



COUNCIL MEETING – 6 DECEMBER 2018

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MOTION 3

MOTION 3: People's Vote Motion

Proposed amendment to be moved by Councillor Watts

This Council –

- Recognises that Islington residents voted overwhelmingly (75.2%) in favour of remaining in the European Union (EU) in the referendum on Britain's membership of the bloc that took place on 23 June 2016.
- Acknowledges that on 20 October 2018 an estimated 700,000 people, including many Islington residents, marched in favour of a People's Vote, calling for the public to be given a final say on the terms of leaving the EU.
- Believes the EU exit deal, shambolically negotiated by the Prime Minister, will damage Islington, London and the UK, and so should be rejected.
- Does not believe that the only options are either the Prime Minister's EU exit deal or an even more disastrous "no deal" exit.
- ~~Notes the negative impact on the local economy and public services in Islington already created by uncertainty over the terms of leaving the EU, as well as on the lives of our borough's EU citizens.~~
- Congratulates ~~Notes the work of~~ the Council, ~~along with~~ Islington In Europe and local law firms, for their work to supporting residents from other EU countries facing uncertainty caused by the referendum vote, including through the provision of free legal advice.
- Reiterates its call for EU Citizens currently living in the UK to receive full legal rights to remain living and working in this country immediately.
- Condemns the worrying rise in racist hate crime since the vote to leave the EU in particular the terror attack outside Muslim Welfare House In Finsbury Park in June 2017.

- Acknowledges that the divisive environment created by the vote to leave the EU can only be addressed by tackling the issues of inequality and lack of opportunities that led so many people across the UK to vote for change.
- ~~Believes that neither the Prime Minister's EU exit deal nor a "no deal" exit is preferable to remaining in the EU.~~
- Notes that the London Assembly and twelve London Councils have passed motions in support of giving citizens a say on the terms of any final EU exit deal negotiated by the Government and that nine of those councils have included a specific option to remain.

This Council further notes –

- That the Prime Minister has ruled out any further compromise on her deal and is only offering "no deal" as an alternative, and therefore a change of government is required to change existing policy.

This Council resolves –

- To support calls for an immediate General Election, should Parliament vote down the Prime Minister's EU exit deal.
- That, if a General Election is not called, the Council will ~~To formally~~ support all options remaining on the table that best protect Islington residents, including making representations for a public vote to take place, ~~the call for a People's Vote on any final EU exit deal negotiated by the Government, including in the event of a no deal scenario,~~ with a specific ~~the~~ option to remain in the EU ~~on the ballot paper.~~

The amended motion would read as follows:

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