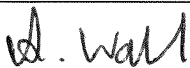
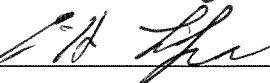


NOTICE OF MOTION

To be submitted to the meeting of Full Council to be held on:

Wednesday 12th December 2018

in accordance with Standing Order Number 6.

| | Name (in capitals) | Signature |
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| Proposer: | Cllr Andrea Wall |  |
| Seconder: | Cllr Chris Loftus |  |

MOTION TO COUNCIL: FOOD INSECURITY

Halton Borough Council calls for government to take urgent measures to end food insecurity and the growing reliance of families being dependent upon Food Banks.

Council supports the End Hunger UK campaign supported by Oxfam, Child Poverty Action Group, UK churches, and the Trussell Trust amongst many others. A report from the United Nations Food & Agricultural Organisation previously suggested that as many as 8.4 million people in the UK are 'food insecure' and struggle to put enough food on the table to sustain themselves and their families.

This Council commends the good work undertaken by the Runcorn and Widnes Food banks to help aid and support people in Halton.

Council further notes that, over the last six financial years due to the welfare reform changes brought in by Central Government, including a new sanctions regime, the spare room subsidy or bedroom tax and the roll out of full service Universal Credit, Halton has seen a 471% increase in the number of 3-day emergency food supplies distributed by foodbanks in Runcorn and Widnes.

This Council resolves:

- To write to the Prime Minister expressing grave concern at the UN findings on food insecurity, whilst the UK remains the sixth richest country in the world.
- Council asks her to note that there are now approximately 2,000 food banks and food bank centres in operation and we are seeing rising levels of hospital admissions due to malnutrition and record levels of in-work poverty.
- Council calls on the government to recognise that food insecurity is a worsening crisis in Halton and around the UK, making more people impoverished, impacting the NHS and worsening health deprivation.