

**MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

To consider the following Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4 (i)

**A. Councillors Tristan Chatfield and Saddak Miah have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-**

"This council applauds the magnificent efforts of the Birmingham Post and Mail and the response of the people of this city to the BrumFeeds foodbank campaign.

Council further acknowledges the ongoing efforts of faith groups, charities and other third sector organisations to feed and clothe those in desperate need.

However, in the fifth richest country in the world, it is wrong that charitable donations and the compassion of individuals are seen as an acceptable alternative to an adequately funded welfare state.

The impact of continued austerity and welfare reforms mean that Birmingham's foodbanks have reached crisis point and it is unacceptable that, with record numbers of people needing help, they are struggling cope with the overwhelming demand.

Foodbanks and those who make donations perform a vital role in making sure everyone has somewhere to turn in times of need.

But we must not accept a society where foodbanks are necessary.

Council resolves to help food banks across the city highlight the growing concerns and calls on the Government to recognise that it has a moral and practical duty to protect people from poverty and to provide a safety net. Government must not stand idly by while charity shoulders the responsibilities of the state and the council calls upon the Government to provide local government with the resources to deal with this crisis."

**B. Councillors Robert Alden and Debbie Clancy have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-**

"The Conservative Group strongly believes and has consistently argued for improved maternity/paternity pay and believes that the Council as a major employer in the City should lead by example and set industry leading levels of support.

Given that in light of the introduction of a new parental leave policy for Councillors and comments previously raised by the Conservative Group on the inadequacy of the council's maternity pay compared to other public and private sector organisations, the Council reviews its staff parental leave policy.

This review should aim to bring maternity pay (including shared parental leave) at least into line with the 6 months full pay now offered to non-SRA councillors and be completed in time for the 2018/19 budget process.”