

**Council 13 July 2016**

**Agenda Item 13**

**AMENDMENT**

The Council notes that the people of the Borough voted by a large majority of 43,457 (63%) to 25,477 (37%), that the United Kingdom should leave the European Union.

This Council respects the democratic decision of the people of Newcastle and will focus on serving all residents during the current period of national uncertainty.

The Council is extremely concerned about the worst rise on record of reports of hate crime to the police nationally since the referendum result. Our council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally and will ensure that steps are taken to tackle such behaviour. We are sure that the vast majority of Newcastle residents, however they voted in the referendum, share our concern about any increase in hate crimes.

The Council calls upon the government to replace any funding lost from the Borough as a result of leaving the EU, and in particular, (in the light of the severe shortfall of funds for our local hospital) that extra funding promised by the leave campaign for the NHS be honoured.

The council resolves that the Chief Executive writes to all MPs representing this Borough to enlist their support in ensuring that all residents of the Borough are protected and supported during the process of leaving the EU, when that process is finally enacted by the current Government.

Amendment proposed by Cllr Shenton  
Amendment seconded by Cllr Reddish