



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Motions on Notice

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Nicola Waight which has been seconded by Councillor Robert Smytherman.
- 1.2 Council is asked to deal with the motion under provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules (under part 4 of the Council Constitution - Rules of Procedure).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council determine the motion as set out in annex A to this report.

3. Context

- 3.1 A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Nicola Waight, seconded by Councillor Robert Smytherman (attached as Annex A).
- 3.2 The content of the motion is relevant to a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties and which affects the Borough.

3.3 There is nothing substantive within the motion that would cause its rejection under the terms of the Constitution.

3.4 The motion before Council is declaratory in nature, as defined in para 14.4.4 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it may be considered and debated by the Full Council without being automatically referred to a future meeting of Full Council, as defined in para 14.4.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules, or, being referred to the Executive or Committee without debate, as defined in paragraphs 14.4.1, 14.4.2 and 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

4. Issues for consideration

4.1 Motions considered by Full Council are debated under rules set out under part 16 of the Council procedure rules and the Council is asked to debate the motion under these rules accordingly.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The motion is declaratory in nature and therefore there are no direct financial implications.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 As the motion is declaratory in nature there are no direct legal implications arising from it.

Background Papers

None

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Annex A

Plastic Free Council

Over recent years the detrimental environmental effects of single use plastics has become more apparent. Documentaries such as David Attenborough's Blue Planet have highlighted the damage that is being done to our oceans and given impetus to efforts to reduce the prevalence of plastic use where sustainable alternatives are available.

Worthing Borough Council has a good track record of recycling a wide range of plastics and organising regular beach clean ups to ensure that plastic waste and the associated effects are kept to a minimum. In June, I took part in the Goring Beach clean and was surprised at just how much plastic was recovered from the beach. The newly launched Worthing Refill scheme is a great example of the Council taking a leading role in reducing plastic waste. However, I feel the Council should now go further and faster and this motion calls on the Council to aspire to become a Plastic Free Council.

Proposed by Councillor Nicola Waight
Seconded by Councillor Robert Smytherman