



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Notice of Motion – Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness</b>
<b>Date:</b>	29th August, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 4th September in relation to Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the motion will be referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

3.0	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p data-bbox="316 304 472 331"><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="316 365 1514 432">The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 465 1514 633">(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i></li> <li data-bbox="363 656 1514 824">(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i></li> <li data-bbox="387 846 1514 947">(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i></li> <li data-bbox="387 969 1514 1037">(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i></li> <li data-bbox="387 1059 1514 1160">(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i></li> <li data-bbox="387 1182 1514 1328">(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i></li> </ul> <p data-bbox="204 1361 842 1395">3.2 The following motion has been received:</p> <p data-bbox="316 1429 890 1462"><b><u>Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="316 1496 1514 1563">“Since opening its doors in 2021, the West Wellbeing Suicide Prevention Centre has provided 21,000 hours of Counselling and support for people affected by poor mental health.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1597 1514 1664">Its staff and volunteers offer one-to-one therapy, family support, home visits and a wide range of services for people across a range of high risk and complex situations.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1697 1514 1798">The lack of funding for mental health services means this charity is now threatened with closure, and it has been forced to drastically reduce the hours it can provide toward counselling for clients in recent weeks.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1832 1514 1966">West Wellbeing, which normally offers sessions for up to 200 people per week, has had to reduce this number by 60%, due to a lack of financial support. It is also having to reduce its opening hours from 9am-9pm, to 10am to 5pm. This is leaving many falling through the cracks and going without support at a time when they are struggling.</p>

	<p>This Council recognises the urgent need for investment into mental health services in communities. The Council also recognises that working class communities are adversely impacted due to higher levels of poverty and the legacy of trauma caused by conflict.</p> <p>The Council supports this service and agrees to explore all options to fund the West Well Being Suicide Prevention Centre, including using reserve funds, if necessary, to source up to £50,000 so the organisation can continue to deliver its full range of services for the remainder of 2023.</p> <p>This Council commits this financial support to ensure West Wellbeing can continue to operate for the remainder of 2023, without having to reduce its services.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Michael Collins</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Paul McCusker</p>
3.3	<p>The motion calls upon the Council to provide funding to the West Wellbeing Suicide Prevention Centre. The motion should be referred in the first instance to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which has responsibility for managing the Council’s finances.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None.</p>