

19 October 2016

Ordinary Council

Notices of Motion

Report of: Philip Ruck – Head of Paid Service

Wards Affected: All

This report is: Public

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Five Notices of Motion have been submitted in accordance with Rule 3 in Part 4.1 of the Constitution - Council Procedure Rules.

1.2 Cllr Kendall submitted the following motion:

Boundary Commission Proposals for the Brentwood & Ongar Constituency

'The members of Brentwood Borough Council call upon the Boundary Commission to reconsider their proposals for the Brentwood & Ongar constituency. We are opposed to the Brentwood Borough wards of Warley and Herongate, Ingrave & West Horndon being moved into the South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency.

These two wards have been an integral part of our local community over many years and have a strong identity and attachment with Brentwood. There is a strong desire from many of the residents living in these areas to remain a part of the Brentwood & Ongar constituency and we ask that these views are seriously considered before any final decision is made'.

1.3 Cllr Ms Sanders submitted the following motion:

'Following Cllr Olivia Sanders' re-appointment as the Lead Mental Health Champion the Council reaffirms its ongoing commitment to mental health by appointing every newly elected Member in 2016 as a Mental Health Champion for 2016-2017 and that accordingly such councillors be duly appointed'.

Background Information

***Mental Health Challenge**

The Mental Health Challenge was set up by various Mental Health charities and is funded by the Department of Health. By adopting the Challenge in 2014, and agreeing to fulfill seven of the ten challenges outlined in the 'No Health without Mental Health; Implementation Framework', the Council has committed to promote local mental health

services, consider ways in which it can make its services more accessible for vulnerable residents and raise awareness of mental health illnesses locally. The Council has a living action plan which outlines how it will continue to contribute to the Challenge. The Council is also compiling a Mental Health prevention plan for Brentwood which will contribute to the Joint Basildon and Brentwood Mental Health Prevention Strategy.

***Mental Health Champion**

When the Challenge was first adopted in 2014, Members voted unanimously to become Mental Health Champions. Brentwood Borough Council was the first local authority in the UK to have every elected Member as a Champion, demonstrating a strong commitment to the Challenge.

1.4 Cllr Kendall submitted the following motion:

'The members of Brentwood Borough Council call upon the Cabinet Member for Highways at Essex County Council to allow members of the public to attend Brentwood Local Highways Panel meetings'.

Background Information

* Local Highways Panel meetings are organised by the County Council but have members of the Borough Council sitting on the Panel. The Borough Council also provides the venue and the secretariat for the meetings.

* In the past Brentwood Local Highways Panel meetings have been open to the public to attend but this policy changed at the last Panel meeting on Monday 26th September.

1.5 Cllr Mrs Hubbard submitted the following motion:

'That this Council writes to The Secretary of State expressing grave concern about unaccompanied children in the Calais 'Jungle' and asking that the promise to accept up to 3,000 of them in the UK be prioritised and for emergency measures to be taken at all levels of Government to expedite this. Also stating that we deplore the apparent delay in fulfilling this promise.

At the same time to resolve that this Council refers the task of co-ordinating the necessary measures required in Essex to care for lone children seeking sanctuary, to the County Council, and requesting that the County Council commits to offer resettlement places to unaccompanied refugee children as part of the implementation of the central Government scheme. This Council urges the County Council, by writing to appropriate Ministers, to work closely with local government to ensure that councils have the funding and support to build the essential regional infrastructure necessary to secure the placement and support of children across the Country, particularly in relation to housing provision,

health care, educational needs, and English language provision so that the whole process of resettlement is in the best interests of the child and, vitally, that it's adequately resourced'.

1.6 Cllr Hossack submitted the following motion:

'That this council resolves to explore alternative and/or additional models of housing provision to tackle homelessness in the Borough and will work with established homelessness charities to identify possible options for meeting such housing needs. Proposals are to come back to the Environment and Housing Committee at a future date for consideration'.

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