Motions Submitted to Council

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

Motion 1

Submitted by Councillor Anderson

Given the great importance the Conservative government has placed on the "prevent" agenda in terms of countering extremism, and the need to consider all of the human trafficking and modern day slavery implications of illegal entry and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children, especially in areas with a large waterfront or port industry, the chamber wishes to have an appropriate member's forum for "prevent".

Therefore, following the procedure used to constitute the Corporate Parenting Committee as a formal Council Committee, we instruct the monitoring officer to present relevant terms of reference for the next meeting of the Full Council to help better protect our communities and those who come into our care.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

This motion seeks a report to Council on a proposed new Committee. It relates to a matter which affects the authority's area and is a matter over which the Council has a relevant function.

This motion would require an amendment to the constitution, therefore in accordance with Article 15 of the Constitution a report will be taken to the General Services Committee before it is brought before Council. This report and the subsequent report would set out the proposed terms of reference, and contain full discussion of the relevant considerations for Members. It will also consider the wider context including; overlaps with existing committees of the Council and the national guidance. The Council has a current Prevent member working group under the auspices of the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the national guidance on prevent does not require Councils to set up a specific committee, but does recommend that there is Member oversight.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There are no specific financial implications arising from the motion. The wider context will be considered as part of the further reporting required should Council support this motion.

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

Yes