
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 3 – H&F NEWS

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Andrew Jones
- (ii) Councillor PJ Murphy

“This Council welcomes the findings of the Parliamentary Culture Media and Sports Select Committee in its publication the Future for Local and Regional Media. In particular we note that it referred to the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham in paragraph 73 stating:

“Publications such as Hammersmith and Fulham Borough Council’s H&F News effectively pose as, and compete with, local commercial newspapers and are misleading to the public. It is unacceptable that a local authority can set up a newspaper in direct competition to the local commercial newspaper in this way. Nor should any council publication be a vehicle for political propaganda.”

We also note that Prime Minister David Cameron’s government has published its plans in a document called Our Programme for Government in which it says “We will impose tougher rules to stop unfair competition by local authority newspapers”.

We call on the Administration to dispose of H&F News and end all political propaganda.”