

# Full Council

11 DECEMBER 2024

## AMENDMENT 1 – NOTICE OF MOTION 1 – MOTION ON THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY.

*Mover Councillor Jones and Seconder Councillor Irvines*

*(Those words to be added are in **Red** and those in **Purple** and crossed through to be removed)*

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### **Proposed Amended Notice Of Motion 1 – Motion On The British Indian Ocean Territory, If approved, now reads:**

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