

Meeting of the City Council

16 September 2020

Report title	Motions on Notice	
Referring body/person	Leader of the Council Councillor Wendy Thompson Councillor Simon Bennett	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	N/A	
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Recommendation for action:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Consider the motions received in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 For Council to consider the motions received:

a. COVID-19 Resolution

The Leader of the Council will propose the following motion:

The City of Wolverhampton Council welcomes and is immensely grateful for the hard work and commitment of its many frontline and key workers, from health and social care staff, to refuse workers and council officers, who have and continue to maintain essential services and support during the current pandemic.

Our Council also commends the response of many Wolverhampton residents who have selflessly given their time and support to their neighbours and families during this crisis.

COVID 19 in the City has taken its toll both in personal and financial losses, and we urge the Government to keep to their word and commit to extra funding to cover the funding gap caused by the pandemic. They must ensure that local councils have everything they need to overcome this crisis.

Furthermore we call on Government to trust and respect local councils and give us the powers we need to support our communities as it becomes increasingly clear that the responsibility of preventing a second wave will be through local lockdowns borne by local government.

b. COVID-19 Tribute

Cllr Mrs Wendy Thompson will propose the following motion:

On behalf of local residents, the City of Wolverhampton Council pays tribute and gives its utmost thanks to all those involved in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Furthermore, Council proffers its gratitude for the personal sacrifices made by all those responding to the pandemic.

c. Re-opening of libraries

Cllr Simon Bennett will propose the following motion:

Without delay, Council agrees to fully reopen the city's libraries by incorporating Covid secure measures similar to the processes already established by neighbouring authorities, following a change to government guidance on July 4th.

Council also notes the importance of libraries in providing, but not limited to, the loaning of books, audio books, large print items as well as free computer and internet access.