



ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – REAL NAPPIES INCENTIVE SCHEME

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation to Council. In accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor Andrew Farina-Childs and is supported by Councillors A. Angel, N. Dix, K. Etheridge, J.E. Fussell, G. Simmonds, C. Mann, J. Roberts, C. Bishop, B. Owen.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and is in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure now referred to Scrutiny for consideration.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation to Council.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Notice of Motion

To ask Caerphilly County Borough Council to implement a voucher system to encourage families to switch from disposable nappies to re-useable nappies.

5.2 The following information is provided in support of the motion: -

Single use nappies are made using plastics, elastics, adhesive, paper pulp and chemicals, they are resources expensive using up oil and lots and lots of trees, nappies do not readily degrade and can leach toxins into the ground. It costs 3 times as much to get a disposable nappy to landfill or incineration than it does to buy it. In a 2¹/₂-year period each baby will produce approximately 5,000 nappies, filling 156 black bags (the equivalent weight of an average family car), with a cost to parents of between £700 - £1,300.

Other local authorities in Wales have already adopted cashback incentive schemes to make the switch to reusable nappies, through a simple application process.

As a Council dedicated to waste reduction and carbon neutrality this simple scheme could reduce waste, save money for families and save our environment.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it relates to a procedural matter under the Council's Constitution.

7.2 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision-making roles and responsibilities.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Act 2000

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.