



Ward(s) Affected: All Worthing

Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council

Report by the Director for Communities

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This report sets out a motion (attached as Appendix 1) referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on the 20 October 2020.
- 1.2. Members of the Planning 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 Planning Committee support the motion and determine how further work is carried out; or,
- 2.2. That the Planning Committee reject the motion.

3. Context

- 3.1 At its meeting on the 20 October 2020, Worthing Borough Council received a motion from Councillor Bob Smytherman, seconded by Councillor Martin McCabe, details of which can be found at Appendix 1.

- 3.2 The motion submitted to Council contained 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 was moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Planning Committee for consideration and determination.
- 3.3 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 of the Executive 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 Planning Committee can either support or reject the motion.
- 4.2 Should the Planning 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 Committee.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There may be direct financial implications in future depending on the course of action the Planning 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 20 October 2020

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Motion from Cllr Smytherman regarding Planning Reforms

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