

## NOTICE OF MOTION

**195. Proposed by Councillor Alan Dowden and seconded by Councillor Adrian Collett:**

“Hampshire County Council urges the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon David Cameron MP, and the Sec. of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt MP, to release immediately Public Health England’s Review report on the child obesity strategy. Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, Chair of the House of Common’s Health Committee, has attacked the government’s decision to delay publishing the Review that was carried out in order to find ways of reducing the public’s sugar intake.

Hampshire County Council further seeks that the government

- Introduce, through parliament, a sugar tax to discourage the amount of sugar people consume.
- Implement legislation for clearer labelling of the sugar content in drinks and food products, as suggested by Jamie Oliver the celebrity chef when he gave evidence to the Parliament’s Health Select Committee.

These changes are essential for people to make informed choices and to counteract the impending damage to the public’s health and the resultant impact upon our health services.”

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**196. Proposed by Councillor David Harrison:**

“That the Council forms a cross party working group to consider and make recommendations to the Council on a return to a Committee system of governance, to replace the Cabinet system.”

NB: Secunder to be confirmed.

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**197. Proposed by Councillor Malcolm Wade and seconded by Councillor Jackie Porter**

“This council notes that:

- Corporate tax evasion and avoidance are having a damaging impact on the world’s poorest countries, to such a level that it is costing them far more than they receive in aid
- This is costing the UK as much as £30bn a year
- This practice also has a negative effect on small and medium-sized companies who pay more tax proportionately.

This council further notes that the UK Government has taken steps to tackle the issue of tax avoidance and evasion by issuing Procurement Policy Note 03/14 (PPN 03/14). This applies to all central government contracts worth more than £5m.

This council also notes the existence of voluntary schemes promoting tax compliance such as the Fair Tax Mark, which can serve as an independent means of verification.

In early 2015 new regulations required public bodies, including councils, to ask procurement qualification questions of all companies for tenders over £ 164,000 for service contracts and £4.1m for works contracts. However, these questions are not as detailed as the PPN 03/14.

This council takes tax avoidance seriously and believes that bidders for council contracts should be asked to account for their past tax record, using the standards in PPN 03/14, rather than the lower standards in the recent regulations.

This council therefore calls for procurement procedures to be amended to require all companies bidding for service contracts and works contracts to be aligned with the current EU procurement thresholds for public bodies and to self-certify that they are fully tax-compliant in line with central government practice using the standards in PPN 03/14.

This council asks the Cabinet to publicise this policy and to report on its implementation annually.”

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**198. Proposed by Councillor Timothy Rolt and seconded by Councillor Andrew Moore:**

“This motion calls on Hampshire County Council to listen to the evidence supplied in last month's deputation by Lindsey Lawman and to continue to fund the current Breast Feeding Drop-In Centres in the Andover, Basingstoke, Eastleigh and Winchester areas after the current funding runs out, for an estimated cost of just £ 62,000 per annum and to properly investigate the need for such services in other parts of the county.”