

## **Liberal Democrat Amendment to the Opposition Group Motion for Debate**

### **Full Council 16 April 2024**

This Council notes that this administration undertook in its 2022 Council Plan to set up steering groups with ward councillors and residents who are interested in taking a leading role. These steering groups were to have agreed on the approach to the Town Forum in each of the seven towns to prepare for launch in Autumn 2022.

This Council further notes that this administration undertook in its 2023 Council Plan to develop, test and then establish 7 town forums by December 2023.

This Council further notes that this administration has failed to meet its promises, leaving a gap in democratic accountability in Ealing. This Council notes that Ward Forums were effective, efficient, and commended as such by at least two Scrutiny Panels.

This Council also notes the recent Liberal Democrat Budget amendment which found £266,500 of additional revenue funding for ward forums including ward budgets for improvements chosen by ward councillors.

This Council therefore resolves to reintroduce Ward Forums by Autumn 2024, and that they will continue to operate alongside town forums once the latter are belatedly introduced.-