

Motions Submitted to Council

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

Motion 2

Submitted by Councillor Aker

“The Council calls on the Cabinet to initiate a local referendum for the residents of Greenwood House, Butler House and Davall House in Grays, to ask whether they accept demolition of the three blocks and the Council's proposals so far to re-house the residents. The Council calls for this referendum to be held before further consultation is carried out.”

Monitoring Officer Comments:

The Local Government Act 2003 provides a specific power for principal local authorities in England and Wales to hold polls in order to ascertain views on any matter relating to their services, expenditure on those services or their power to promote well being in their areas.

Extensive consultation has been undertaken with residents and this has encompassed several areas of consideration. The consultation process is designed to establish resident's views on whether to agree to the demolition of the three blocks. This project is currently on hold until September to further consider the position.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There will be costs associated with a referendum but these can only be determined once the scope is known. As this is a Housing Revenue Account issue, any cost will have to be met from the HRA.

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

Yes