

Motion to Council
24 July 2018

Item

10(b)

Subject EU Nationals' right to stand at local elections 2019

Proposer Councillor Raby

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"Currently EU citizens living in the UK can stand for and vote in local elections. Last month the Government outlined its Statement of Intent for EU nationals living in the UK post-Brexit. The intention is that they will be allowed to remain in the UK subject to certain conditions, and will be given Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) status. Commonwealth citizens are eligible to stand in local elections but there has been no confirmation from the Government on these rights for EU citizens post Brexit.

Council therefore **RESOLVES** to:

- (1) Recognise that EU citizens have contributed a great deal to the democratic process in Norwich, as candidates, councillors and voters.
- (2) Recognise that the government's response thus far to the question of the rights of EU citizens living in the UK, especially vis-a-vis their democratic rights is insufficient, disruptive and potentially stressful for many sitting councillors and potential candidates, with EU citizenships; and
- (3) Ask all group leaders to write to the LGA and Norwich's MPs to lobby the government for urgent clarity on this matter and to ensure that EU citizens continue to be able to vote in and stand for local elections post Brexit."