

- 1) At the full council meeting held on Wed 6th December 2023 Cllr Maureen O'Brien suggested that she has proposed a motion to council that was rejected. As motions require a proposer and seconder, I would like to know who seconded the proposed motion. I would also welcome a copy of that proposed motion.

The motion was not rejected. Councillor O'Bern was advised the following by email (extracts of the email are as follows):

your motion (outlined below) has been deemed competent for debate in accordance with Rule 9.7 of the Constitution

Motion:

*Wigan Council to introduce an Article 4 Direction boroughwide so that all HMO'S regardless of size would need planning permission.*

*This would likely reduce the proliferation of Section 21 no fault evictions issued to families. Ensure more availability of affordable private rental accommodation to families. Take some strain off social housing. Reduce the demand for emergency accommodation. Improve families wellbeing.*

Due to the volume of motions that have been submitted for this meeting, it has been necessary to enforce Rule of Procedure 9.6 in the Constitution, which states:-

*"The maximum number of motions which may be submitted to any one Council Meeting shall be five. In the event that more than five notices of motion are submitted, the motions shall be allocated according to the political balance of the Council."*

The motion was seconded by Councillor Watson.

- 2) At the same meeting Cllr James Watson and Cllr Stuart Gerrard suggested that the Independent Network has proposed a motion to council that was rejected on the subject of social housing for those service short-term and medium-term prison sentences. As motions require a proposer and seconder, I would like to know who seconded the proposed motion. I would also welcome a copy of that proposed motion.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Fish.

Motion:

*"We ask that the Chief Executive write to the government to give councils power to end a tenancy if a single tenant of a council property is convicted and sentenced to a period of prison detention."*