

# Subject: Motions

**Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 28 June 2017**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 The Assembly is asked to consider the motions set out which have been submitted by Assembly Members.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly considers the motions submitted by Assembly Members as set out below.**

## 3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Léonie Cooper AM** and will be seconded by Sian Berry AM:

“This Assembly notes the outcome of the General Election. It also notes that included in the Conservative Manifesto were proposals to change the voting system for the London Mayor and subsequent reports that there would be further changes to the London Assembly election arrangements as well.

Following on from our previous motion, carried in March 2017, this Assembly notes and agrees:

- 1) that the current electoral arrangement for London Mayor and Assembly were put before the people of London, who approved them in a referendum. Any change must also be agreed by a referendum;
- 2) that the second preference vote for Mayor allows the full spectrum of Londoners views to be expressed;

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3) that the top-up list system for the eleven London-wide Assembly Members is now more important than ever, in the context of over 80% of voters voting for the two largest parties in the General Election, to ensure representation of smaller parties;

4) that the 5% threshold should remain, as only smaller parties that can demonstrate this level of support should be elected.

This Assembly will write to the Minister for the Constitution with these views and call on the Government to reconsider its proposals.”

4.1 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Caroline Russell AM** and will be seconded by Shaun Bailey AM:

This Assembly condemns the decision taken by the President of the United States to abandon the Paris climate agreement to limit global warming to ‘well below’ two degrees to avoid catastrophic climate change.

This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor to demonstrate climate leadership by:

- commissioning research into the effects of this decision on London and increasing funding for climate change programmes in his 2018-19 budget if necessary
- making his environment strategy consistent with the Paris climate agreement, particularly in the context of the President’s decision to withdraw from it
- working with fellow C40 city leaders to adopt even stronger measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- making climate change a top priority for his remaining time in office, particularly when lobbying the government

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**List of appendices to this report:** None.

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List of Background Papers: None.
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