



Council  
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## WORTHING BOROUGH C O U N C I L

Ward(s) Affected: All

### **Motion on Notice**

### **Report by the Interim Director for Communities**

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### **Executive Summary**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1. The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Russ Cochran which has been seconded by Councillor Bob Smytherman.
- 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 Russ Cochran, (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 The motion before Council contains a subject matter that is within the remit of the 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.

## **Annex A**

The Council to note the declination of Football in the Senior Game locally and how we as the council can better protect it.

Many involved at all levels of the game are very concerned moving forward as the pandemic has stunted any recovery in the game

Local pitch use has hit rock bottom, the council officers can provide a record of use and income before and after covid hit this will now display how much of an impact it has had.

The council has recently provided some great and valuable investment in one area, to one club but now it emerges more Football clubs require the same level of investment, through not only parity but for sustainability, to help us better identify these needs we can position ourselves better with a few simple actions.

Therefore I submit a Proposal to Create 'Worthing football forum' to provide better support for the towns clubs and the council to commit to ensuring as much as possible is being done for the local game, by using such a thing as a vehicle, any potential 'Worthing Local Football Forum' which is set up will then provide a better foundation locally by encompassing youth, senior, veterans, Womens', Girls and disability inclusive teams, the wider game is the bigger picture, involvement from club representatives, Sussex County FA, Council officers, councillors, Football foundation and Leagues, from youth to senior.

For the good of the health benefits it provides, use of public spaces, community and cultural aspects it brings, this council has a duty to better support the national game locally from all grassroots levels upwards.

**Proposed: Rus Cochran**

**Seconded: Bob Smytherman**