

Full Council – 19 October 2021

Amendments to Motions

Additions in bold, deletions in strikethrough

Item 13 –Motions not for Debate

Conservative Amendment

Afghanistan

This council notes:

- ~~• The government has overseen a series of chaotic failures and miscalculations in Afghanistan that have damaged our international reputation, weakened our security and tragically meant Brits and Afghans who worked alongside us have been left behind.~~
- ~~• Despite having 18 months to prepare for withdrawal, their failure to plan, their inability to influence others and the complacency they have shown towards the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan has resulted in the chaos we have seen over the past weeks.~~
- While we are incredibly grateful for the brave efforts of troops and civil servants on the ground, the catastrophic collapse in Afghanistan has left huge numbers of people stranded in fear for their lives.

This council believes:

- Britain has an obligation to help people who have been left in Afghanistan. This includes people who have served alongside Britain's representatives in Afghanistan and those Afghans who stepped up in to public life - especially women - with assurances about national security.
- Britain should play a leading role in focusing international efforts to address the humanitarian and refugee crisis.
- Ealing stands ready to help, but the Government must come forward and outline how they will help fund the scheme and what the overarching strategy is.

Our thoughts are with the people of Afghanistan, and particularly for the women whose freedoms are being taken away from them, and the future generations of children who face growing up under oppressive Taliban rule.

This Council commits to welcome Afghan refugees seeking safety into our communities.

Labour Amendment to Conservative motion not for debate

The new housing Minister recently announced that fresh new laws would ban 'ugly development' and acknowledged that homes built out of steel and concrete had the worst environmental impact.

This council notes the screeching U-Turn taken by the new Housing Minister on the so called "developer's charter", which would have paved the way for an ugly profit driven approach to development in Ealing and taken away the voices of local communities from the planning process entirely.

This Council welcomes residents **continuing to have the right to vote the right to object to** ~~against~~ **inappropriate** development that will be a blot on their landscape and the acknowledgement of the dangers of embedded carbon in buildings, especially tall buildings.

This Council further welcomes the open, inclusive and transparent approach of the new council administration and the pledge to put local people in the driving seat when it comes to change in their communities.

Liberal Democrat Amendments

COP26 and the Climate Crisis

This council notes:

- Every week is bringing more evidence of the devastation of the climate crisis - wildfires ravaging the Mediterranean and floods drowning the American coastlines.
- The UK is bracing for a winter where we will see more extreme weather events and resulting strains on public services.
- The Committee on Climate Change states that the UK is way off track to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.
- This council's commitment to tackling the climate crisis.
- The upcoming COP26 summit in Glasgow.

This council believes:

- That the Conservative government are failing in their ambition to tackle climate change.
- It is disgraceful that the only meaningful proposals on tackling the climate crisis are coming from climate activists and ~~the Labour Party~~ **opposition parties**; it is time for the government to step up and take action on the biggest issue facing us as a species.

- There is huge potential for more community-scale renewable energy generation infrastructure to be built across the country and for this growth to bring substantial benefits to local economies – this isn't being encouraged or supported by the Conservatives.
- We cannot trust Boris Johnson to fight the climate crisis and secure the future of our planet without considerable political and public pressure.

This council calls for:

- The Conservative government to finally wake up to the reality of the climate crisis and take a lead.
- The government must work with other world leaders at COP26 to commit to a global carbon budget to limit warming to 1.5°C
- The government must join this council and support the Local Energy Bill – enabling community-scale renewable energy generation to make more sustainable energy and support local economies and green jobs post Covid-19.
- The government must join this council and support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill - establishing a framework of overarching policy imperatives that recognise our responsibility to reduce the UK's entire emissions and ecological footprint as fairly and urgently as possible

Conservative Motion not for Debate

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This Council welcomes residents the right to vote against development that will be a blot on their landscape and the acknowledgement of the dangers of embedded carbon in buildings, especially tall buildings.

However, this Council notes with grave concern the proposals to severely reduce the ability of local authorities to prevent unacceptable developments in the planning proposals previously published by the government.

Council requests that cabinet come forward with a new Local Development Plan without further delay and requires that the plan sets robust requirements regarding excessive housing density, tall buildings and increases carbon offset requirements.

Item 14 –Dispensations for non-attendance

Liberal Democrat Additional Motion

To move an additional motion stating:

In the interest of openness and transparency, the Council will publish the names of all Cllrs who would have been disqualified if not for this dispensation.