

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	1 February 2019
Title:	Referral of Motion from County Council on 29 November 2018
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Recommendation

- 1.1. That Cabinet consider the way forward in respect of this referral from the County Council.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. A Notice of Motion ('Motion') proposed by Councillor Gavin James and seconded by Councillor Martin Tod was submitted in accordance with Standing Order 18.1 to a meeting of the County Council held on 29 November 2018. A copy of the Motion is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
- 2.2. In accordance with Standing Order 18.4 the Council referred the Motion to Cabinet for consideration. Cabinet is accordingly requested to consider the Motion and report back to the County Council.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because the matter has been referred by the County Council to Cabinet in accordance with Standing Orders.

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

No direct impact on equalities is anticipated as a result of Cabinet's consideration of the Motion.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. No direct impact on **crime and disorder** is anticipated as a result of Cabinet's consideration of the Motion.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

3.1. No direct impact on climate change is anticipated as a result of Cabinet's consideration of the Motion.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM 11

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 18.1

Proposed by Councillor Gavin James, seconded by Councillor Martin Tod:

“Council notes that it is now more than two years since the Referendum and the Government still has no coherent Brexit plan that has the support of a majority in Parliament. Since the vote in 2016:

- a) The performance of the UK economy has fallen behind. It is now the slowest growing economy in Europe with productivity slipping further and competitiveness reliant on the declining value of the Pound;
- b) Hampshire residents – particularly those on lower incomes – are being hit hard by rising inflation and squeezed pay rates;
- c) Confidence among investors and established businesses is ebbing with jobs moving away from the UK;
- d) Many non-UK EU nationals resident in the county have had their lives, and those of their UK-national families, destabilised by the uncertainty of Brexit. On top of the social impacts, local businesses and, above all the NHS are losing vital staff;
- e) New investment, which Hampshire relies on for future prosperity, is being jeopardised and new job opportunities are being lost;

Council believes that a ‘hard’ or ‘no deal’ Brexit will seriously harm the long-term prosperity of all Hampshire residents. With only 20 weeks to go before the UK leaves, it is vitally important that Hampshire County Council speaks up on their residents’ behalf.

Council calls on the government to abandon plans for a hard Brexit and to give the people of Hampshire a vote on the final deal, along with the opportunity to vote on keeping the irreplaceable benefits Britons currently enjoy by staying in the European Union.”