

Notices of Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.18

To receive the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Rhodes:-

“Council notes that

(1) Giscard d'Estaing, the author of the original Constitution, has described the differences between his initial text and the "Reform Treaty", signed by Tony Blair on 23 June, as "few and far between" and "more cosmetic than real".

(2) The Leaders of nearly all EU partners publicly acknowledge that this new Treaty is virtually the same as the Constitution Treaty.

(3) The Constitution Treaty was rejected by France and The Netherlands.

(4) Many politicians across the political spectrum in Britain and many other organisations, including the Trades Union Congress, consider that a Referendum on the Treaty would be appropriate.

(5) the 2005 Labour Party manifesto, page 84, states " We will put [the Constitution Treaty] to the British people in a referendum"

Council resolves to demand that the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, and the Government abide by the promise made to the British people, in the manifesto on which they were elected, to hold a Referendum on the European Treaty, signed by Tony Blair in June 2007.

Council agrees that, in addition to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and the Chairman and General Secretary of the Labour Party, copies of this resolution will be sent to the local MPs, MEPs, Leaders of the main Opposition Parties, and to the media.”