**Hemp Production by Liberal Party Councillor Alan Tormey**

**Motion to be present to Liverpool Council on the 21st September 2022**

Council recognises that Hemp presents a significant amount of economic

opportunities for Liverpool. The UK has the biggest CBD market in Europe,

valued at £690m, yet due to the strict regulatory framework around hemp, most

products are imported.

Council further recognises that this is despite the UN Convention on Narcotics

removing CBD from its controlled drug schedules following recommendations

from the World Health Organisation, which found no public health risks for the

substance.

Council notes that Hemp is a renewable and multi-faceted plant that does not

require pesticides and enormous amounts of water. The list of things that hemp

is able to offer humanity is potentially never-ending. Some of the most important

issues:

 Chronic illnesses and deficiencies; Cannabinoid therapy

 Depleting polluted soils; Mulching hemp can rebuild soils and when grown

hemp is a bio-accumulator, removing toxins from soils.

 Unstable economy; Hemp could be the green renewable economy

 Subsidy reliant farmers; Offer farmers a reliable and generous source of

income for what could be a huge green industry

 Dependency on toxic plastics; Biodegradable Hemp Plastics

 Unstable global supply chains; British/Local industry

 Atmospheric carbon; Sequesters 5 x more carbon into the soil than same

area of trees

 Extraction; reliance on finite resources / Invasion of sovereign nations;

Hemp offers renewable alternatives to lithium, carbon fibre, wood, metals,

oil etc.

 Malnutrition; Plant-based source of omegas, protein and fibre

 Unsustainable fast fashion/ plastic based clothes; Hemp is a natural plant

based fibre textile, which is very durable and more sustainable alternative

to cotton and polymers

 Toxic building practises; Hempcrete is a carbon-positive, vapour

permeable, chemical free natural building material

Council further notes that this is a brilliant post-Brexit opportunity which could

build on Liverpool’s international bioscience reputation and would provide a new

way to generate income for Liverpool when we have recently been destined for

bankruptcy.

Council therefore calls on Mayor and Cabinet to –

1. Request officers to prepare a business case assessing the feasibility and

options for Liverpool City Council applying for an industrial hemp licence

and entering the hemp cultivation industry.

2. Write to the Secretary of State for the Home Department to demand a

review of the bureaucratic, unjust, and unfair process of acquiring a

licence.

***(To be referred to Mayor of Liverpool and Cabinet Member for Social Care***

***& Health then to the Finance & Resources Select Committee)***