



Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee  
7 November 2023

# ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Key Decision: [Yes/No]

Ward(s) Affected: All Worthing

## Referral of Motion on Notice from Adur District Council

### Report by the Director for Sustainability and Resources

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#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This report sets out a motion (attached as Appendix 1) referred from the meeting of Adur District Council on the 23 October 2023.
- 1.2. Members of the Adur Joint Strategic Sub Committee are asked to consider and determine the Motion.
- 1.3. Members can either support the motion and ask for further work to be carried out in this regard, or, members can reject the motion.

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Adur Joint Strategic Sub Committee considers the motion and either:-
  - a) That the Adur Joint Strategic Sub Committee accepts the motion and requests a Report from Officers to explore the available options as well as setting out the resource implications arising from the Motion; or

b) That the Adur Joint Strategic Sub Committee rejects the motion.

### **3. Context**

- 3.1. At its meeting on 23 October 2023, Adur District Council received a motion from Councillor Andy McGregor, seconded by Councillor Kevin Boram, details of which can be found at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The motion submitted to Council contained subject matter that requires a decision of the Adur Joint Strategic Sub Committee, as defined in para 14.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it was debated at full council and referred to the Adur Joint Strategic Sub Committee for further consideration and determination.
- 3.3 Where a motion has been referred by Full Council to the Adur Joint Strategic Sub Committee, the mover, or the seconder in the absence of the mover, shall be entitled to attend the relevant meeting of the Executive and explain the motion. Councillor Andy McGregor has been made aware that the motion has been referred to this Committee.

### **4. Issues for consideration**

- 4.1 The Adur Joint Strategic Sub Committee can either support or reject the motion.
- 4.2 Should the Adur Joint Strategic Sub Committee support the motion, then the Committee should ask Officers to prepare a further report on the substantive issues to be presented at a future meeting of the AJSSC.

### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There may be direct financial implications in future depending on the course of action the Adur Joint Strategic Sub Committee wishes to take.

### **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**

Motion to Adur District Council on the 23 October 2023

## **Sustainability and Risk Assessment**

### **1. Economic**

There may be direct financial implications in future depending on the course of action the Adur Joint Strategic Sub Committee wishes to take.

### **2. Social**

#### 2.1 Social Value

There may be Social Value implications depending on the decision of the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee- these would be investigated in a further if the motion is accepted

#### 2.2 Equality Issues

There may be Equality issues depending on the decision of the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee- these would be investigated in a further if the motion is accepted

#### 2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

There may be Community Safety implications depending on the decision of the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee- these would be investigated in a further if the motion is accepted

#### 2.4 Human Rights Issues

There may be Human Rights depending on the decision of the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee- these would be investigated in a further if the motion is accepted

### **3. Environmental**

There may be Environmental considerations depending on the decision of the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee- these would be investigated in a further if the motion is accepted

### **4. Governance**

The proposals in this report are in line with the Council Procedure Rules concerning Motions on Notice

### **Notice of Motion – Support for West Sussex Care Leavers**

The Care Leavers service in West Sussex supports young people to exit care successfully as they move towards independence, and operates under a clear legislative framework provided by the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 and the Children and Social Work Act 2017.

The most recent Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023, included a paper on 'Leaving Care in West Sussex' which was in direct response to the recent comments in the full inspection by Ofsted back in March 2023 with respect to meeting the needs of care leavers.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 introduces corporate parenting principles which comprise seven needs that local authorities in England must have regard to. The West Sussex Care Leavers service and increasingly their partners, operate in line with these principles which centre around the promotion of physical and mental health and wellbeing of those children and young people; to encourage those children and young people to express their views and to take those views into account; to help children and young people gain access to and make the best use of services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners; to promote high aspirations and seek to secure the best outcomes for those children and young people; for those children and young people to be safe and have stability in their homelives, relationships and in education or work, and ultimately to prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living.

Whilst it is accepted that corporate parenting is not the statutory responsibility of the District Council, as District Councillors we should acknowledge that we are all corporate parents, particularly given that the West Sussex House Project Memorandum of Understanding was recently signed by all seven of the District and Boroughs Council partners, endorsing this view.

But as Adur District Councillors, we could go further and support the aspirations of the West Sussex Care Leaver service through initiatives such as;

- Providing a shopfront facing community base for our Care Leavers – providing a communal space to meet, laundry facility, life skills, Wi-Fi and a place to meet Leaving Care Personal Advisors
- An apprenticeship or work-based opportunity provided by the District and Borough for any Care Leaver who wanted to explore this as an alternative Employment Education and Training option.

This Council therefore calls upon the Leader to instruct officers to explore these initiatives, by engaging directly with the West Sussex County Council, to proactively help the service move towards Good and onto Outstanding status through the implementation of these initiatives for the benefit of our young people leaving care.

**Proposer - Cllr Andy McGregor**  
**Secunder - Cllr Kevin Boram**