

COUNCIL MEETING – 4 APRIL 2011

Amendment to Motion U (2010/11)

(Amendments are shown in bold, deletions have been struck through)

This Council Notes:

~~This Council supports~~

- Moves to change our parliamentary voting system, ***including a Referendum to be held on May 5th 2011***
 - ***That the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituency Act 2011 places responsibility with the Electoral Commission to promote the Referendum and will be provided with adequate funding to do so***
 - ***Haringey Council's £41 million funding shortfall for the next financial year***
- ~~_____ , which will see Haringey's Members of Parliament elected under a fairer system.—~~

This Council Believes:

- ***In the current financial climate, promoting the referendum would be an inappropriate use of Haringey public funds***
- ***Tying the Referendum to other provisions is an undemocratic and partisan approach by the Coalition***
- ***Proposed changes to constituency boundaries excluding 8-16% of eligible voters, the abolition of public inquiries into decisions of the Boundary Commission and an arbitrary reduction in the size of the House of Commons are cynical moves to gerrymander votes.***

This Council Resolves:

- ***To call on the Government to ensure that all residents are provided with information on the pro and cons of the proposed voting systems.***

~~Council calls on the Returning Officer to take steps to promote participation in the Referendum.—~~

Propose: Cllr George Meehan
Second: Cllr Ann Waters