

Motions Submitted to Council

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 15) of the Council's Constitution

Motion 3

Submitted by Councillor Snell

Narrative

Gloriana Limited is a local authority controlled company which is a 100 % owned by the Council. Our shareholding interests are represented by our General Services Committee and the company' Directors are senior Council employees, who are under duties imposed both by company law and a requirement to avoid a conflict of interest. To date Gloriana Limited has borrowed significant sums of money from Thurrock Council. Thurrock is appreciative of Gloriana Limited willingness to co-operate with such scrutiny, in order that the Council and General Services Committee can be clear that any future monies advanced to the company are being responsibly used and will provide the Council the best possible rate of return.

Motion

In order to demonstrate transparency on its policies, implementation of its policies and overall performance and further to Gloriana Limited willingness to co-operate with such scrutiny from Members, Thurrock Council believes that Gloriana Limited should: provide an Annual Report to the Council; provide regular quarterly updates to our General Services Committee, voluntarily submit to the full democratic scrutiny of Full Council and General Services Committee on the thoroughness of its Business Plan and funding requirements. This is not to seek to inappropriately discuss the specific merits of any material planning considerations or predetermine the quasi-judicial decision properly within the remit of our Planning Committee on the current part heard planning application.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

Planning Committee Members and substitute Members of Planning Committee who have or may be required to take part in the current part heard planning application should exercise care that they must reserve their judgement and the independence to make up their own mind on any matter bearing on the planning application based on their overriding duty to judge the planning application on its individual merits and keep an open mind when the application comes back before the Planning Committee and that they hear all of the relevant information and will not in any way commit themselves as to how they or others may vote when the proposal comes back before the Planning Committee or alternatively not take part in either debate on the Motion or the relevant Planning Committee item.

Shareholders' rights arise in the main from the Companies Act 2006 as amended and the company's articles of association

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There are no direct financial implications on the Council as a result of this motion.

Is the above motion within the remit of Council to approve?

Yes