

Motions Submitted to Council

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

Motion 5

Submitted by Councillor Halden

“The current crisis with refugees has led to calls for national and local governments to act in support. The chamber agrees with this.

Thurrock resolves to play its part to aid refugees and will make this position known to the Home Office.

We instruct the council to be ready with clear plans for service support from housing, social care, to public protection.

While we welcome the notion of using international aid funding to help with costs, we of course understand local pressures we are already under and therefore council will make representations to the Home Secretary that support must be evenly sort across local authorities to avoid disproportionate costs being applied to the taxpayer”

Monitoring Officer Comments:

The motion relates to a matter which affects the authority or the authority's area and for which the authority has relevant functions

Section 151 Officer Comments:

The government has committed to providing funding to local authorities to meet the additional costs. At this stage, there are too many unknowns to know whether there will be any net additional cost to the Council.

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

Yes