

COUNCIL MOTION

22 APRIL 2021

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Pugh

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lewis

LEARNING THE LESSONS FROM THE CALLER REPORT

In the light of the Caller Report and recent events in Liverpool, this Council

(a) believes that the role of executive mayors within local government has few real benefits and many obvious risks

(b) deplores central governments' encouragement and the imposition of the Executive Mayoral system within local government

(c) notes the real risk to transparency, accountability and good decision making when power is overly centralised

(d) regrets the limited role in decision-making currently assigned to 'backbench' councillors in all parties

and resolves following lessons learnt from the Caller report to strengthen independent scrutiny within this Council - such moves to include allowing opposition members to chair scrutiny committees in line with best practice.