



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Strategic Committee
16 March 2022
Agenda Item 13

Key Decision: [Yes/No]

Ward(s) Affected: All Worthing

Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council

Report by the Interim 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 22nd February 2022.
- 1.2. Members of the Joint Strategic 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 Joint Strategic Committee support the motion and determine how further work is carried out; or,
- 2.2. That the Joint Strategic Committee reject the motion.

3. Context

- 3.1. At its meeting on the 22nd February 2022, Worthing Borough Council received a motion from Councillor Russ Cochran, seconded by Councillor Bob Smytherman, 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 Joint Strategic Committee, as defined in para 14.4.1 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it was moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Committee for consideration and determination.
- 3.3 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 of the Executive and explain the motion. Councillor Russ Cochran has been made aware that the motion has been referred to this Committee.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Joint Strategic Committee can either support or reject the motion.
- 4.2 Should the Joint Strategic 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 JSC.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There may be direct financial implications in future depending on the course of action the Joint Strategic 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 the 22nd February 2022

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Appendix 1

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: Cllr Rus Cochran

Seconded: Cllr Bob Smytherman