

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor K. Van Der Plank.

**Reducing food waste: financial and environmental benefits**

This Council notes that:

- 1) The estimated annual cost of the food wasted in the UK is around £12bn - an average of £810 per family, per year.
- 2) Across Worcestershire, approximately a third of black bin waste is wasted food. WCC dispose of around 42,000 tonnes of food waste each year which equates to more than £4.5m in disposal costs.
- 3) 3) Education and awareness campaigns such as the national 'love food hate waste' initiative can have a big impact on reducing food wastage at the same time as saving both individual and councils money.
- 4) 4) More than 8 million people in the UK live in households that struggle to put food on the table, with more than half regularly going a whole day without eating. (Source: Food Foundation, using UN data).
- 5) Using food waste to feed the hungry is not a solution to food poverty, however, whilst both food waste and food poverty co-exist, we should ensure surplus food is used to help people in need.

This Council resolves:

To reduce food waste across the District by developing a practical action plan to include:

- communication and education activities to improve understanding and change behaviours in order to reduce food waste;
- work in partnership with other authorities and organisations on food waste initiatives and campaigns to increase awareness and participation;
- set an ambitious target for food waste reduction across our district and measure our performance against this; and
- support and encourage food redistribution initiatives and encourage local retailers and businesses to sign up to food redistribution schemes.