

NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING REQUESTING ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

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| Council: | 14 July 2022 |
| Report Author | Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager |
| Portfolio Holder | Councillor D Saunders, Cabinet Member for Finance |
| Status | For Decision |
| Classification: | <i>Unrestricted</i> |
| Ward: | All Wards |

Executive Summary:

This Council will consider a notice of motion requesting that the Council calls on the government to increase central funding to TDC in order to protect the delivery of the basic services in which the community relies upon, without penalising the staff who provide these services.

Recommendation(s):

Council is invited to consider whether to debate the motion.

Corporate Implications:

Financial and Value for Money

None arising directly from this report.

Legal

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" (*rules of debate*)

Corporate

Council Procedure Rule 3 provides the opportunity for Councillors to give advance notice of motions to be put to Council.

Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty

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.

Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

There are no specific equalities issues arising from this report.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- Communities

1.0 Introduction and Background

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

“This council welcomes the introduction by the government of a windfall tax on the profits of energy companies and the use of the receipts to provide some mitigation for the public against spiralling domestic fuel bills.

However, it notes that with UK price inflation expected to reach 11 per cent, compounded by area-specific rent inflation, many Thanet residents and members of the council’s own workforce will still struggle to cope financially over the coming months. In addition, inflationary pressures will bear down on the council’s ability to provide essential services at existing levels as external costs such as bills from suppliers continue to rise.

We call upon the government to increase central funding to this authority in order that we can protect the delivery of the basic services our community relies upon without further penalising the hard-working staff who provide them.”

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 If the motion is debated, at the end of the debate a vote will be taken to agree the motion or not. As only Council can agree to this motion, if the motion falls then it will not be referred to any other committee.

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Annex List

There are no annexes with this report.

Background Papers

There are no background papers with this report.

Corporate Consultation

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