Amendments to "Tapan Ghosh – no place for hate speech in Harrow Motion"

Councillor proposing amendments: Cllr Marilyn Ashton

Councillor seconding amendments: Cllr Barry Macleod-Cullinane

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Councillor Proposing: Councillor Kiran Ramchandani and

Councillor Seconding: Councillor Ghazanfar Ali:

The Council believes:

- Harrow has an excellent reputation for outstanding community relations and tolerance of a wide diversity of faiths and peoples;
- Hate speech is not tolerated in Harrow or anywhere else in the U.K. and no one local official, such as a local Member of Parliament, should be endorsing speakers who are considered to be hate speakers;

The Council notes:

- The Harrow East MP, Bob Blackman, has recently hosted an There was a
 recent event in London where the keynote speaker was Mr Tapan Ghosh,
 who has written articles that are regarded by many in our community as
 prejucided, anti-Muslim and should not be tolerated;
- Mr Ghosh has also inappropriately tried to justify the Myanmar ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya community;

The Council resolves:

- To instruct the Chief Executive to write to all three Harrow MPs, the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan and all national Party Leaders—Beb Blackman MP, condemning the visit of Tapan Ghosh-condemning all visits to the United Kingdom of anyone who advocates any type of extremist view and Furthermore, reaffirming that Harrow is one of the most diverse places in the UK, where hate speech is not tolerated.
- To instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, calling on him to condemn the visit of Tapan Ghosh and to discourage hate speech in public institutions (such as the UK Parliament).