

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor D. Nicholl:

“Bromsgrove District Council notes with concern planned cuts in government support from 2027 to our local canals.

1. The Canal and River Trust is warning that a reduction in grant funding of over £300 million in real terms from 2027 will threaten the future of the nation’s historic canals, leading to their decline and to the eventual closure of some parts of the network.
2. This will almost halve the value of public funding for canals in real terms compared with recent years. This comes despite a Government Review, shared with the Canal & River Trust, confirming that its funding is ‘clear value for money’, with canals shown to deliver substantial benefits to the economy, to people and communities, and to nature and biodiversity.

BDC calls on the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment urging them to put in place a fairer funding settlement to help protect Bromsgrove’s many beautiful and historic canals.”

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“We note with concern that the Household Support Fund Phase 4 has been paused due to high demand, due to CAB Bromsgrove being unable to process the number of requests. This leaves vulnerable individuals and families in Bromsgrove without access to support designed to be available in a timely manner.

We ask that officers obtain from CAB an overview of the current state of progress of administration of the Fund, to be made available to council. This information should include the number of applications pending along with the number processed, the number successful and the total payments on a monthly basis, since the Fund opened.”

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“This Council notes that:

Charities have warned that many households are struggling to pay for their energy, with more than one million of Britain’s most vulnerable adults living in “Dickensian” cold and damp homes this winter.

Struggling households are facing an assault from all sides. Energy bills are going up just as winter bites hard, Christmas debts have to be paid off and the ongoing wider cost-of-living crisis continues into another.

In the face of the cost of living crisis, Bromsgrove District Council will work with faith and community groups to set up Warm Welcome Spaces across the District.”

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“That the Cabinet be asked to undertake a review of how to take immediate action to educate and equip residents for impending heatwaves made more likely by climate change. This will include awareness campaigns, distributing guidelines and establishing cooling centres to ensure the community’s safety and well-being during future extreme temperature events.”