

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

"This council believes that work should pay and therefore opposes the introduction of schemes which force job seekers into unpaid work or face losing their benefits – schemes known popularly as workfare.

This council is concerned that there is no evidence workfare assists job seekers in finding work and in fact working a 30-hour week makes that more difficult; that workfare is replacing paid work; and that workfare stigmatises benefits claimants and locks them further into poverty.

"This council therefore pledges not to use any workfare placements and also calls for our partners and contractors not to use the schemes."

Monitoring Officer Comments:

There are no legal implications arising from this Motion.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

Any cost arising from this motion is impossible to calculate or even estimate. There is no telling whether any of our current or future contractors would be using the scheme and, if they were to, any additional cost arising from them having to make other arrangements on behalf of Thurrock Council.

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

Yes