

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 2018, 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Gina Adamou (Mayor), Charles Adje, Peray Ahmet, Kaushika Amin, Dawn Barnes, Dhiren Basu, Patrick Berryman, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Zena Brabazon, Gideon Bull, Dana Carlin, Nick da Costa, Luke Cawley-Harrison, Sakina Chenot, James Chiriyankandath, Pippa Connor, Eldridge Culverwell, Paul Dennison, Josh Dixon, Erdal Dogan, Joseph Ejiofor, Ruth Gordon Makbule Gunes, Mike Hakata, Justin Hinchcliffe, Emine Ibrahim, Adam Jogee, Liz Morris, Khaled Moyeed, Lucia das Neves, Julia Ogiehor, Ishmael Osamor, Tammy Palmer, Reg Rice, Viv Ross, Alessandra Rossetti, Anne Stennett, Preston Tabois, Elin Weston, Noah Tucker, and Matt White.

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Mayor drew attendees' attention to the notice on the summons regarding filming at meetings.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:

- Bevan
- Davies
- Demir
- Carroll
- Peacock
- Williams
- Mitchell
- Say
- James
- Stone
- Hearn
- Diakides
- Opoku
- Emery
- Hare

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM

The Mayor invited Mr Mikolaj Stoma to make his deputation to the Council meeting.

Mr Stoma spoke as a Lithuanian national and EU resident living in the borough, in favour of Motion D and the call for People's Vote.

Mr Stoma recalled his feelings and situation at the time of the Brexit result, two years ago. He had considered the close results between the leave vote and remain vote, with only half of voters not voting to leave, without considerable concern. He had also felt it unlikely, with the result being non-binding, the government would pursue an exit from the EU. Also with a large number of leave voters wanting a favourable trading conditions with the EU, he had felt confidence in pragmatism prevailing and therefore remained in the country.

After more than two years, Mr Stoma spoke of his confidence evaporating with still no deal yet reached on future EU relationship. He expressed how concerns of remain voters have been shut down from the debate, even though half of voters had voted to remain. There was now only hard Brexit options being considered, and no arrangements set in law, with only promises made on right to remain of EU citizen. This left eligible EU citizens wanting to remain in the UK the option of applying for citizenship but this could mean, after Brexit, not being able to return to their country of origin nor an EU country. Mr Stoma listed the EU countries that restricted the use of home EU passports whilst acquiring another country's passport. Even with the current rules and regulations EU citizens applying for citizenship of the UK have found the process difficult with many applications denied. Mr Stoma felt that even with introduction of a registration scheme, this would likely lead to a backlog, leaving EU residents facing an uncertain future.

Mr Stoma highlighted the anxiety felt by EU citizens as the negotiations progressed and the impact that the outcome would have on their life choices. This would impact on retired EU citizens who had built their life in the UK and would face uncertainty about access to health and social care and also have a significant impact on EU resident families who would be life and education disrupted. In addition, the current situation was causing anxiety for families where one parent was an EU resident and the potential for separation.

Mr Stoma further highlighted the rise in hate crime following the Brexit vote which affected all ethnic and religious communities, LGBT and disabled EU residents. He spoke of the apprehension felt by EU citizens with a future potentially toxic situation occurring where EU residents felt less protected and may feel they need to leave the country.

Mr Stoma continued to express the valuable contribution of EU citizens to the boroughs employment rates, highlighting ONS figures which reflected that 82% of EU citizens aged 16 – 64 year olds were in work across the UK.

In Haringey they were payers to Council tax, contributing to social housing and social care and contributing to help support in indeed, customers of local business helping to sustain local budget. It was important to note that EU citizens were educated at their home country's expense, and end up as net contributors to UK budget.

Mr Stoma drew attention to the 75% of residents living in Haringey, which had voted to remain in the EU, and called for the People's vote to be fully endorsed by the Council.

In response to a question from Councillor Barnes, Mr Stoma spoke about his move to London and his positive experiences of Haringey's local facilities such as the running clubs and music venues, making it hard to leave the borough.

In response to a question from Cllr Moyeed, Mr Stoma recalled news reports on Polish citizens being targeted by racist attitudes. There was not enough statistics to show how hate crime was affecting Lithuanian citizens but many friends and colleagues had expressed unease about staying in the UK.

In response to a question from Cllr Dennison, Mr Stoma expressed that if the Council did not vote for a People's Vote, they would not be responding to the will of the people in the borough.

The Mayor invited the Leader to respond to the issues raised in the deputation.

The Leader thanked Mr Stoma for his deputation and representing the voice of EU citizens in the borough, which made up 6% of the borough population.

The Leader acknowledged the concerns that the current Brexit situation was causing for EU residents and the Council would be doing all it could to support EU residents with this current situation. Learning from the statement about the choice having to be made on citizenship, the Leader provided assurance on what would be done locally to prepare for Brexit. The Leader accepted that the deputation's statement echoed the concerns of other EU citizens. He valued EU resident's representations and spoke on behalf of the Council, emphasising that EU citizens were welcome in the borough and the Council wanted them to stay and would do all it could do to help them stay in the borough.

The Leader spoke about the imminent registration process and acknowledged the problems this could potentially cause EU residents with regards to choosing choice of home country. The Council would put forward communications in the next few days about the EU registration process, and make this as clear as possible to ensure that the Council provided as much support as possible to make the process as easy as possible. Learning from the recent Windrush scandal, more vulnerable residents such as Looked after Children and rough sleepers would be assisted with provision of necessary paperwork which may help prove their status in the country.

It was not yet known what the impact of Brexit would be on EU and UK residents, but the Council would be preparing for any eventuality to protect residents and business against the negative impact of Brexit.

Hate crime would not be tolerated and the Council would be preparing to respond quickly to hate crime and disturbances, working closely with neighbouring boroughs to ensure full preparation for community cohesion issues or wider disturbance issues.

The Council were currently assessing the potential workforce shortages if EU residents chose to leave the country. There were key sectors with a high number of EU workers, with a third of construction workers from the EU in London and 1 in 5 of social care sector in social care in North Central London and high proportion working in the growing fashion industry in the borough.

The Council comprehended the potential situation of EU citizens potentially leaving the borough and fewer EU nationals arrive to support these sectors. There was a two-pronged approach being taken forward, supporting EU residents to stay, and enhancing training for local residents to increase skills.

The Leader concluded, by stating that the Council would help EU citizens to remain in the country and continue to lobby the government to ensure a softer Brexit as possible.

The Mayor thanked Mr Stoma for his deputation and invited meeting attendees in a round of applause for the deputation.

5. TO CONSIDER ANY RELEVANT OFFICER REPORT IN RESPONSE TO THE MOTION

The Leader referred to the report on Brexit preparations and highlighted that the Council was undertaking a number of work streams to consider and prepare for the impacts of the UK's departure from the EU. The Leader provided assurance that the Council would increase its preparations as the March deadline grew closer and as more guidance became available.

The meeting noted that the five key work streams were based around procurement, communications and engagement, workforce, contingency planning and work with partners in the borough and working with cross London borough partners in central government.

RESOLVED

To note the report.

6. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13

The Mayor invited Cllr Morris to move the motion.

In moving the motion, Cllr Morris, underlined that Brexit was not only a national issue but a key local issue. She referred to the New Government Network research findings, in which Council Leaders had expressed concerns about Brexit causing damage to the local economy, putting pressure on services and pushing up Council tax and leading to more cuts in services and would be surprised if the Leader did not agree with these concerns. Cllr Morris emphasised the necessity of the extraordinary Council meeting as the democratic means possible to discuss this critical issue, facing the borough, city and country. She spoke about the importance of being prepared for Brexit, considering the impact this would have on the borough, and in particular the care and construction industries, underling the importance of publishing a Brexit contingency plan and challenging the government to keep local authorities better informed of the situation.

Cllr Morris felt it was essential to speak for constituent's hopes and offer a democratic vote to close this turbulent and divisive period in politics. It was her belief that people and not the political parties should have a say on the final Brexit deal. She continued to emphasise the cross party backing for a People's Vote. She called for the spirit of cross party unity in the chamber and backing of a People's Vote. She contended that the Labour party's call for general election on the final Brexit deal would not happen and even if it did, European citizens would not be eligible to vote. Therefore, there must be a vote, which included all citizens in the borough.

Cllr Morris spoke about the prosperity of the EU which was needed to support local services and was an issue in the referendum not fully highlighted as well as the other positive aspects of integration with European countries. Cllr Morris drew upon her own personal experience of working in France and the responsibility to preserve the right of free movement for future generations. She called on the Labour group members to support a People's Vote by backing the motion with amendment.

Cllr da Costa seconded the motion and reserved his right to speak in the debate.

In proposing his amendment to the motion, Cllr Ejiófor, respected the sentiment behind the motion. He accepted that Brexit was the biggest issue to face the country and the outcome should not have a detrimental impact on people's lives in the country, as this was not voted for. The Brexit issue had divided families and wider electorate and in order to proceed there was a need to bring forward a solution with an agreed consensus. The two Local MP's were representing the view of the Haringey electorate that Britain's future is best within Europe but it was how this position was reached that was important .

The Leader expressed that although, austerity was blamed there was no single issue for voting to leave. The Leader highlighted the current issues being faced with completion of a Brexit deal such as immigration, spend on the NHS and frictionless boarder with Northern Ireland which had not been fully discussed in the referendum campaign. Every borough would feel the effect of Brexit in a different way.

The amendments to the motion reflected that a general election was needed as even if Brexit was stopped to rebalance inequalities. The amendments strengthened the motion and underlined that the Council welcomed the diverse communities in the

borough. It was important to mobilise, to combat the rise in hate crime and the far right which had been emboldened by the Brexit vote.

The Leader advised that he would hold the Cabinet member portfolio for Brexit, preparations, building on the work already being completed. The Brexit working group would appoint an EU citizens ambassador to address EU citizens concern over their future rights to work in the UK.

He concluded by asserting that firm decisive action and having a clear view on the best interest of Britain, as well as Haringey residents, was required.

In seconding the amendment to the motion, Cllr das Neves spoke of her own personal experience as a daughter of economic migrants and their constant economic struggle to provide a good future for their children. Cllr das Neves spoke about the issues raised with her by EU residents in her ward, not often considered in the Brexit debate. This included equality of access to services in the future such as hospital care for cancer treatment and access to pensions for elderly EU residents that have been living in the borough for more than 50 years.

Cllr das Neves further highlighted the rise in homelessness, poverty, in work poverty, crime, as inequalities in the borough, and in the country, which had increased as a result of austerity. She felt that this was not being addressed by the government whilst they concentrated on Brexit.

Cllr das Neves called for a rejection of a hard Brexit and no deal Brexit and the austerity policies, which had led to a rise in: racism, extremism, xenophobia, and hostile environment. Instead, she called for agreement to the policies of: a full guarantee of EU citizen's rights, to keep all options on the table with regard to a vote on the final Brexit deal [including a People's Vote], end to austerity, and end to universal credit, enlivening the British economy and to investment in community. Cllr das Neves called for solidarity with EU citizens, trade unions and diverse culturally rich communities, looking forward to a general election to rebalance the inequalities that had been caused by the government and previous government's austerity measures.

Cllr Rossetti emphasised that this was an important point in history with the Council needing to show that they have listened to and supported residents in the borough, providing assurance of a People's Vote and a voice for EU citizens who were not allowed to vote in the referendum. It was important that the Council was able to demonstrate, to EU citizens in the borough, in this meeting tonight, that they were doing more for them, then helping them fill in a status form, or appointing an EU citizen ambassador. She continued to highlight the uncertainty caused by Brexit for consumer and workers' rights. In particular, the potential impact on social care, access to education, reduced funding for medical research, cost of visiting family and friends living in Europe, diversity in provision of food was described and the wider detrimental effect this could have on quality of life for residents. The initial decision on Brexit had been with a referendum and the final decision should be with the people, leaving no doubt for both remainers and leavers of the outcome. Cllr Rossetti concluded by emphasising that Brexit was the key issue, which would affect the country beyond the

next government and should be put to a People's Vote rather than a general election, underlining support for the original motion.

Cllr Moyeed spoke in support of the amended motion and drew attention to the rise in hate crime experienced by EU residents. He emphasised how extremism and hate crime had increased and how far right attitudes had been emboldened by the Brexit vote. He highlighted the past tradition of Labour Councillors for standing up to fascism and questioned the importance given to this element of the Brexit impact by the opposition. He referred to a recent rally against a far right activist, and called for the attendance of all Councillors to a similar rally on the 13th of October and commended the Leader on his commitment to EU residents.

Cllr Barnes contested the amendments put forward to the motion which reflected the stance of the national Labour party on Brexit that was ultimately in favour of Brexit and in line with government on this course of action. Cllr Barnes referred to the Labour amendment, resolution 1, which indicated to her that a general election would only be called if there was no Brexit deal put forward or the House of Commons do not agree the Brexit deal. However, in her view this indicated that if a Brexit deal was agreed by the House of Commons, then Brexit could go ahead. This position was in contrast to the wishes of borough residents, the fifth most highest remain vote in the country. Cllr Barnes, concluded by calling on Members to reject the amendments to the motion.

Cllr Carlin, felt it was fully recognised how difficult a hard Brexit will be for both Haringey and the UK. She spoke of the areas that had voted to leave the European Union being those that were most hard hit by austerity and consecutive government cuts. In light of the current issues facing residents. She felt a People's vote may only reinforce the results of the first referendum, increasing further xenophobia and hatred.

Cllr Palmer described on the unrealistic promises made by the leave campaign, which would have appealed to the basic universal reason for voting, a better life with improved living conditions and opportunities. Therefore, not associated with conditions of austerity. The lies promoted by the leave campaign had been exposed and there was a growing recognition that leaving the EU would not bring the improvements promised. The amendments proposed, deleted details of widespread support for a People's Vote, including that from local Labour MP colleagues and Cllr Palmer urged Councillors to support the motion without amendment.

Cllr White, spoke from the position of a remain voter and described the unstable position of the government and chaotic Brexit negotiations which he recognised did not provide any assurance to EU citizens living in the borough. He did not feel that a People's Vote would improve this situation, especially as it would be administered by a Conservative government who he felt did not have good record in this area. He advocated that real change was needed via a general election instead of resources administering a second vote, which may still lead to a conservative led Brexit, with the consequences falling more heavily on Haringey and its EU residents. He welcomed the practical pledges of Cabinet member portfolio, including assignment to Brexit preparations and the member-working group involving an EU citizen ambassador.

Cllr da Costa spoke about the increased call for a People's vote and the changing mood in the country with some voters that had voted leave now changing to remain as they have seen the consequences of the Brexit negotiations unfold. He pointed to the meaning of democracy which allowed a change in choice. The People's Vote would allow this choice to be included amongst the Brexit propositions, now that the fuller details of what Brexit entailed, were known. He referred to the leading Labour party MP comments following the referendum result, accepting that article 50 should be invoked, and being more positive about Brexit. He felt that this latter proposition did not chime with the Haringey electorate who were not positive about leaving the EU and with this in mind, Cllr da Costa urged Councillors to vote for the original motion without amendment.

Cllr Jogee questioned the reason behind the calling of this extraordinary Council meeting by the Liberal Democrat group and motion of a People's Vote. He strongly lay blame on the austerity agenda as the reason for a high leave vote and blamed the current government and previous coalition government actions as leading to this current situation. He referred to current government political alliances and previous 2008 Liberal Democrat party line, supporting a referendum which he also felt had led to the current Brexit situation. He further referred to the Labour party's previous 2010 policy direction to reject the calls for a referendum. He was not in favour of the concept of referendums setting the constitutional, economic and future state of a nation. He was pleased that a People's vote was not off the table and had been proud to support the previous remain campaign, as well as supporting the European Union values. He welcomed the commitments for an EU champion and welcomed the Leader leading on Brexit preparations.

Cllr Morris closed the debate by thanking all of the speakers for their contributions, contesting the amendments made to the original motion by the Labour group on a People's vote, and asserting that her party had stirred the administration into action on Brexit contingency and advocating the rights of EU citizens in Haringey. She continued to express that Labour Councillors, had failed to take the initiative in calling for a People's Vote, concluding that they would likely be supportive of whatever Brexit deal was put forward by the government. The Liberal Democrats could not support an amended motion which did not advocate a People's Vote in the scenarios put forward. Cllr Morris concluded that the Liberal Democrats were the only political party advocating a People's vote, the support for this was demonstrated by the people's rally, outside the civic centre, and her party would continue to champion this cause.

Following a request made by eight Members standing in their place, the Mayor agreed that a named vote be held on the amendment.

The Mayor then called a vote on the amendment. There being:

[29 in favour] Gina Adamou (Mayor), Charles Adje, Peray Ahmet, Kaushika Amin, Dhiren Basu, Patrick Berryman, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Zena Brabazon, Gideon Bull, Dana Carlin, James Chiriyankandath, Eldridge Culverwell, Erdal Dogan, Joseph Ejiofor, Ruth Gordon, Makbule Gunes Mike Hakata, Emine Ibrahim, Adam Jogee, Khaled Moyeed, Lucia das Neves, Ishmael Osamor, Reg Rice, Anne Stennett, Preston Tabois, Elin Weston, Noah Tucker, Matt White.

[13 Against]- Dawn Barnes, Luke Cawley-Harrison, Sakina Chenot, Pippa Connor, Nick da Costa, Paul Dennison, Josh Dixon, Justin Hinchcliffe, Liz Morris, Julia Ogiehor, Tammy Palmer, Alessandra Rossetti, Viv Ross.

No abstentions

The amendment was CARRIED.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rules, Cllr Cawley - Harrison moved an amendment to the Substantive motion. Cllr Dixon seconded this. Cllr Cawley – Harrison offered to talk through the amendment. The content of this was as follows:

Council notes:

1. The invocation of Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union on March 29 2017 with the result that the UK is due to leave the European Union on March 29 2019
2. That at the time of submission, no agreement has been reached on a post-exit relationship between the UK and the EU

Council further notes:

1. The likely negative economic and fiscal impacts of Brexit negotiated by the current Government
 - i. The Government's internal analysis of Brexit concluded that output would be hurt under every scenario modelled and could reduce the UK's economic output by 8%.
 - ii. The Centre for European Reform estimates that as of June 2018, the UK's public finances were £23 billion a year (or £440 million a week) worse off than they would have been without the possibility of Brexit
2. The likely negative impact of Brexit on public sector recruitment. For example, the Nuffield Trust estimates that an interruption to migration from the EU could lead to a shortfall of as many as 70,000 social care workers by 2025/26
3. That in addition to uncertainty caused by the Brexit negotiations, the Council's ability to deliver services effectively has been adversely affected by the Austerity policies pursued by the coalition government and successive Conservative governments
4. That an estimated 54,000 Haringey residents are nationals of another EU member state. This represents almost a fifth of the borough's population

5. That Haringey voted 75.6% to 24.4% to remain in the 2016 referendum, which was the fifth highest remain vote in the country
6. That since the Brexit vote there has been a rise in hate crime of 41% reported by the Police
7. That since the Referendum and the triggering of Article 50, the Members of Parliament for Hornsey & Wood Green and Tottenham have worked tirelessly to protect the rights of the 54,000 Haringey residents who are nationals of another EU member state and to highlight the damage a Brexit deal as negotiated by the Government will cause to the UK

Council believes:

1. That the post-Brexit arrangements currently being put forward would leave the UK worse off than if it remained an EU member state as well as threatening the future, stability and make-up of the UK
2. That as a result the Government's negotiations are set to harm the welfare of Haringey residents and the population of the UK as a whole
3. That the Government's Brexit will adversely affect the Council's ability to provide services to the residents of Haringey
4. That the Brexit vote has created justified anxiety amongst citizens of the EU27 countries residing in Haringey and throughout the UK, particularly over the ambiguity surrounding their ability to remain in the UK; and that the government has not taken sufficient steps to reassure them and clarify their rights after Brexit
5. European citizens are an integral part of our diverse community in Haringey and their existing rights should be guaranteed immediately
5. That whilst the public voted to leave the EU, when people voted to 'take back control' they were not voting for fewer rights, economic chaos or to risk jobs
6. That workers in industries across the economy in ports, food, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, energy, chemicals, in our public services and beyond are worried about the impact of a hard Brexit on livelihoods and communities.
7. That a no-deal Brexit should be rejected as a viable option
8. Stagnant wages, crumbling services and the housing crisis are being exacerbated not by immigration but by the Government and employers making the rich richer at working people's expense.
9. That in addition to the uncertainty cause by Brexit, the successive Governments' rigid attachment to austerity poses a significant danger to Council service provision in Haringey
10. That the far-right and neo-fascists have been emboldened by the Brexit vote and now pose a significant threat to the diverse communities, such as those which make up Haringey

11. That Racism and prejudice has no place in Haringey and the Council should mobilise all necessary resources to combat racism and prejudice in all forms from Haringey

Council believes in light of this:

- ~~1. Should Parliament vote down the government's Brexit deal or the talks end in no-deal, this would constitute a loss of confidence in the Government. In these circumstances, the best outcome for the country is an immediate general election, if this is not possible, this Council must support all options remaining on the table, including campaigning for a public vote on the deal. If the Government is confident in negotiating a deal that working people, our economy and communities will benefit from they should not be afraid to put that deal to the public.~~

Council resolves:

1. To support the call for a general election should Parliament vote down a Brexit deal or talks end with a no deal, and if this is not possible, to keep all options on the table including campaigning for a public vote [inserting] **People's Vote on any final Brexit deal with an option to remain in the EU.**
2. That in order to exert pressure for a desirable outcome in parliament, it will ask the leader of the Council to write to the leader of every party represented in the House of Commons, asking them to support a call for a general election, or if this is not possible a public vote on the deal with all options remaining on the table or, [inserting] **People's Vote or**, where appropriate, thanking them for already doing so.
3. That the leader should write to other London boroughs requesting that given the importance and imminence of Brexit they debate their response to the ongoing negotiations soon, if they have not already done so
4. To ask the leader to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government making a request under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 for all governmental departmental information and analysis pertaining to the impacts upon Haringey's communities and businesses of the UK's withdrawal from the EU
5. To write to the Members of Parliament for Hornsey & Wood Green and Tottenham and thank them for their work in highlighting the devastating impact of the government's Brexit negotiations and for standing up for the rights of the 54,000 EU nationals who are Haringey residents
6. To ask the Cabinet to publish a report on contingencies in the event of Britain leaving the EU
7. To give a Cabinet Member the responsibility of ensuring the Council is adequately prepared for any result in the ongoing Brexit negotiations

8. To create a Brexit working group and appoint an EU Citizens Ambassador to work with EU citizens in Haringey and address concerns that they may have over the unclear relationship with the EU and their rights in the UK after March 2019
9. To highlight the positive impact migration, from EU member states, has had on Haringey and to affirm the Council's opposition to racism and prejudice in all forms and solidarity and common cause with all progressive and socialist forces confronting the rising tide of neo-fascism, xenophobia, nationalism and right wing populism in Europe, and where applicable to write to them affirming the Councils support
10. To campaign to persevere and improve all workers' rights which currently have a protection or backstop in EU regulations, including rights on equal treatment of agency staff, protection against dismissal and working hours and leave.

In response to a dispute on the validity of the amendments, the Monitoring Officer advised that an amendment without notice could be put forward to substantive motions as this was allowed under the Council Procedure Rules. As the original amendment was carried, this became the substantive motion to which any further amendments could be put. In relation to legality of the actual amendments put forward, these were deemed appropriate by the Monitoring Officer, according to Council Procedure Rules which provided a wide threshold for amendments to be put forward. Therefore, the Monitoring Officer was content of the amendments did not negate the motion.

Following a request made by eight Members standing in their place, the Mayor agreed that a named vote be held on the amendment.

The Mayor then called a vote on the second amendment. There being

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No abstentions

The Liberal Democrat amendment was LOST.

Following a vote on the motion as amended by the Labour group, there being 29 Councillors in favour and 13 Councillors opposed with no abstentions, the motion as amended was AGREED.

Labour Group amendment to Motion D

Proposer: Cllr Ejiofor

Seconder: Cllr das Neves

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Council believes in light of this:

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Council resolves:

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2. That in order to exert pressure for a desirable outcome in parliament, it will ask the leader of the Council to write to the leader of every party represented in the House of Commons, asking them to support a call for a general election, or if this is not possible a public vote on the deal with all options remaining on the table or, where appropriate, thanking them for already doing so.
3. That the leader should write to other London boroughs requesting that given the importance and imminence of Brexit they debate their response to the ongoing negotiations soon, if they have not already done so

4. To ask the leader to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government making a request under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 for all governmental departmental information and analysis pertaining to the impacts upon Haringey's communities and businesses of the UK's withdrawal from the EU
5. To write to the Members of Parliament for Hornsey & Wood Green and Tottenham and thank them for their work in highlighting the devastating impact of the governments Brexit negotiations and for standing up for the rights of the 54,000 EU nationals who are Haringey residents
6. To ask the Cabinet to publish a report on contingencies in the event of Britain leaving the EU
7. To give a Cabinet Member the responsibility of ensuring the Council is adequately prepared for any result in the ongoing Brexit negotiations
8. To create a Brexit working group and appoint an EU Citizens Ambassador to work with EU citizens in Haringey and address concerns that they may have over the unclear relationship with the EU and their rights in the UK after March 2019
9. To highlight the positive impact migration, from EU member states, has had on Haringey and to affirm the Council's opposition to racism and prejudice in all forms and solidarity and common cause with all progressive and socialist forces confronting the rising tide of neo-fascism, xenophobia, nationalism and right wing populism in Europe, and where applicable to write to them affirming the Councils support
10. To campaign to persevere and improve all workers' rights which currently have a protection or backstop in EU regulations, including rights on equal treatment of agency staff, protection against dismissal and working hours and leave.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date