

**Motions Submitted to Council**

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

**Motion 2**

**Submitted by Councillor Jones**

We call on Thurrock Council to write to the Secretary of State to express many residents' views that in its present state the police service contact number 101 is not fit for purpose.

**Statement:**

The 101 police service contact number was first set up in 2006 under a labour government. The idea of the police contact number service 101 was to take pressure off 999 call to provide an alternative to the public to report minor crimes such as car thefts, ABS, criminal damage and minor road accidents. Unfortunately the free provision 101 service after costing £41 million pounds a charge was introduced in 2011 at a rate of 15 pence a call for the service.

I like many other councillors attend residents, shop traders and forum meetings along with the many police presentation meetings and the main concern from residents is the length of time it takes to report crime through the 101 service. The police officers that take these presentation meetings acknowledge that there are problems. It appears to be getting to the stage where residents are not bothering to report minor crime anymore with residents complaining as to how long it takes to get through to report any crime.

**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.

**Section 151 Officer Comments:**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this motion.

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

Yes