

Notice of Motion

Motion to be moved by Councillor Bridges:

Council believes that the election last year showed that people are looking for an alternative to more than a decade of austerity and unfairness, where hard working people have continually been hit by poor fiscal decision making, while wealthy people have benefited and grown richer.

Council also believes that continuing in the same vein as the previous, failed and calamitous Conservative Governments has caused disillusionment in politics at all levels and has fuelled the simplistic and divisive politics of populism, which in reality cannot solve any of the challenges facing the nation.

Council calls on the Labour Government to pause and reflect on the approach taken to balance the nations finances and instead adopt alternative proposals for raising revenue, including measures to raise taxes on the wealthiest in our society and also to pro-actively recover the public money squandered by the previous Conservative Governments during the COVID pandemic and hold to account those who allowed such disgraceful waste to happen.

Council resolves to request that the Chief Executive write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor expressing this call and that all Group Leaders back this call and sign the letter.

Sources:

“Johnson at 10 – the inside story”, (2023), Raymond Newell & Anthony Seldon. Maldon Books.

“How They Broke Britain”, (2024), James O’Brien, Ebury Publishing.

“Depraved New World”, (2023), John Crace, Guardian Faber Publishing.