
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 5 – FUNDING HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Max Schmid
- (ii) Councillor Helen Rowbottom

The Council recognises that austerity is and has always been economically illiterate, unnecessarily cruel, and a huge mistake for British people and the economy. It notes it was introduced for ideological, conservative reasons by the Conservative / Liberal Democrat government in 2010. It agrees that Austerity has damaged our country and been bad for Hammersmith & Fulham.

The Council notes that, despite this, Hammersmith & Fulham's Labour administration has delivered some of the lowest council tax in Britain, made homecare free, kept other costs to our residents low, maintained council tax support and other key payments to poorer residents, created a new Law Enforcement Team of over 70 officers to drive down environmental crime and anti-social behaviour, introduced social value procurement to prioritise spend on local businesses and delivered new services.

This Council notes that the Labour administration has done this by cutting huge levels of wasteful council spending, leaving costly tri-borough arrangements and modernising how the council works.

The Council calls on the Conservative government to bring forward a plan that will return its funding of Hammersmith and Fulham and other councils to 2010 levels within a reasonable timescale.