

LABOUR GROUP AND GREEN GROUP JOINT AMENDMENT

COUNCIL-OWNED LAND ON THE URBAN FRINGE

To amend the motion with the insertion of a new point 2 and additional points 3 and 4 as shown below in ***bold italics*** and deletion of the original point 2 as struck through.

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2. ~~That Policy & Resources Committee be requested to call for a report in order to establish such a policy to protect the urban fringe for the benefit of the City's residents.~~
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Proposed by: Cllr Hill

Seconded by: Cllr Littman

Motion to read if carried

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