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Dear Member,

County Council - Friday, 19 October 2018

Please find enclosed proposed amendments to the motions set out below which will be debated at the meeting of the County Council to be held on Friday, 19 October 2018.

Agenda No	Item
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7(a)	Motion on Tackling Homelessness and supporting those at Risk (Pages 3 - 4)
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Amendment by Mr Barling attached.

7(b)	Motion on Cycling (Pages 5 - 6)
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Amendment by Mrs Russell attached.

7(c)	Motion on consultation on Shale Gas and Other Oil and Gas Exploration and Production (Pages 7 - 8)
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Amendment by Mrs Duncton attached.

Yours sincerely

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To all members of the County Council

County Council**19 October 2018****Item No. 7(a) - Notice of Motion by Mr Jones on Tackling Homelessness and supporting those at Risk****Amendment by Mr Barling**

This Council is extremely concerned that 2018 has seen the number of people sleeping rough in West Sussex reach its highest level since modern records began. It supports the aims of the Government's Rough Sleeping Strategy to tackle rough sleeping and pledges to do it all it can to ensure the aims to eradicate rough sleeping become a reality in West Sussex, including targeted prevention activity. Furthermore, this Council values the work of voluntary sector organisations around the county who support some of the most vulnerable residents who are at risk of homelessness or who need support to prevent them from being homeless. The Council is concerned to note that:

- (1) The current proposals being considered by the Cabinet Member which might cut the entire funding for housing support will bring significant impacts in the medium to longer term by adding to the demand for acute higher cost specialist services and that implementation of these proposals would not only put this Council at odds with national government policy but crucially will deny local councils the opportunity to secure government funding in tackling this major social problem. In addition, the 'floating support' services at threat are a key tool for promoting social inclusion and stable communities through tenancy sustainment, community engagement and a reduction in anti-social behaviour, all key planks in meeting strategic objectives within the Council's own West Sussex Plan 2017-22;
- (2) Without this support this Council expects to see a rise in homelessness across all client groups, including families with associated social and health costs. These include direct costly impacts on social care services through family breakdown with increased child protection issues, foster and other care placements and temporary accommodation placements for intentionally homeless families. Poor educational attainment and increased truancy rates for children in unsettled and temporary accommodation will inevitably be added consequences;
- (3) The termination of housing support for young people over 18, through such initiatives as the foyers across the county, puts vulnerable young people who have either suffered a troubled family life, or are care leavers, in a position where they will be moved from a relatively stable and secure environment which can be used as a stepping stone into living independently, and either be immediately forced into shared temporary accommodation or sharing in the private rented sector, with people who will not be vetted or motivated to act in that young person's best interest. While this would be undesirable for all young people placed in that

situation, it will be particularly inconsistent with the Council's duty as a corporate parent to care leavers, who form a significant proportion of the current service users; and

- (4) If funding is removed and refuge accommodation for women and their children subjected to domestic abuse is no longer available, this will put women's lives and children's lives directly at risk, as well as taking away support for women with their recovery and helping to rebuild their confidence and self-esteem, and losing specialist support workers for the children who accompany them.

This Council believes that the proposals clearly and directly fly in the face of three of the key areas of focus agreed by the Council – best start in life for children and young people, a strong, safe and sustainable place for communities and a council that works for communities. This Council further believes that a fourth key area of focus, independence in later life, is also significantly impacted by these proposals because the current preventative service model extra care housing schemes give vulnerable older people whose disabilities, frailty or mental health make ordinary housing unsuitable the opportunity to live independent for longer.

Therefore this Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health ensures that ~~the existing funding through 18 contracts with housing related support services~~ **are** is maintained ***in a sustainable way and to continue to promote the Government's homelessness strategy (for rough sleepers) and continues constructive consultations with all district and borough councils and the service providers*** ~~in full for 2019/20 and rejects the current proposals being considered to terminate them.~~

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Item No. 7(b) - Notice of Motion on Cycling from Dr O'Kelly

Amendment by Mrs Russell

This Council recognises the significant work being done by the Cabinet to promote the benefits of increasing cycle journeys, in terms of improving **health and wellbeing** fitness, reducing congestion and the need to provide additional parking spaces, and improving air quality, as well as opening up the countryside for both residents and visitors. Along with the undoubted benefits of making cycling easier, there are also a number of issues that need to be addressed for the benefit of all residents and visitors to West Sussex. There are also new developments, such as electric bikes and increasing numbers of motorised scooters, which should, ideally, be segregated from pedestrians as far as possible in town centres.

The Council therefore calls on the Cabinet **Members** to hold a county-wide ~~Cycling Summit~~ to explore all the issues more fully **including at the 2019 Cycling Summit**, involving the whole range of stakeholders to address at least the following issues:

- (1) The health **and wellbeing** benefits of increasing cycling miles and how this can be achieved;
- (2) The role of cycling in addressing congestion and air quality;
- (3) Increasing cycle commuting and the role of employers in encouraging this;
- (4) Cycling **and Pedestrian** Safety;
- (5) Cycle tourism - opportunities and threats, including a **detailed consideration of proposed** ~~presumption against~~ road closures for large cycle events and **potential consequences for** ~~damage to~~ popular off-road routes;
- (6) **The continuation of c**Cycling education **in schools through 'Bikability' courses, instructor advice and school travel plans**, ~~and involving schools and other educational establishments in promoting cycling;~~
- (7) Involving businesses, and encouraging them to promote cycling through their travel plans;
- (8) Maximising grant funding and exploring other ways of funding new high quality infrastructure;

- (9) ***The success of the newly-implemented*** Design standards and increasing cycling infrastructure and capacity; and
- (10) Recognising the different challenges of promoting cycling in urban and rural environments and working with district, borough, parish and neighbourhood councils, and the South Downs National Park Authority.

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Item No. 7(c) - Notice of Motion by Ms Lord on consultations on permitted development rights for shale gas exploration and defining proposals for major shale gas production as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

Amendment by Mrs Duncton

This Council notes that, in May this year, Ministers outlined a proposal in a Written Ministerial Statement to redefine non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration applications as permitted development and to redefine large scale shale gas production sites as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects which would mean central government would determine planning applications rather than local authorities.

This Council believes that the wishes of local communities should be considered in decisions on shale gas and other oil and gas exploration and production, and that these decisions are best determined by local Mineral Planning Authorities through the planning process.

This Council resolves to **support the proposed draft responses, as published on 10 October 2018 in the Members' Information Service newsletter**, ~~ask the Cabinet Member for Environment respond to the Government's consultation~~ that applications for shale gas exploration, ~~and for other oil and gas exploration,~~ should not become permitted development and that they, along with planning applications for shale gas production, should be determined by local planning authorities in accordance with planning law and guidance, and **to** also ~~to~~ share this response with West Sussex MPs and relevant government ministers **making it clear that we will oppose attempts by the Government to dilute local democracy.**

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