

COUNTY COUNCIL – 29 November 2018

NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM 11

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 18.1

Proposed by Councillor Gavin James, seconded by Councillor Martin Tod:

“Council notes that it is now more than two years since the Referendum and the Government still has no coherent Brexit plan that has the support of a majority in Parliament. Since the vote in 2016:

- a) The performance of the UK economy has fallen behind. It is now the slowest growing economy in Europe with productivity slipping further and competitiveness reliant on the declining value of the Pound;
- b) Hampshire residents – particularly those on lower incomes – are being hit hard by rising inflation and squeezed pay rates;
- c) Confidence among investors and established businesses is ebbing with jobs moving away from the UK;
- d) Many non-UK EU nationals resident in the county have had their lives, and those of their UK-national families, destabilised by the uncertainty of Brexit. On top of the social impacts, local businesses and, above all the NHS are losing vital staff;
- e) New investment, which Hampshire relies on for future prosperity, is being jeopardised and new job opportunities are being lost;

Council believes that a ‘hard’ or ‘no deal’ Brexit will seriously harm the long-term prosperity of all Hampshire residents. With only 20 weeks to go before the UK leaves, it is vitally important that Hampshire County Council speaks up on their residents’ behalf.

Council calls on the government to abandon plans for a hard Brexit and to give the people of Hampshire a vote on the final deal, along with the opportunity to vote on keeping the irreplaceable benefits Britons currently enjoy by staying in the European Union.”