

People's Vote

Council:

- 1) Notes, the EU referendum on 23rd June 2016 should be considered the beginning of a democratic process, not the end of one;
- 2) Further notes, the conclusion by the Electoral Commission that the Leave campaign committed serious offences by breaking electoral law casts doubt on the legitimacy of the result of the 2016 referendum;
- 3) Recognises, new information on the way the referendum campaign was conducted and the economic, environmental, and social impacts of Brexit, which have become known since the referendum, may have altered some voters' preferences regarding desired outcomes of the Brexit negotiations;
- 4) Further recognises, many non-UK EU nationals living in the City, whose life, and that of their UK-national families, has been destabilised by uncertainty following the vote. Apart from the social impacts, this has resulted in the loss of staff by local businesses and the NHS;
- 5) Acknowledges, Council believe that the interests of its residents would be best protected by a referendum on the terms of leaving the EU with the possibility of rescinding article 50;
- 6) Further acknowledges, that giving the people across the four nations a final say on the Brexit negotiations will help to rebuild trust and engagement in the political process;
- 7) Calls, Council to:
 - a) Express our support publicly for a People's Vote on the final terms of any Brexit deal, along with the option to remain in the EU;
 - b) Request the Council Leader to write to our local Edinburgh MPs, Deidre Brock, Joanna Cherry, Christine Jardine, Ian Murray, Tommy Sheppard, and the Prime Minister, Theresa May, informing them that the City of Edinburgh Council has passed this motion in support of a People's Vote.