



Council
17 December 2020

ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Motions on Notice 2

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Debs Stainforth and 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 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 Debs Stainforth, (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 contains part of the subject matter that is within the remit of Joint Strategic Committee as defined in para 14.4.1 and 14.4.3 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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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Annex A

This Council declares a Poverty Emergency Covid-19 has hit us hard. We will 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, often in solidarity with the community, to support local people during the pandemic.

The Council commit to treating poverty in Adur as an emergency and will lead the development of a Poverty Emergency Strategy, with partners and the Community, which will address both the local causes, and the wide ranging 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 the Adur District.**
- **Develop interventions to address the multiple causes of poverty in the Adur District and reduce their impact.**
- **Adopt a de-stigmatising and educational approach, acknowledging the broad demographic facing poverty since the pandemic.**

**Proposed by Councillor Debs Stainforth
Seconded by Councillor Lavinia O’Connor**