

Motions Submitted to Council

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

Motion 1

Submitted by Councillor J Kent

Council calls on cabinet to retain the Thameside Complex as a hub for arts, culture, and heritage for the community of Thurrock to own.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

Rule 15.2 of the Council Procedure and Rules states that a notice of motion must relate to a matter which affects the authority or the authority's area and must relate to a matter in respect of which the authority has a relevant function. The Thameside Complex is a matter of which the Council has a relevant function. Decisions on any proposed changes or potential disposal of a Council owned asset is an executive function for the Council's Cabinet to make taking into account all relevant considerations.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

The Joint report of the s151 Officer and Cabinet Member for Finance to Cabinet on 22 February outlined the considerable financial challenges facing the authority. The report clarified the scale of the challenges and the fact that in addition to Exceptional Financial Support, the Council would need to continue to take some very difficult decisions on savings, increases in Council Tax and fees and charges. Some of the many challenges facing the Thameside complex reflect the failure to invest in the building for a considerable time and the backlog maintenance required to bring it up to an acceptable level is £18-20m. Any decision about the future ownership of the complex would need to acknowledge, and finance, the investment required.

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

Yes