

<b>Committee(s):</b> Audit & Scrutiny Committee	<b>Date:</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> March.2023
<b>Subject:</b> Ordinary Council Motions	<b>Wards Affected:</b> All
<b>Report of:</b> Andrew Hunkin – Interim Director of People and Governance	<b>Public</b>
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### Summary

At a previous meeting of Audit & Scrutiny held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Cllr Dr Barrett, requested a report to be presented on the progress of Ordinary Council Motions (Min 77 refers) under the Scrutiny Work Programme

### Main Report

1. This report will form part of the Scrutiny Working Programme and an annual report will be presented at last Audit and Scrutiny of the Municipal year to ensure transparent governance and open to scrutiny.
2. Appendix A shows a total of seven motions approved by Ordinary Council from March 2022 to current date.

### **Introduction and Background**

3. Any one or more Members of the Council may, by notice received by the Monitoring Officer no later than 10.00 am eleven working days before the day of the Council meeting, require the Council to consider a motion about a matter relating to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Council's area. A notice of motion may be accompanied by a statement of not more than 200 words setting out the reason for the proposed motion.
4. The Monitoring Officer will record all notices of motions (not including a rejected notice) in the order in which they are received, and such record shall be open to public inspection on request.

5. Motions can be rejected by the Monitoring Officer if: -
  - (a) it does not comply with the requirements of this Rule;
  - (b) the notice of motion is defamatory of an individual, offensive, or otherwise infringes the proper conduct of local government; or
  - (c) the recommendation in the notice of motion would be illegal.
6. A motion or amendment in similar terms to one that has been rejected at a meeting of Council in the past six months cannot be moved except in accordance with Rules 8.3.17.
7. The Council shall not debate any motion which would give rise to a significant change to the income of the Council, to its expenditure or to contract terms, unless it has received a report from the Chief Finance Officer or the Monitoring Officer, as appropriate, setting out the legal or financial effect of the motion.
8. Motions of Council will not be accepted at Annual Council, Extra Ordinary Council or Ordinary Council (Budgetary Framework).

### **Consultation**

9. None.

### **References to Corporate Plan**

10. Delivering an efficient and effective Council – Transparent Decision making.

### **Implications**

#### **Financial Implications**

**Name/Title: Tim Willis, Interim Director of Resources**

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11. There are no direct financial implications.

### **Legal Implications**

**Name & Title: Andrew Hunkin, Interim Director of People and Governance**

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12. They are within the body of the report.

### **Economic Implications**

**Name/Title: Phil Drane, Director of Place**

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13. There are no direct economic implications arising from this report.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

**Name/Title: Kim Anderson, Partnerships, Leisure & Funding Manager**

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14. All Council decisions to reflect the Council's Section 149 duty.

**Other Implications** (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

### **Background Papers**

None

### **Appendices to this report**

Appendix A: Ordinary Council Motions March 2022 to current date.