

**COUNCIL MEETING – 6 JULY 2022
NOTICE OF MOTION**

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NOS. 53-60

MOTION NO.	PROPOSER	SECONDER	MOTION
153	Councillor Branson	Councillor Hellaoui	<p>Toxic chemicals in the River Tees</p> <p>In recent weeks, there has been a growing concern over the effects of toxic chemicals in the Tees Estuary, which have had to a significant impact on crab and lobster numbers.</p> <p>There has been some dispute between DEFRA and independent experts in respect of this.</p> <p>In view of the uncertainty over the cause and the potential impact on the marine environment, we ask the council to agree to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Write a letter to the TVCA within 28 days to request that they seek to clarify the existing and conflicting scientific research through the commissioning of a new independent report.2. Write to the other Councils of the TVCA within 28 days to urge them to work together on addressing these environmental issues through, for example, sending a joint letter to the TVCA expressing our concerns and asking for next steps3. To recommend that the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel gives consideration to adding this environmental issue to the scrutiny topics in the work programme.