



Council
22 October 2019
Agenda Item 12

WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Motion 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 Bob Smytherman which has been seconded by Councillor Martin McCabe.
- 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 the motion, upon being moved and seconded, be noted by Council and referred without debate to the Joint Governance Committee.

3. Context

- 3.1. A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Bob 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. The motion before Council contains part of the subject matter that is within the remit of the Joint Governance Committee, as defined in para 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it shall be moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Joint Governance Committee for consideration and determination.
- 3.4. If a motion on the agenda at Full Council is to be referred automatically to the Executive, a Regulatory Committee or another Council Committee, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.4, the proposer of the motion will confirm to the Chairperson their proposal of the motion as set out in the report before Council **without** a speech.
- 3.5. Where a motion has been referred by Full Council to the Joint Governance Committee, the mover, or the seconder in the absence of the mover, shall be entitled to attend the relevant meeting and explain the motion.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1. Motions considered by Full Council are done so under part 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The motion has subject matter that comes within the remit of the Joint Governance Committee. The report that will accompany the motion to the Joint Governance Committee will detail the likely financial implications should the motion be accepted.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1. Rules concerning motions are set out in the Council's Constitution under paragraph 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules

Background Papers

None.

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Annex A

Introduce a Committee system for decision making at Worthing Borough Council

Worthing Borough Council resolves to scrap the current Leader & Executive system of governance, where most major Council decisions are taken either by individual Executive Members, or by the whole Executive made up from a single political party, and to replace it with a Committee based system, where all Councillors are directly involved in the decision making based on the political proportionality of the Council and for this to be in place no later than May 2021 and furthermore call on Adur District Council to adopt an identical scheme to allow for the continuation of the successful Joint Committee arrangements between the two Councils.

Proposed by Bob Smytherman
Seconded by Martin McCabe