

Full Council – 1 November 2022

Amendments to Motions

Additions in bold, deletions in strikethrough

Item 11 –Majority Group Motion for Debate

Liberal Democrat Amendment

This Council notes that:

- Households across Ealing are under massive strain and public services are seeing their budgets squeezed dramatically as mortgages rise, the pound has crashed, inflation takes hold, and a recession looms.
- Liz Truss has been ~~one of~~ the shortest serving Prime Ministers in history, but her time in office has been devastating for people in Ealing – the pound and gilt markets have crashed, the rent crisis in London has worsened and ordinary people are paying hundreds more a month for their mortgages.
- This is a Tory crisis made in Downing Street, paid for by working people.
- There is a straight blue line between Liz Truss’s failed mini-budget and the multi-billion-pound blackhole in the nation’s finances: The Conservatives crashed the economy and now they want someone else to pick up the tab. They must not take it out on our communities.
- None of us voted for this ridiculous failed experiment – and Ealing shouldn’t be punished for the Government’s mistakes. Local services were already under serious strain due to rampant inflation, soaring interest rates, and rising demand.
- Roads need to be repaired, we must bring down crime, children need after-school clubs, bins have to be emptied, and streets must be kept clean. We need to build affordable housing, and we need to invest in the support that business needs to thrive.
- ~~Ealing is an open, honest and transparent council. With hope and creativity, Ealing Council is already doing everything we can to support families through the Conservatives’ cost of living crisis.~~
- While the Conservatives have been crashing the economy, we **must** ~~have been~~ fighting to provide the support and services people need. Our residents shouldn’t pay the price for their failure.

This Council therefore resolves to declare a ‘Cost of Living and economic emergency’ and calls on the Government to:

- Provide extra support for councils struggling with the effects of inflation and the possible impact of a recession.
- Ensure that councils, public services, and ordinary people don't pay the price for the Government's incompetence.
- Call a general election so that the British public can have their say on this disastrous government.

Conservative Amendment

This Council notes that:

- Households across Ealing are under massive strain and public services are seeing their budgets squeezed dramatically as mortgages rise, ~~the pound has crashed~~, inflation takes hold, and a recession looms.
- ~~Liz Truss has been one of the shortest serving Prime Ministers in history, but her time in office has been devastating for people in Ealing — the pound and gilt markets have crashed, the rent crisis in London has worsened and ordinary people are paying hundreds more a month for their mortgages.~~
- ~~This is a Tory crisis made in Downing Street, paid for by working people.~~
- ~~There is a straight blue line between Liz Truss's failed mini-budget and the multi-billion-pound blackhole in the nation's finances: The Conservatives crashed the economy and now they want someone else to pick up the tab. They must not take it out on our communities.~~
- ~~None of us voted for this ridiculous failed experiment — and Ealing shouldn't be punished for the Government's mistakes. Local services were already under serious strain due to rampant inflation, soaring interest rates, and rising demand.~~
- ~~Roads need to be repaired, we must bring down crime, children need after-school clubs, bins have to be emptied, and streets must be kept clean. We need to build affordable housing, and we need to invest in the support that business needs to thrive.~~
- **This Council notes that this situation, which has been caused by a combination of the costs of the COVID pandemic and the economic effects of the Ukrainian war, is common to all Western economies. This Council further notes that the United Kingdom GDP growth rate is higher than the European Union average and that the UK inflation rate is lower.**

- Ealing is an open, honest and transparent council. ~~With hope and creativity,~~ Ealing Council is already doing everything we can to support families through the ~~Conservatives'~~ **international** cost of living crisis.
- ~~While the Conservatives have been crashing the economy, we have been fighting to provide the support and services people need. Our residents shouldn't pay the price for their failure.~~

This Council therefore resolves to declare a 'Cost of Living and economic emergency' and calls on the Government to:

- Provide extra support for councils struggling with the effects of inflation and the possible impact of a recession.
- ~~Ensure that councils, public services, and ordinary people don't pay the price for the Government's incompetence.~~
- ~~Call a general election so that the British public can have their say on this disastrous government.~~

Item 12 – Motions Not for Debate

Labour Amendments

Motion not for debate 3

Ealing Council ~~agrees to ask the~~ **notes that the Leader, Cllr Peter Mason, and the Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Deirdre Costigan, have written to the Council's Chief Executive to write to the** Chief Executive of Thames Water to demand that action is taken to stop future occurrences of the recent sewage floods affecting our borough.

Motion not for debate 4

Ealing Council notes the comments by the Health Secretary Theresa Coffey who admitted to sharing antibiotics with friends. Ealing Council further notes that the British Medical Association described those actions as both dangerous and against the law. Ealing Council ~~agrees to publish advice at least on social media~~ **calls on the Department of Health and Social Care and the NHS to issue public health messaging stressing the importance of anti-microbial resistance** and that courses of prescribed antibiotics should be completed and not shared with others.

Motion not for debate 5

Ealing Council notes the cost-of-living crisis and the associated higher energy bills many residents in Ealing will be seeing. Ealing Council ~~agrees to look at how many public buildings can be used as "warm banks"~~ **notes the Council's plan to link residents up with existing council-run warm spaces and to provide grants to the local voluntary and community sector to assist them in providing warm**

spaces for residents over the winter, to keep people out of the cold in the same way as food banks have been used to feed the hungry.

Motion not for debate 6

Ealing Council notes that in London there are eleven 'Library of Things' including one in Hammersmith where people can rent items at a lower cost. ~~Ealing Council agrees to look into where a suitable place for might be a 'Library of Things' in Ealing.~~ **The Council notes the Labour administrations manifesto and the Council's recently adopted Council Plan, that pledges to end the need to send any of Ealing's waste to landfill and introduce the borough's first Library of Things.**