



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

Council
20 October 2020
Agenda Item 13

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 Hazel Thorpe which has been seconded by Councillor Carl Walker.
- 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 Strategic Committee.

3. Context

- 3.1 A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Hazel Thorpe, (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 Joint Strategic Committee, as defined in para 14.4.1 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 Strategic 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 Strategic 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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This Council declares a Poverty Emergency.

Covid-19 has hit us hard.

We'll feel the recession and after-shocks for some time. The July 2020 Council report, "And then" Bouncing back in post pandemic Adur and Worthing' stated this clearly.

We note this Council's outstanding work in supporting local people during the pandemic.

We urge the Council to commit to treating poverty in Worthing as an emergency and will develop a poverty emergency strategy to address the local causes and impacts of poverty.

As part of this strategy we commit to establishing a Poverty Reduction Advisory Group. This independent group will advise the council on policy and practice related to local poverty reduction and prevention.

The key principles guiding the Advisory Group's work will be:

- Ensuring equal opportunities for involvement between community leaders and other stakeholders. This should include the "Hear My Voice" initiative - Adur and Worthing Poverty Truth Commission.
- Developing a constructive conversation on poverty prevention between residents of the Borough and the Council/partner agencies.
- Using data, analysis and evaluation to agree priorities and drive work more widely across the Council and with partner agencies.
- Draw on best practice in poverty reduction initiatives around the UK to influence poverty reduction policy and practice in Worthing
- Develop interventions to address the multiple causes of poverty in Worthing
- Be de-stigmatising and educational.

**Proposed by Cllr Hazel Thorpe
Seconded by Cllr Carl Walker**