

Bath and North East Somerset Council

Full Council meeting, Thursday 8 November 2018

Liberal Democrat Motion on the People's Vote

To be proposed by Councillor Sue Craig

Council notes:

1. The outcome of the United Kingdom European Union membership referendum of 23rd June 2016.
2. The question posed in the referendum presented a binary choice and few voters actually understood all the implications of leaving the European Union at the time.
3. The referendum campaign was characterised by a lack of clear information.
4. In the two years since the referendum, the electorate has become far more aware of the real advantages and disadvantages of dissolving this partnership which has been developed over the last 45 years.
5. It is clear that there is a lack of consensus within Parliament, which leaves the UK at risk of crashing out of the EU, with no deal at all. It is widely accepted that this would be disastrous for our economy.
6. On Saturday 20 October 2018, over 700,000 people marched in London to support a People's Vote on the final outcome of the government's exit negotiations with the European Union. This represented the second largest protest march ever hosted by our capital city. People came from all areas of the UK to march peacefully and, equipped with the knowledge they now have, register their wish to have a vote on the final deal.

Council resolves:

7. To express our support publicly for a People's Vote on the final terms of any Brexit deal, including the option to maintain full EU membership so that the public is not, once again, presented with a binary choice.
8. Request that the Leader of Council writes to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, the Prime Minister, and to the MPs for Bath and North East Somerset, informing them that Bath & North East Somerset Council has passed this motion in support of a People's Vote.