



Council  
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# 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 Lee Cowen, Seconded by Councillor Debs Stainforth
- 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 Lee Cowen, (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. The motion includes a proposal for the Council to take any substantive action (Para 14.4.4). 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**

### **Universal Credit motion**

4,912 people (and their families) in Adur have received the news that their Universal Credit will be cut by £20 a week, equating to £1040 per annum. People affected are not just those on out of work benefits but also people on low income and those on working tax credits. 45% of our claimants are already in work.

Many families have lost their jobs due to Covid and were forced to take poorer paid jobs through no fault of their own. We are seeing the use of foodbanks increase due to the rocketing supermarket and energy prices and charities warn it will push more families into poverty.

Business leaders say it will make it harder for local businesses to recover from losses during the pandemic because UC claimants will have even less to spend. Furthermore, there are plans to restart the migration to UC from legacy benefits which will reduce incomes for another group of vulnerable people.

This Council recognises the damaging impact of the cuts to Universal Credit and resolves to write to both Tim Loughton MP and the chancellor Rishi Sunak calling on them to reinstate the payments and by doing so show our support for families and local businesses who are facing hardship this winter.