

# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4 JUNE 2018

## REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL

### A.1 ADDITIONAL FLAG RAISING DAYS AT THE TOWN HALL

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

#### PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

##### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To report to the Committee a motion submitted at the meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2018.

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out a motion submitted by Councillor Pemberton to the meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2018 relating to an additional flag raising day at the Town Hall and which was referred to the Committee by the Chairman of the Council for consideration and report, in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 12.4.

##### RECOMMENDATION

**That, following the explanation of the motion by Councillor Pemberton, the Committee decides whether to recommend, or not, that the Council supports the motion and if the motion is not supported whether the Committee wishes to suggest to Council that an amended motion be proposed.**

#### PART 2 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

##### BACKGROUND

At a meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2018, the following motion was moved by Councillor Pemberton and seconded by Councillor Porter and, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.4, stood referred to the Committee for consideration and report:

*“That this Council approves that, in addition to Armed Forces Day, Merchant Navy Day and Commonwealth Day, St George’s Day be added as a flag raising day at the Town Hall and that the national flag of England be flown on that day.”*

##### CURRENT POSITION

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5 Councillor Pemberton has been invited to attend the meeting and explain the motion.

For Members information the Council currently raises flags for Armed Forces Day,

Merchant Navy Day and Commonwealth Day. The Council is invited by the Ministry of Defence, Seafarers UK and The Commonwealth Pageantmaster respectively each year to raise these flags and the Council accepts the invitation to take part in these nationwide events. The Council also receives guidance from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government about occasions when flags should be flown at full or half mast. At present the Council does not raise any flags based on a local policy decision so consideration may need to be given to the parameters of local flag raising when considering this motion.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION**

None

#### **APPENDICES**

None.