

## COUNCIL MEETING 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

### AMENDMENT TO THE NOTICE OF MOTION AS SET OUT IN ITEM 10 (B) OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA

In accordance with Procedural Rule 10.4.1 of Part 4 of the Council Constitution the following amendments were received in the names of:- Councillors P Jarman, E Webster, H Fychan, G Davies, A Chapman, S Evans, L Jones, E Stephens, S Rees Owen, M Weaver, J Williams, A Cox, D Grehan, E Griffiths, K Morgan, J Cullwick, J Davies:-

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**The motion amended will read:**

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