

## **Motions Submitted to Council**

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

#### **Motion 2**

##### **Submitted by Councillor Gerrish**

Members of Council tonight oppose the proposed closure of Children's Centres currently under consultation. They provide a vital service to all our communities. The proposed closures of Beacon (Chafford Hundred), East Tilbury, Stanford le Hope and Aveley Children's Centres will leave some communities entirely without a centre. This will have a severe and detrimental impact on local families. The Members' of Council tonight call on Cabinet to acknowledge the importance of these vital community services and to not proceed with the proposed closures.

#### **Monitoring Officer Comments:**

The notice of Motion relates to a matter which affects the Authority' or the Authority' area and relates to a matter in respect of which the Authority has a relevant function. The proposed reorganisation of the Children' Centres is an executive function for which responsibility lies with Cabinet. Should this Motion pass it will pass as an expression of opinion and / or request to Cabinet by Full Council. It should also be noted there is currently a public consultation around the proposals on service redesign

#### **Section 151 Officer Comments:**

The proposals are around service redesign and are expected to save £400k in 2017/18. This cost reduction has been built into the budget for next year and, if not realised, will add further pressures to the budget next year.

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

Yes