

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### Executive Summary

The Council is invited to consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 6 October 2022. The minutes of the Executive will be published in due course. The extracts from the reports of the Executive are set out in this report.

### THE EXECUTIVE – 6 OCTOBER 2022

#### 8A. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR W FORSTER – PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

At its meeting on 21 July 2022, the Council referred the following Notice of Motion to the Executive.

##### Councillor W Forster

“The Council notes that Belarus and the United Kingdom are the only European countries that use First Past the Post for their national elections.

This Council believes that Proportional Representation ensures all votes count, have equal value, and those seats won match votes cast. Under Proportional Representation, Parliaments better reflect the age, gender and protected characteristics of local communities and the nation. Members of Parliament better reflecting their communities leads to improved decision-making, wider participation and increased levels of ownership of decisions taken.

Proportional Representation would also end minority rule. In 2019, 43.6% of the vote produced a Government with 56.2% of the seats and 100% of the power. Proportional Representation also prevents ‘wrong winner’ elections such as occurred in 1951 and February 1974.

Proportional Representation is already used to elect the parliaments and assemblies of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, but not for Westminster elections.

This Council therefore resolves to write to the Prime Minister and Woking’s Member of Parliament calling for a change in our outdated electoral laws to enable Proportional Representation to be used for future General Elections.”

#### 8B. ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

The Executive is requested to:

**RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That the Council’s revised Animal Welfare Responsibilities Guidance document be agreed.**

##### **Reasons for Decision**

Reason: To promote Animal Welfare in the Borough.

## Recommendations of the Executive

The Committee has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.

**Background Papers:** None.

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