

Member Motion – Submission Form

To be tabled at which Committee?	Dawlish Town Council
Date of meeting at which to be tabled ¹ :	Wednesday 7 th February 2024
Title of Motion:	Suicide prevention/Self Harm Internet Help Groups
Proposed by:	Anthony James
Seconded by (if applicable):	Rosie Dawson
Proposed Resolution:	Dawlish Town Council to lobby the Government via our elected M.P Anne Marie Morris, with the aim of preventing individuals, groups or companies from advertising, selling, and encouraging suicide over the internet in the form of suicide kits, information and individual assistance.
Background: (provided by the Proposer)	<p>For many year's groups, individuals, chat rooms and companies have been freely able to advertise without challenging ways a vulnerable person can take their own live.</p> <p>These sites consist of advice through chat rooms, email service, literature, the sale of suicide kits and individuals willing to attend a person's address to assist with the administration to end their life.</p>

¹ Standing Order 9b – no motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its working to the Proper Officer at least 8 clear days before the meeting. Clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting.

	<p>These individuals who are freely able to advertise without challenge leave a wake of devastation for the families, friends and emergency services who deal with the outcomes of the loss, or irreversible damage (where completed suicide has failed) of the vulnerable person.</p> <p>It is also a costly challenge for the police to successfully prosecute individuals, sites, and companies as many are not registered within the UK and where there is personal contact, the named are also difficult to identify.</p> <p>Persons who are targeted by such sites are often alone, vulnerable, and not beyond help.</p> <p>Foot note-</p> <p>There are various types of Suicide Kits all of which differ in cost –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Nitrous Oxide (Laughing gas) cylinder complete with mask. 2) A range of medications. 3) Noxious Substances. 4) Implements and contraptions. I.e.- Exit hood/bag. <p>This is not an exhaustive list.</p>
Financial Implication(s): (provided by the Proposer)	-N/A-
Proposer's signature:	Anthony James

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Date of submission:	

Background: (provided by the Proper Officer)	
Financial Implications: (anticipated by the Responsible Financial Officer)	