

Labour Group Amendment to Motion 3: Recognising our Armed Forces

Moved by Councillor Harris and seconded by Councillor Young

Amendment with changes marked:

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