



Council
20 October 2020
Agenda Item 12

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 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 Planning 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 which affects the Borough.
- 3.3 The motion before Council contains a subject matter that is within the remit of the Planning Committee, as defined in para 14.4.2 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it shall be moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Planning 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 Planning 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 Strategic Committee and should the Joint Strategic Committee determine that the motion be accepted there may be financial implications in the future.

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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Motion to Council - Planning Reform

In light of the proposed planning reforms detailed in the white paper 'Planning for the Future', this motion asks the Council to send the following letter to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government:

To the Right Hon Robert Jenrick, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government:

Worthing Borough Council brings to your attention the proposed planning reforms detailed in the white paper 'Planning for the Future'.

We acknowledge the need for reform of the planning system in order to build the homes we desperately need.

However, we are concerned that if these reforms go ahead, they could harm the quality of new local housing developments in Worthing.

We are concerned about the 'Planning for the Future' recommendations on extending Permitted Development Rights (PDRs). Many PDRs fail to meet national space standards, lacking amenity space and suffering from low quality design and poor locations. We fear this could have wide ranging impacts on our local transport and community facilities, without sufficient Section 106 agreements or Community Infrastructure Levy contributions to offset the costs associated with provision of community infrastructure.

We are concerned that these proposals risk jeopardising the public's trust by creating poor-quality accommodation as standard. We urge the government to avoid drifting into a planning policy regime that could produce misery and tragedy for occupants.

Proposed by Cllr Bob Smytherman
Seconded by Cllr Martin McCabe