

## **COUNCIL – 13TH DECEMBER 2018**

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – CAERPHILLY POLICE STATION

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in Paragraph 4.1 of the report, and make an appropriate recommendation. In accordance with Rule 11 (3) of the Constitution, the Mayor has agreed to allow the motion to be dealt with at Council, without being first discussed at an overview and scrutiny committee.

#### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor J. Pritchard and is supported by Councillors D.V. Poole, B. Jones, S. Morgan, C. Mann and P. Bevan.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure is referred to Council for consideration.

### 3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision making roles and responsibilities which will impact on future generations.

### 4. REPORT

- 4.1 Councillor J. Pritchard requests in his Notice of Motion that Council:
  - i) notes Gwent Police' Gwent wide review of Police front desk services and how frequently the public use them. The decisions to retain or remove front desk services in Gwent rests with the Chief Constable for Gwent.
  - (ii) further notes that face to face contact between members of the public and the Police in a safe and secure environment is important to ensure effective reporting of crime is undertaken.
  - (iii) is concerned with continued real terms funding reductions for Gwent Police and the 21,000 Police officer cuts since 2010. Council calls on the UK Conservative Government to reverse cuts to police budgets.
  - (iv) Council opposes the removal front desk services at Caerphilly Police Station and invites Gwent Police to collaborate with Caerphilly County Borough to maximise desk

provision in Caerphilly Library to increase face to face contact with members of the public.

#### **Reasons for the Motion**

4.2 In order to retain and protect front desk services provided by Gwent Police.

#### 5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

5.1 The Notice of Motion is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the act as it complies with the rules and regulations of the Council's Constitution which sets out a clear framework for how the Council operates in particular decision making responsibilities which will consider the positive and negative impacts on future generations, long term resilience, economic, environmental and social capital.

#### 6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific equalities implications that directly affect the Council arising from the report.

### 7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

#### 8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

### 9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

## 10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 4.1 above and make an appropriate recommendation.

### 11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

11.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

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Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion

# **NOTICE OF MOTION**

To consider the undermentioned Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough Councillor James Pritchard supported by the undersigned.

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Councillor James Pritchard

Councillor David Poole

Councillor Barbara Jones

Councillor Sean Morgan

PHIL BEVAN

TO COUNCILLO MANN