

MOTION ON NOTICE

The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13, the following motion has been received from Cllrs T G Cutmore; Mrs P Aves; P A Capon; Mrs T J Capon; M R Carter; J P Cottis; Mrs H L A Glynn; T E Goodwin; K J Gordon; J E Grey; J D Griffin; Mrs A V Hale; B T Hazlewood; K H Hudson; Mrs G A Lucas-Gill; M Maddocks; Mrs J E McPherson; D Merrick; Mrs J A Mockford; T E Mountain; Mrs C E Roe; C G Seagers; S P Smith; D J Sperring; M J Steptoe; I H Ward; Mrs M J Webster; Mrs C A Weston and Mrs B J Wilkins:-

‘In the light of the recent pronouncements made by the Leader of Southend Borough Council concerning the potential merger of Southend, this Authority and Castle Point Borough Council, this Council would like to place on record its strong opposition to any such proposal. That said, this Council remains committed to examining potential options for Shared Services with its neighbouring authorities, and other authorities for that matter, where it makes sense to do so and where it is of benefit to Rochford District residents and businesses. Our new ICT services contract with Capita involving Braintree District Council, Colchester Borough Council, and Castle Point Borough Council, as well as this authority, is an example of such working arrangements, which have brought significant financial and other benefits to all four Authorities.’

Albert Bugeja

Head of Legal, Estates and Member Services

Background Papers:-

None.

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