

Council: 26 July 2016

Agenda item 15.4 - Amendment in the name of Cllr Richard Cornelius

Parliamentary debate on Brexit - getting the best outcome for Barnet

Add to the end of paragraph 3: **'with the risk and opportunities that brings.'**

In paragraph 5, replace 'and this is' with **'as has always been'**

Replace paragraph 6 with: **'Council also notes the responsibility of Parliament to protect its people, and that the invoking of Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty will be subject to debates in the courts as well as decisions by the PM and her Cabinet.'**

Delete paragraph 7

Replace final paragraph with: **'Council calls on the Policy & Resources Committee to properly consider the probable impact of Brexit on Barnet so that this can be communicated to Barnet's 3 Conservative MPs in order that they can raise these issues in parliamentary debates and fight for the best outcome for the Borough'.**

Amendment to read in full:

Council notes the 'Brexit' outcome of the EU Referendum.

Council also notes that the majority of residents in Barnet - 62 per cent - voted to 'Remain' in the EU.

Council respects the overall decision of the country, but notes the uncertainty this has caused, and the affect it has already had on the pound and the economy with the risk and opportunities that brings.

Council believes that, while a complete picture of the impact on Barnet is not yet clear, the Council should be doing all it can to ensure the best possible outcome for the Borough, including identifying risks and opportunities, and preparing for them.

Council believes that putting a plan together in this way helps to protect Barnet and its residents – as has always been the Council's responsibility.

Council also notes the responsibility of Parliament to protect its people, and that the invoking of Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty will be subject to debates in the courts as well as decisions by the PM and her Cabinet.

Council calls on the Policy & Resources Committee to properly consider the probable impact of Brexit on Barnet so that this can be communicated to Barnet's 3 Conservative MPs in order that they can raise these issues in parliamentary debates and fight for the best outcome for the Borough.

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end I request that it be referred to the appropriate Council Committee for consideration.