Pharmacies

Councillor Phil Bateman will move the following motion:

"This Council notes with concern the government announcement on 14th October 2016 that it is reducing funding for community pharmacies by £113m in the four months from December 2016 - March 2017.

This equates to an average loss of £8,000 for each pharmacy in Wolverhampton, representing a 12% cut. In addition the timing of this announcement means it is required to be delivered in a very short time scale, leaving local pharmacies very little time to plan or implement.

A further cut of £208m, on average £14,500 per pharmacy in Wolverhampton, will be imposed next year.

These cuts will have a direct negative impact on the Council's strategic priorities related to Public Health as well as the possible closure of local pharmacies across the city, leading to a reduction in accessible healthcare for vulnerable communities, and increased pressure on other parts of the health and social care systems.

We therefore call on the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to write to our local MPs raising these concerns and asking them to lobby government to highlight the local impact of this national policy."

2. City of Sanctuary

Councillor Roger Lawrence, Leader of the Council will move the following motion:

"Wolverhampton has a proud history of welcoming diverse communities, particularly those suffering from war and persecution.

As the refugee crisis continues this city will accept and welcome our share of people in need.

To promote the inclusion and welfare of those coming to the city we resolve

- To join the growing network of cities across the country by designating Wolverhampton as a City of Sanctuary
- To support local people in welcoming and helping new communities to integrate into local and civic society

- To promote the positive contribution migrants make to the social, cultural and community life of Wolverhampton
- To work with regional and national partners to provide a safe home for unaccompanied asylum seeking children”