

Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to Motion 2: Housing and Infrastructure Bids.

Moved by Councillor Mackrory and seconded by Councillor Robinson.

Amendment with changes marked:

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