

Motions Submitted to Council

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

Motion 3

Submitted by Councillor Aker

This Council calls on Cabinet to commit to looking at each private contract and assess whether, or not, it could be fulfilled locally and begin a process of bringing private contracts back in-house as soon as possible so that the Council can maximise the benefits for Thurrock rather than multi-national corporations.

Statement

Thurrock Council has many contracts out to private companies; in particular repairs contracts, which we feel would be better operated in-house. Rather than paying millions of pounds to companies that take the money out of the borough, we would be better off supporting local people, local businesses and the local economy.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

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

Section 151 Officer Comments:

The council is governed by a number of contractual procedure regulations and a legal requirement to achieve value for money in its actions.

The Council Spending Review, which is looking at every service the council provides, includes a review on both procurement and the best method of delivery that includes a challenge as to whether the service should be provided in-house, externally or in partnership.

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

Yes