

**NOTICE OF MOTION****PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION AND VOTER TRIALS****GREEN GROUP PROPOSED ALTERATION TO THE MOTION**

That the motion be amended to insert a new recommendation as shown in ***bold italics***.

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Proposed by: Councillor Mac Cafferty

Seconded by: Councillor Clare

LSE studies have found that elections characterised by First Past the Post tend to lead to unrepresentative Parliaments and disproportional representation in Government. This can contribute to wider voter disenfranchisement in politics and the results of the Voter ID trials from May's elections produced a number of worrying results, including more than 700 voters not returning to vote after being turned away.

<https://www.makevotesmatter.org.uk/home>

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