

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Motion in the name of Councillor Millbank to be seconded by Councillor Clarke	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Acting Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
Class	Part 1	Date: February 21 2018

“This Council notes that 2018 is the centenary of Representation of the People Act 1918, which saw the start of women in the UK securing the right to vote and to take up opportunities in civic life including the right to stand as councillors. This Council welcomes events being organised to mark women’s achievements over the last 100 years, including ‘Vote Organise Participate’, a day of celebration, learning and action taking place in the Civic Suite Catford on International Women’s Day on March 8th.

While recognising the significant progress made on gender equality this Council believes that more action is needed for women to have full and equal rights. The World Economic Forum's 2017 Global Gender Gap report that while women worldwide are closing the gap in critical areas such as health and education, significant gender inequality persists in the workforce and in politics, while the Census of Local Authority Councillors 2013 found less than a third of councillors nationally were female (36% in London) and only 12.3% of local authority leaders in England were women in 2014. This Council’s own Barriers to Politics Working Party in 2017 identified a range of attitudinal and practical measures still necessary to remove the barriers to political engagement by women, and other under-represented groups.

This Council welcomes the #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign set up by the Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London to mark progress made on women’s equality and to drive gender equality across the capital in 2018. This Council pledges its support to the campaign and to uses its influence to lead and umotivate its administration, its partners and its communities to think, act and be gender inclusive.”