



Council
20 April 2021
Agenda Item 11

WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 Val Turner which has been seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes.
- 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 Val Turner, (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 Borough.
- 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

The abduction and death of Sarah Everard has again highlighted the importance of the work undertaken by this Council to help ensure that residents in our community feel and remain safe. No one should feel unsafe or fear abduction on our streets. Fortunately, such events are rare, although, for us in Sussex, we have experienced such an event when, in July 2000, Sarah Payne was abducted and murdered whilst playing in Kingston Gorse. It is an event that is etched in the memory of a number of Members of this Council here tonight, as is the disappearance of Georgina Gharsallah, here in Worthing. That is why this Council reaffirms its commitment to help keep our town safe.

As part of our community safety work, alongside the Police and other agencies, we have invested in improved CCTV in our town centre. We are also committed to improving our car parks so that residents and visitors coming into our Town Centre can feel safe and secure when accessing their vehicles. Working with our partners in the Evening and Late Night Economy, we have secured Purple Flag status for our town, and will endeavour to ensure that these high standards are maintained and built upon.

We are determined to create an environment that is welcoming, safe and secure to everyone.

Violence in any form is not acceptable and no one should feel that they cannot go out and walk alone on our streets. We will work to ensure that our town provides an environment that discourages those who wish to cause harm to others.

In our language and by our deeds we will ensure that we hold accountable those who cause such harm to our Town.

Proposed by Cllr Val Turner

Seconded by Cllr Elizabeth Sparkes