

Chief Executive's Department

Democratic Services

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The Rt. Hon Theresa May M.P.
House of Commons
London
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Dear Prime Minister,

Belfast City Council, at its meeting on 1st October, passed the following motion which had been proposed by Councillor Nicholl and seconded by Councillor Garrett:

Brexit Motion

"This Council acknowledges the result of the EU Referendum of June 2016, recognises that the majority of people in Northern Ireland voted to remain and asserts that no one in Belfast voted for a bad deal, or no deal, that could wreck our economy and jeopardise our peace process.

The Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State and to the Prime Minister expressing its support for the growing demand for a People's Vote on the final Brexit deal, where no deal has been negotiated and in both cases remaining in the EU must be an option – based on the bottom line which has been expressed by the majority of elected MLAs which supports:

- *No diminution of Human Rights and equality provisions which must be protected*
- *We cannot withstand exclusion from the single market or customs union*
- *That we must protect the Good Friday Agreement in all of its parts*
- *That the backstop agreed by both the British Government and the EU27 is the bottom line in order to safeguard our political and economic stability now and for the future."*

As called for within the motion, I have written also to The Rt. Hon. Karen Bradley MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

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