
NOTICE OF MOTION – TRANSEUROPA FERRIES

To: **Council – 11 July 2013**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All Wards**

Summary: To consider a Notice of Motion submitted in relation to Transeuropa Ferries

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1. Council Procedure Rule No. 16 governs the process for motions on notice being submitted to Council.

1.2.1 The following motion on notice has been received from Councillor Driver:

“This Council agrees to establish an enquiry into how Transeuropa Ferries (TEF) was allowed to run up a debt estimated to be £3.4 million to Thanet District Council.

“This enquiry will review the legal, constitutional, accounting and ethical issues relating to the management of this debt. It will report back on any inappropriate actions and make recommendations on how best to manage similar situations in the future.

“Because the decision to extend credit and allow TEF to run up debt was made at the highest managerial and political level, this enquiry must be conducted by a suitably qualified person who is totally independent of the Council.

“The results of this enquiry must be made public.”

2.0 Options

2.1 To debate the motion

2.2 Not to debate the motion

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial

3.1.1 None arising from this report

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 Council Procedure Rule 16.3 states that the Member whose name appears first on the notice will move the motion during his or her speech and call for a seconder. If

seconded, a Member from the controlling political group will be entitled to a reply, after which the motion shall stand referred without further discussion to the Cabinet or appropriate committee for determination or report unless the Council decides to debate the motion in accordance with Rule 19 (*rules of debate*). As only Council can adopt the motion on notice, the motion will fall should Council not agree to debate it.

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 Council Procedure Rule 16 provides the opportunity for Councillors to give advance notice of motions to be put to Council.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 None arising at this stage.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Council is invited to consider whether to debate the motion.

5.0 Decision Making Process

5.1 It is for Council to decide whether or not to debate the motion.

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Annex List

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	n/a
Legal	n/a