

MOTION ON NOTICE



Date of Council Meeting: 29 January 2024

Title of Motion:

Local Democratic Access

Council members are concerned by the increasing number of obstacles being put in the way of the democratic process - of voters inability to gain access to information about candidates; the council's ability to ensure that residents are on the electoral roll and the barriers to voting for some members of the electorate.

To ask the Leader of the Council -

- To write to the Electoral Commission and the Speakers Committee on the Electoral Commission with copies to the Minister responsible asking that this 21st Century democratic deficit is investigated and that rules are put in place, or legislation amended, to ensure that candidates are able to reach out in local elections in person without incurring postal costs which would be prohibitive for smaller parties and independent candidates and that councils are enabled and supported in attempts to register hard to reach voters.

Proposer: Cllr Alison Raynsford

Seconder: Cllr Sarah Allen