



COUNCIL – 10TH MARCH 2015

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION - WORKFARE

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in Paragraph 3 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. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillors K.V. Reynolds, G. Jones, Mrs B. Jones and D.V. Poole.
- 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 now referred to Council for consideration.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 Councillors K.V. Reynolds, G. Jones, Mrs B. Jones and D.V. Poole request in their Notice of Motion that :-

This Council pledges not to use the UK Government's WORKFARE placements and will encourage partners not to do so either, so far as it is legally permitted to do so.

- 3.2 The following information is provided by the Members in support of their notice of motion.

Reasons for the Motion:

Caerphilly County Borough Council is concerned about the lack of evidence that the UK Government WORKFARE scheme assists job seekers in finding work. We believe that a 30 hour a week placement makes it more difficult for people to find work and that WORKFARE stigmatises people and locks them further into poverty.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no equalities implications associated with this report.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are financial implications associated with this report.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are personnel implications associated with this report.

7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 3 above.

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