

Council: 7 April 2008

Motion 3.1: Councillor Dan Thomas

Local Spending Reports

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.

Council notes the Government's lack of support for transparency in all public sector bodies.

Council believes that it is vital that Central Government public sector spending be transparent in order that money can be directed efficiently to where it is most needed.

Council notes that the Department of Communities and Local Government is holding a consultation on the publishing of Local Spending Reports (as contained in the Sustainable Communities Act) and requests Cabinet respond with the following concerns;

- That the consultation now issued on local spending reports proposed only to include local authorities and primary care trusts and to exclude all other public bodies
- That this in contravention of the expressed assurances of the Minister in the Committee stage of the Bill

and calls for the publication of Local Spending Reports to include the expenditure of all public agencies.