

Notices of Motion
Flintshire County Council - 23 October 2018

(i) Councillor Andy Dunbobbin

I would like the Council to consider the introduction of a service known as the Rental Exchange which is a national scheme being adopted by an increasing number of social landlords as a way of supporting tenants to be able to improve their credit rating.

It has come to my attention that Council tenants who pay rent on time do not have their payments recognised on their credit reference report. I think there is an inequality here because those who have a mortgaged property and make that payment on time, see it reflected on their credit file.

By participating in the service and working with credit reference agencies, the Council would be able to offer tenants the opportunity to build a positive credit history and also be rewarded for paying their rent on time - I believe it also has major benefits for things like applying for goods and services, including responsible and affordable financial services, online shopping or even helping a tenant who wants to apply for a mortgage as part of a transition into buying their own home.

This is a scheme that would help to support our Council tenants and as a progressive and forward thinking Council, could I ask for this scheme to be considered and implemented?

(ii) Councillor Kevin Hughes

On June 23rd 2016 the British people voted to leave the European Union through the Brexit Referendum. Of the votes cast 51.89% voted to leave with 48.11% voting to remain. In Flintshire 56.4% voted to leave with 43.6% wishing to remain.

The Westminster Government invoked Article 50 on the Treaty of European Union by the Prime Minister signing a letter on March 28th 2017.

That letter was delivered to the European Council President Donald Tusk by the British Ambassador to the European Union the following day.

Since then negotiations have been ongoing with no sign of a deal that can be agreed in Parliament or one that is acceptable to the British people.

Meanwhile the CEO of Airbus has warned that the company could leave the UK if it exits the European single market and customs union without a transitional deal. This would have a devastating effect on the countless Flintshire workers who are employed by Airbus and the thousands of smaller companies that supply it with goods, equipment and services.

Further, the Executive Vice President of Toyota, Didier Leroy, is on record as saying that uncertainty over Brexit could jeopardise the company's future investment in the UK which would again have a negative impact on Flintshire workers and the county's on-going prosperity.

Hazel Wright, the senior policy officer of the Farmers' Union of Wales, is advising Welsh farmers, including those that farm in Flintshire that the Basic Payment Scheme under the EU's Common Agricultural Policy will end after Brexit and in 2021 move to a Welsh Government scheme based on environmental factors.

This would mean Flintshire farmers would be treated differently to their competitors in Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and the rest of Europe and leaves many in fear of their livelihoods and that their farms will no longer be financially viable.

Now we know the true facts and consequences of Brexit and its likely effect on Flintshire's economy, jobs and prosperity coupled with Westminster's inability to negotiate a suitable deal is it not time to give the electorate a second opportunity to have their say on the final Brexit outcome?

To not allow the British people a say on the final negotiated deal, now we know the full consequences, would be grossly unfair and an affront to democracy.

This council therefore calls upon the Westminster Government to allow the public to vote on the final Brexit deal that will see the UK leave the European Union.

And that vote should have three elements:

- 1) To accept the final deal negotiated by the Government.
- 2) To leave the European Union, its customs union and the single market without a negotiated deal.
- 3) To remain a full member of the European Union, its customs union and the single market.