

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 11

meeting date: 20 MARCH 2018
 title: REFERRAL TO THIS COMMITTEE OF NOTICE OF MOTION FROM FULL COUNCIL RELATING TO SOCIAL MOBILITY
 submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform Committee that a Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Allan Knox was considered by Full Council on Tuesday, 6 March 2018, the Notice of Motion, with amendments accepted by the proposer was as follows:

“Council notes with concern that according to the latest Social Mobility Commission report published in November 2017, the Ribble Valley ranks 311 out of 324 for social mobility amongst young people.

Council also notes with concern that the reports states that the worst performing areas for social mobility are no longer in the city areas, but remote, rural and coastal areas.

Consequently, Council is asked to resolve to set up an all party working group to provide a report to Policy and Finance Committee no later than its September meeting.

The report should be based on evidence taken from a variety of sources including partners, as well as the Social Mobility Commission to find out the reasons for the lack of social mobility amongst local young people and also to provide recommendations for this Council and its partners as to how they should tackle the problem going forward”.

- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives - }
 - Corporate Priorities - }
 - Other Considerations - }
- The Notice of Motion reflects Members' concerns about the local area.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council's procedures do not require working groups to be politically balanced, however the Notice of Motion specifically referred to an all party working group.
- 2.2 The purpose of the referral to Policy and finance Committee is to request that Policy and Finance Committee determine the number of Members that the working group should comprise, nominate those Members, and set the terms of reference for the working group.

2.3 The date of the Council meetings in the next municipal year have not yet been set, however it is anticipated subject to confirmation by this Committee, that there will be a meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on 25 September 2018.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – The working group will be supported by officers utilising existing resources.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal - N/A
- Political - N/A
- Reputation – N/A
- Equality & Diversity – N/A

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Constitute a working group to comprise:

- one member from each of the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups
- determine the number of Members from the Conservative group
- confirm that the terms of reference of the working group are 'to determine the reasons for the apparent lack of social mobility amongst young people in the Ribble Valley and to provide recommendations for the Council and partners as to how they should tackle the problems going forward'.
- to finalise the report on or before 7 September 2018.

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