

MOTION ON NOTICE PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

Motion submitted by Councillor Paul Honeywood

Subject: The Implications of the Spendells Project's Unauthorised Expenditure

- (a) This Council expresses its concern with the failure to maintain control of the Council's expenditure during the delivery of the "Spendells Project", which has had a detrimental effect, not only on the Council's finances but also on its reputation, locally and nationally.**
- (b) This Council notes the swift and exceptional actions taken by the Statutory Officers, as reported to Cabinet in May 2024, and subsequently considered by the Resources and Services Committee on Monday 22nd July 2024.**
- (c) This Council expresses its disappointment to the Leader of the Council's response that, when asked whether he would like to apologise for the error happening as the Chief Executive had done, he declined.**
- (d) This Council believes that this issue brings into question the effectiveness of, and culture towards, governance, risk management and communication this Cabinet has adopted. To restore confidence in the Cabinet, this Council looks forward to receiving the findings of the Portfolio Holders' review of the performance and project management of all existing projects within their respective portfolios, as recommended by the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 22nd July 2024.**