

Motion to Council pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12 submitted by Councillor Peter Harris in relation to changes to Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief

*“(A) This Council notes that:-*

- (i) the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves MP, announced in the Budget on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024, changes to Agricultural Property Relief (APR) and Business Property Relief (BPR); and*
- (ii) this will potentially seriously affect the District of Tendring as a significant percentage of our District is of a rural nature with farming significantly contributing to our local economy.*

*(B) Therefore this Council, in accordance with the Corporate Plan themes of “Pride in our area and services to residents” and “Championing our local environment” requests that –*

- (1) the Leader of Tendring District Council, Councillor Mark Stephenson, through a resolution from Cabinet instructs Officers:-*
  - (a) to establish the total number of commercial farms and smallholdings operating and based in the Tendring District; and*
  - (b) via consultation with local farmers and investigation, to determine a realistic assessment of the potential impact on these businesses and the subsequent impact on the District of Tendring and the local economy.*
- (2) the findings of the above be reported back to Cabinet and thence onto the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the earliest opportunity given the potential serious implications.*
- (3) the findings together with the Cabinet’s final decision on this matter be reported to Full Council for its information.”*