

Motions Submitted to Council

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

Motion 3

Submitted by Councillor Spillman

Full Council asks for the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee under its cross cutting remit on overall performance and monitoring and steering the overview and scrutiny function to look into:

- the effectiveness of overview and scrutiny processes at Thurrock Council
- the effectiveness of Motions agreed at the Full Council.

Statement

Numerous recent examples have demonstrated a lack of co-operation from the Executive and the Administration regarding requests and recommendations made by overview and scrutiny committees and motions secured through Full Council. This Motion asks the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee in its cross cutting and overall performance remit to scrutinise the compliance of the Executive with requests made by overview and scrutiny committees; the influence recommendations made by overview and scrutiny committees; the responses to Motions at Full Council over the policy decisions being made by both the Administration and Executive. This work will shine a light on the health of democratic scrutiny within Thurrock Council. This work is vital as it will come at a time when I believe a general consensus has formed among Members, Thurrock residents and the local press that the systems of democratic scrutiny within Thurrock Council are now as powerless as they have been since Thurrock became an executive system Council.

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:

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

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

Yes