

## Item 8 - Notice of Motions

To consider the following motions, which have been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1:

a) **Land at Warren Drive.** Councillor Mrs Callow to propose.

Due to continuous flooding in the Warren Drive area and the fact that Blackpool Council is more than fulfilling the Government's requirement to build houses in Blackpool, the Council requests the Executive to support the residents' wish to leave this land as public open space, by looking at the possibility of either purchasing or leasing the land from the owners, Asda.

b) **815 Naval Air Squadron Affiliation.** Councillor Ryan to propose.

"In June this year, the Mayor received a letter from the Royal Navy seeking the formal civic affiliation of the 815 Naval Air Squadron Maritime Strike Force, once HMS TRIUMPH is decommissioned, to continue the strong connection between Blackpool and the Royal Navy. The affiliation would maintain existing local links and offer the opportunity to maintain the community ties, which have been well developed through the town's relationship with HMS TRIUMPH.

815 Naval Air Squadron is based in Somerset and is tasked with providing a versatile and adaptable Wildcat Squadron that can operate anywhere in the world and frequently embark on Royal Navy ships supporting operations both home and abroad. The squadron operates the new Wildcat helicopter, which has been in service with the Royal Navy since 2015 and is the latest generation of multi-role helicopter for the maritime environment.

For a number of years, there has been a strong and enduring link between Blackpool and the Nation's Maritime heritage, including close associations with the Royal Navy and the Submarine Service in particular. The Council is therefore requested to agree to a formal civic affiliation with 815 Naval Air Squadron".

c) **Fracking.** Councillor Mitchell to propose.

### Blackpool Council notes:

- That in May 2018 Ministers outlined a proposal in a Written Ministerial Statement to redefine non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration applications as permitted development, and to redefine large-scale shale gas production sites as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, thus removing any local authority control and community involvement in decision-making.
- That the Government consultation on these proposals began in July 2018 and ends on 25 October 2018.
- That on 5 July 2018, a report by the cross-party Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee warned the Government against its proposal to bring fracking applications under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP)

regime, concluding that Mineral Planning Authorities, were best placed to understand the local area and how fracking could best take place.

- That the above report said the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects regime was unlikely to speed up the application process for fracking.

Blackpool Council is committed to the principles of localism and the involvement of local communities in decisions that affect their environment, their health and safety and their well-being.

**Blackpool Council believes:**

- That moving decisions about fracking, which have huge implications for local communities, to a national level would contradict the principles of localism.
- That 'Permitted Development' – the category of planning that the government wants to move shale gas exploration drilling into – which was designed for developments with low environmental impacts, is an inappropriate category for drilling with such wide-reaching implications for local communities and climate change.
- That bringing fracking applications under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects regime will be harmful to local communities.
- That local authorities are best placed to continue to make decisions throughout the planning process for shale gas exploration drilling, appraisal and production.

**Blackpool Council resolves:**

- To respond to the forthcoming government consultation with the above views.
- To share this response with local MPs and relevant government ministers.