
SPECIAL MOTION NO.2 – CALLING ON PARLIAMENT TO OPPOSE GEORGE OSBORNE AND GREG HANDS’ £800 MILLION CUT TO THE METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Sue Fennimore
- (ii) Councillor Hannah Barlow

This Council recognises the vital role played by Hammersmith and Fulham’s police service and thanks our police officers for the work they do protecting our citizens.

The Council notes that significant threats remain of violent crime and terrorism and that police officers consistently play the essential role in keeping order and halting terrorist atrocities. This Council therefore calls on Parliament to vote against the devastating cuts in police funding ordered by George Osborne MP (Con), the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Greg Hands MP (Con), the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and Member of Parliament for Chelsea and Fulham.

The Council further notes that Mr Osborne and Mr Hands are proposing to implement a staggering £800 million cut to the Metropolitan Police Service which could result in London losing up to a further 7000 front line police officers. The Council recognises that this is likely to mean significant cuts to Hammersmith and Fulham’s police service and that such a cut in police capacity will seriously risk endangering local residents.

The Council recognises how the Conservative government and Conservative London Mayor’s cuts to local policing starkly contrasts with the policy of H&F Council’s new Labour administration which has put the largest number of Council funded police officers onto the streets of Hammersmith and Fulham in the Borough’s history.