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| COUNCIL | AGENDA ITEM No. 15 |
| 5 DECEMBER 2012 | PUBLIC REPORT |

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notices of motion have been received in accordance with Standing Order 15.2:

1. Motion from Councillor David Harrington:

Given the absence of any detailed alternative, illustrated schemes being presented to the council, other than to install wind turbines and Photovoltaic Panels on 900 acres of prime agricultural land, I ask that this council urges Cabinet to overturn its outline strategy of July 2012 to develop renewable energy parks at 3 council owned agricultural sites and replaces that strategy with an alternative scheme which includes sites not requiring the use of grades 1&2 agricultural land, which could produce the same financial and environmental outcomes for the council without the consequences of the loss of livelihoods for tenant farmers and without having a damaging effect on a viable local industry.

2. Motion from Councillor Nick Sandford

That this Council:

1. Notes that the Localism Act (2011) has given local authorities much more freedom to adopt systems of governance which suit their needs, including an option to revert to a committee system;
2. Notes that the current leader and cabinet model (such as that operated in Peterborough) has been criticised for putting too much power in the hands of a few councillors, under utilising the skills and experience of councillors not in the cabinet and making it difficult to effectively challenge decisions; and
3. Asks the Council Solicitor to convene a meeting of the Constitutional Review Group (including representatives of all groups on the Council) to consider the benefits or otherwise of changing to a committee system or some other model and to report back to a meeting of Council on its findings not later than April 2013.

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