

## NOTICE OF MOTION – UNIVERSAL CREDIT

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| <b>Council</b>   | <b>7 December 2017</b>   |
| Report Author    | <b>Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager</b>                                 |
| Portfolio Holder | <b>Councillor Crow-Brown, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance Services</b> |
| Status           | <b>For Decision</b>  |
| Classification:  | <b><i>Unrestricted</i></b>   |
| Key Decision     | <b>No</b>  |
| Ward:            | <b>All Wards</b>   |

### Executive Summary:

To consider a Notice of Motion submitted in relation to universal credit.

### Recommendation(s):

Council is invited to consider whether to debate the motion.

### CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

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| <b>Financial and Value for Money</b>                         | None arising directly from this report  |
| <b>Legal</b>   | <p>Council Procedure Rule 3.7 states that: “the Member whose name appears first on the notice will move the motion during his or her speech and call for a seconder. If seconded, a Member from the controlling political group will be entitled to a reply, after which the motion shall stand referred without further discussion to the Cabinet or appropriate committee for determination or report unless the Council decides to debate the motion in accordance with Rule 16” <i>(rules of debate)</i></p> <p>However, as only Council can adopt the motion on notice, the motion will fall if the Council does not agree to debate it.</p>   |
| <b>Corporate</b>   | Council Procedure Rule 3 provides the opportunity for Councillors to give advance notice of motions to be put to Council.   |
| <b>Equalities Act 2010 &amp; Public Sector Equality Duty</b> | <p>Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy &amp; maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage &amp; civil partnership.</p> |

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|  | Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.   |  |
|  | Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,              |  |
|  | Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it |  |
|  | Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.          |  |
| None arising directly from this report |  |  |

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| <b>CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓</b> |   |
| A clean and welcoming Environment                  |   |
| Promoting inward investment and job creation       |   |
| Supporting neighbourhoods                          | x |

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| <b>CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓</b> |   |
| Delivering value for money                     |   |
| Supporting the Workforce                       |   |
| Promoting open communications                  | x |

## 1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The following motion has been received from Councillor Matterface in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 3:

This council notes with concern that the implementation of a full service universal credit in Thanet is already proving detrimental to the health and well-being of many local residents faced with a delay of several weeks before benefits are received.

The council therefore agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions asking that the system ensures all residents have their needs met and they are treated with dignity and fairness.

## 2.0 Options

- 2.1 To debate the motion
- 2.2 Not to debate the motion, in which case the motion will fall.

## 3.0 Decision Making Process

- 3.1 It is for Council to decide whether or not to debate the motion, and if it does so, whether or not to agree the motion.

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| Reporting to:    | Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance |

## Corporate Consultation

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| <b>Finance</b> | Matt Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager      |
| <b>Legal</b>   | Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance |