

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1.1 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13, the following motions have been received:-

1.2 From Cllr Mrs E P Gadsdon and seconded by Cllr I A Foster:-

"Gypsy and Traveller Pitches

Rochford District Council seeks Planning Permission for all known occupied but unapproved pitches with the intention of these being recognised as contribution to achievement of the Gypsy and Traveller commitment."

1.3 From Cllr Mrs E P Gadsdon and seconded by Cllr S E Wootton:-

"Rochford District Council has a proud record of supporting its residents through the Cost of Living crisis, especially those in financial hardship.

There will be some who, through no fault of their own, do not have access to conventional money lenders, and turn to loan sharks which invariably charge extremely high rates of interest, often under illegal conditions.

This motion proposes that this council helps protect its residents by signing up to a charter that expresses the Council's commitments to fighting loan sharks.

Furthermore, as an integral part of this there is a "call for action" for the Executive to investigate as a matter of urgency, how *Credit Unions are working with other local authorities with the intention to create a similar scheme in Rochford to support residents. Any resulting financial implications of this need to be in the 2024/25 budget.

**A Credit Union is a self-help, not-for-profit financial cooperative which provides savings, credit, (at a low interest rate), and a range of services for the benefit for its members."*

1.4 From Cllr R P Constable and seconded by Cllr Mrs D L Belton:-

"That Rochford District Council will hold all committee meetings of either Full Council or the Executive during the evening to ensure that maximum inclusivity of both Councillors and members of the public."

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