



Proposed Title of Motion	Debate not Hate
Proposer	Cllr Hannah Dalton
Seconders	Cllr Julie Morris
<p>Motion</p> <p>Set out motion in full</p>	<p>This Council notes:</p> <p>This council notes that increasing levels of toxicity in public and political discourse is having a detrimental impact of local democracy and that prevention, support and responses to abuse and intimidation of local politicians must improve to ensure councillors feel safe and able to continue representing their residents.</p> <p>This council therefore commits to challenge the normalisation of abuse against councillors and officers and uphold exemplary standards of public and political debate in all it does.</p> <p>The council further agrees to sign up to the LGA's Debate Not Hate campaign. The campaign aims to raise public awareness of the role of councillors in local communities, encourage healthy debate and improve the response to and support those in public life facing abuse and intimidation.</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write to Chris Grayling MP to ask their support of the campaign. 2. Write to the Government to ask them to work with the LGA to develop and implement a plan to address abuse and intimidation of politicians. 3. Ensure the council has a clear reporting mechanism which councillors to use to monitor and record incidents of harassment and abuse of councillors and/or officers.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Regularly review the support available to councillors in relation to abuse and intimidation and councillor safety. 5. Work with the local police to ensure there is a clear and joined-up mechanism for reporting threats and other concerns about the safety of councillors and their families and discuss the need to take a preventative approach that accounts for the specific risks that councillors face, as they do with other high-risk individuals, like MPs. 6. Take a zero-tolerance approach to abuse of councillors and officers.
Relevant Committee(s) Motion would relate to	Standards & Constitution
Name of the Chair of such Committee	Cllr Liz Frost