

## **Agenda Item 8 – Opposition Motion by the Conservative Group – regarding the Queens Speech and Manifesto Commitments**

### **Amendment**

**Proposed by Councillor Rabina Khan**

**Seconded by Councillor Andrew Wood**

### **Add at end of This Council Resolves;**

**To ensure that any group set up is a Cross-Party Group to work** to constructively engage with the new government's legislative agenda in order to ensure that the voice of Tower Hamlets specifically and other London Boroughs more generally are heard in the legislative process to ensure that those new Acts of Parliament work effectively here.

**The Cross-Party Group** should take the lead in the first instance in writing to seek changes including communication for things such as;

- Change to the Public Works Loan Board interest rate policy requesting that borrowing to invest in building new Council homes and new infrastructure should be charged at a lower interest rate than borrowing to buy commercial properties to generate a financial return for local authorities.
- Tower Hamlets to influence the Social Housing White Paper especially in terms of regulatory conditions.
- Building Life Sciences centre in Whitechapel as part of the Whitechapel Vision especially after Brexit.
- Where the cross-party group identifies a manifesto commitment that has not been delivered in Tower Hamlets that this is raised with government.