



Ward(s) Affected: All

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 Sami Zeglam which has been seconded by Councillor Lavinia O'Connor.
- 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. The Council is asked to 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 Sami Zeglam, (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 District.

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 done so under part 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules and 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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Motion to council 16/07/2020 - Black Lives Matter

This council wishes to place on record our condemnation of the senseless killing of George Floyd in Minnesota, USA. The subsequent protests and demonstrations around the world in support of Black Lives Matter has caught the public consciousness and this council wishes to recognise this movement.

The latest figures from Sussex Police show that black people in Sussex were 12 times more likely to be stopped and searched by police. In recognition of the incident in Minnesota and disparity of treatment, thousands of protesters took to the streets of Sussex over the weekend of June 13 to support the movement.

The council further notes the release of the Government's report on the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people.

This council resolves:

- To stand in complete solidarity with black people in America, in Britain, and around the world. Systemic racism exists in our society and we must tackle bias, racism or discrimination wherever we find it.
- To write to the government to address the disproportionate impact of Covid19 on black, Asian and minority ethnic people.
- To continue work with the community and Sussex police to ensure that policing in the county is proportionate and fair to all residents.

Proposer - Sami Zeglam

Seconder - Lavinia O'Connor