

Council – 20th March 2024

Labour Party Amendment to motion 7a – Focus on Trafford

1. This Council has often found itself debating issues which it has no operational responsibility for, or influence over. It is noted that the residents we are elected to represent will often contact us about issues that require some national leadership for example national policy on vaping and leasehold properties. As elected members we should always want what is best for our residents and they would expect us to advocate and amplify their issues at a national level.
2. As Councillors, we are elected to represent residents within the Borough on matters which this Council has control over. ~~We are not elected to be members of a sixth form debating society.~~
3. ~~The lack of focus hasn't gone unnoticed by~~ Residents, ~~who,~~ quite rightly, expect those they elect to focus on Trafford ~~and nothing else.~~
4. This very simple Motion provides residents with comfort that is all what we are focused on ~~and I hope all Members see no need for a prolonged debate wasting even more time on this and support this Motion.~~

Proposed Motion

This Council resolves to convene a meeting of the Constitutional Working Group (cross party) to review the Council's Constitution in relation to the format of Council meetings, with a focus on the scope of admissible motions, ahead of the next Council AGM ~~to amend section 11.3 of Council Procedure Rules, contained within this Council's Constitution to include:-~~

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~~'Any motion submitted to the Council shall be about matters for which the Council has statutory powers, duties or functions or address the built or natural environment of the Borough of Trafford or address a matter of local, or regional policy that affects the lives of people in the Borough of Trafford. The ruling of the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Mayor shall be final as to the relevance of the motion.'~~

~~(NOTE — If the Motion is approved, section 11.3 will subsequently read :-~~

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