

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN, CONSERVATIVE AND
LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUPS****EMPOWERING LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

“This council notes that England has the most centralised system of government in Europe. Devolution has also brought decisions about tax and spending, and the quality of public services, closer to voters in Scotland and Wales, but not residents in England. As a result major decisions on policies such as business rates, education and taxation are taken in Whitehall, away from communities’ local knowledge and talents.

Council notes the new cross-party Local Government Association (LGA) campaign called ‘Rewiring Public Services’.

This council notes the ten proposals of the LGA’s campaign, including proposals that local agencies should be able to prevent problems rather than just pick up the pieces; that voters should be given back a meaningful say on a wider range of tax and spending decisions; and ministers’ powers should be reduced so that they cannot intervene in local democracy, boundaries and decisions

This council believes that only through decentralising and devolving power will local communities and services receive the independence and sustainability they’ve long needed.

Further, this Council:

- Supports the cross-party ‘Rewiring Public Services’ campaign; and
- Resolves to ask city’s Members of Parliament to also support the *Rewiring Public Services* campaign”

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