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| Report Title: AMENDMENT TO MOTION | |
| Motion by Councillor Tom Cunningham - Government's commitment to uniting and levelling up every part of the United Kingdom | |
| Report to: Council | |
| Date: 11 th October 2021 | For: Debate |
| Key Decision: No | Decision Planner Ref No: Not applicable |
| Amendment Proposed by: | Councillor James Abbott |
| Amendment Seconded by: | Councillor Paul Thorogood |
| Enquiries to: Emma Wisbey, Governance and Member Manager | |

1. Constitution provisions

- 1.1. Further to the publication of the Council Agenda, Councillor James Abbott and Councillor Paul Thorogood proposed and seconded an Amendment to the Motion. The Amendment was submitted in accordance with Rule 12:20 of Chapter 2 of the Constitution.
- 1.2 The Proposer and Secunder of the Motion have declined to consent to the Amendment consequently the Amendment is to be debated by Full Council.
- 1.3 Before the Amendment can be debated by Full Council, the Motion as submitted by Councillor T Cunningham is required to be moved and seconded. Before Full Council debates the Motion, Councillor Abbott will be invited to set out the Amendment.
- 1.4 If the Amendment is carried when put to the vote, the Motion as Amended will be the substantive Motion for debate.
- 1.5 In the event that the Proposer and Secunder (or a Member nominated as such) of the Motion is not present at the meeting, the Motion will be declared by the Chairman of the Council as having failed, consequently the Amendment will automatically fall.

2. Amendment to Motion:

- 2.1 The proposed Amendment to the Motion is set out below in paragraph 2.2 and seeks to add and delete text of the Motion. The deleted text is ~~red and struck through~~ and the inserted text is in purple. At paragraph 2.3 is the Motion edited to show the effect of the Amendment.

2.2 With the establishment of the new Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, this Council welcomes and fully supports the Government's commitment to uniting and levelling up every part of the United Kingdom.

The intention of the new Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Michael Gove, to relentlessly focus on delivering for those overlooked families and undervalued communities by spreading opportunity, improving public services, and restoring people's sense of pride in their communities sits fully alongside this Council's aspirations as we emerge from the worst of the pandemic.

This Council believes that it is vital that these aspirations are ~~not put at risk supported. by policies that would:~~

- ~~• Reduce the ability of the UK to feed itself by converting to less intensive agriculture and converting grassland to forest where possible.~~
- ~~• Seriously interfere in the running of private companies and the economy and hurt pensions and investments by introducing legislation to reduce the size of companies.~~
- ~~• Go soft on crime and pro-legalisation of drugs by requiring reparation for crimes committed rather than punishment or retribution and making powder cocaine available in fixed dosages at fixed prices to people who wish to use the drug for recreational purposes.~~
- ~~• Weaken the UK's defence and position in the world by taking the UK out of NATO and ending the special relationship between the UK and the US.~~
- ~~• Make house purchasing even more difficult by placing ceilings on the % of a property's value and borrower's income that may be lent on mortgage.~~
- ~~• Effectively nationalise the banking system by bringing it under "democratic control, preferably at a local level."~~
- ~~• Reduce controls on immigration to the UK by progressively reducing UK immigration controls and allow Migrants illegally in the UK for over 5 years to remain.~~
- ~~• Introduce a "Levelling Down" taxation regime through a tax policy that creates a disincentive for employers, employees, and wealth creators with increased tax grab of £124.4 billion~~
- ~~• Reduce our community's sense of pride by abolishing the monarchy.~~

2.3 To assist Members, the proposed Amended Motion is set out below.

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This Council believes that it is vital that these aspirations are supported.