

c) Supporting Local Social Enterprise (proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hayes)

Labour member motion

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Amendment proposed by Councillor Gant:

After "are let", add:

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after the current end of the motion, add:

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Motion as amended then reads:

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