



COUNCIL – 5TH OCTOBER 2021

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – REAL NAPPIES

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation, in accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution the motion was first considered by Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 14th September 2021 and was supported.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor A. 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 in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure was first considered by the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee, Members debated the motion and by a majority voted to support the motion.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Council are asked to consider the notice of motion the Notice of Motion as outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Notice of Motion

Councillor Farina-Childs asked in his notion of motion: -

To ask that Caerphilly County Borough Council to implement a voucher system to encourage families to switch from disposable nappies to reusable nappies.

- 5.2 Councillor Farina-Childs provided the following information in support of his notice of 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 in 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 Councils 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.
- 7.3 However the outcome of the Notice of Motion and any subsequent reports arising from it may require an Integrated Impact Assessment.

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 The Notice of Motion was considered by the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 14th September 2021 the comments of the Committee are summarised below.

- 10.2 Councillor Farina-Childs summarised this motion and advised that he had brought this forward after being approached by a resident.
- 10.3 Members supported the implementation scheme as a good start but felt that it should also be supported by a communication/social media promotion campaign.
- 10.4 Officers confirmed that while it was true that nappies in landfill don't degrade, Caerphilly waste is incinerated. Members were advised that contact had been made with other authorities who presently run the scheme and they had confirmed that take up numbers had been very low with scheme administration costs being relatively high when considering take up within schemes. Members were asked to note that should the scheme go forward then a budget allocation would need to be established.
- 10.5 Member sought clarification as to how the scheme would be administered and the Officers confirmed that it would likely to be operated on demand by the Caerphilly Cares Service. It was noted that a separate report would be required to Cabinet to outline the aspects and costs of the proposed scheme.
- 10.6 Members felt the proposal was an excellent idea but should also be considered in the longer term by investigating the possible involvement of partner organisations such as the Health Board who could participate in raising awareness with parents and potentially sharing costs.
- 10.7 Members felt that having declared a climate emergency we should actively encourage the re-use option wherever possible.
- 10.8 Members having fully considered the notice of motion voted by majority, in noting there were 9 For and 1 Against to support the motions recommendation to Council.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Act 2000

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.