



## ADUR & WORTHING COUNCILS

Joint Governance Committee  
26 November 2019  
Agenda Item 11

Ward(s) Affected: All Worthing

### **Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council**

#### **Report by the Director for Communities**

#### **Executive Summary**

##### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1. This report sets out a motion (attached as Appendix 1) referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on the 22 October 2019.
- 1.2. Members of the Joint Governance committee are asked to consider and determine the Motion.

##### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. That the Joint Governance Committee instruct Officers to prepare a report and bring the matter back to them at their meeting on 28 January 2020 in order for Committee to consider and determine the motion, making recommendations to Full Council if appropriate.

### **3. Context**

- 3.1. At its meeting on 22 October 2019, Worthing Borough Council received a motion from Councillor Bob Smytherman, seconded by Councillor Martin McCabe, details of which can be found in Appendix 1.
- 3.2. The motion submitted to Council contained 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 was moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Joint Governance Committee for consideration and determination.
- 3.3. 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 of Committee and explain the motion. Councillor Bob Smytherman has been made aware that the motion has been referred to this Committee.

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

- 4.1. The Joint Governance Committee is required to consider and determine the motion as set out in Appendix 1.
- 4.2. Members are asked to consider whether they are in possession of sufficient information in order to determine the motion. If additional information is required, the Committee are asked to request that Officers prepare a further report, on the substantive issues, to be presented at a future meeting of the Joint Governance Committee.

### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1. There may be direct financial implications in future depending on the course of action the Joint Governance 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 Worthing Borough Council on 22 October 2019

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## **Appendix 1**

### **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**