

Notice of Motion

To consider the following motion, which has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1:

a) Illuminations Switch On. Councillor T Williams to propose

For the last few years there have been issues regarding the free VIP tickets to the Illuminations Switch On and subsequent party in relation to allocation and guest tickets etc. Providing free VIP tickets to this event and other similar occasions to serving councillors is considered totally unnecessary. Elected members are no different from the general public and they are paid an allowance for the duties they perform, so it is questionable as to why they are provided with free tickets for themselves and a partner guest.

The face value of illuminations VIP tickets is £69.50 for an adult and £35 for under 14s, therefore if every councillor accepted one of these tickets for themselves and a guest, the cost would be circa £5,800.

The Council is therefore asked to request the Deputy Leader (Place and Tourism) and the Director of Communication and Regeneration when compiling the guest list, to no longer offer free tickets to serving councillors for the Illuminations Switch On, but that as a recognition of their service, tickets should be allocated to councillors who make a discounted donation of £50 per ticket to the Mayor's charity. The Mayor and a guest in a civic role capacity to be the only consideration for complimentary tickets.