

Motions Submitted to Council

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

Motion 4

Submitted by Councillor Gerrish

Thurrock Council calls on the Government to provide the necessary resources and rule changes which would allow councils to build additional council housing at a scale proportional to need, in particular removing the Housing Revenue Account borrowing cap.

Council resolves to:

- Write to the Prime Minister, Chancellor and DCLG setting out our concerns and seeking urgent action to enable the building of council housing at necessary volumes.
- Write to Thurrock's MPs seeking all possible Parliamentary support.
- Request that the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider whether there are any additional local opportunities to increase our supply of new council houses in Thurrock.

Statement

Thurrock Council believes that in order to build a fairer borough, access to genuinely affordable council housing is a necessity for our residents. Too many people are languishing on an impossibly long waiting list or are frozen out of the system altogether.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

The Motion relates to a matter which affects the Authority or the Authority's area and for which the Authority has a relevant function.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There are no financial implications arising directly from this motion. Thurrock Council has no further scope within its Housing Revenue Account budgets for further new build without direct financial support or an increase in the debt cap.

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

Yes

