

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

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Title of Motion:	Tourism Tax
Date of Council meeting:	5 March 2026
Proposer of Motion: (Name, and signature if hard copy submitted)	Councillor Simon Haynes
Seconder of Motion: (Name, and signature if hard copy submitted)	Councillor Jack Kellas

Background/supporting information (maximum 300 words):

EMCA is going to implement an overnight tourism tax, this tax would have a significant negative impact on Newark and Sherwood communities and is counter-intuitive to the District Councils economic and tourism plans.

The tax will add cost to families that are already feeling financial strains, provide less money to the pockets of those visiting our area, leading to less spending power impacting our local businesses.

Businesses expected to implement the overnight tax will face an increased administrative burden, this being passed on to the tourists driving down further the spending power of visitors, further impacting local business and the economy. This will be felt in the Newark and Sherwood district with large employers like Centre Parcs being impacted.

Nearby areas will become more attractive moving overnight tourism to other counties such as Lincolnshire.

Motion to be proposed (active section):

Newark and Sherwood District Council does not support the Mayor of the East Midlands imposing an ill-thought-out tourism tax (visitor levy) in our district and:

- This Council writes to the Mayor of the East Midlands, Claire Ward, urging her not to impose a tourism tax in Newark and Sherwood; and
- This Council writes to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Steve Reed OBE MP, urging him to remove the Mayor's ability to impose a tourism tax in the East Midlands.

Date and time received:
(for completion by Democratic Services)

25 February 2026 - 09:09