

# MOTION FOR LABOUR MOVEMENT BODIES

## *Expressing our Solidarity with Diane Abbott*

### **This [branch/region] notes:**

- The widely reported and condemned comments from Tory Donor Frank Hester that hearing Diane Abbott made him “want to hate all black women” and “should be shot”.
- The calls across civil society and beyond for the Tories to disavow their £10 million of donations from Hester, with some calling for it to be returned and others for it to be given to a charity nominated by Diane Abbott.
- The widespread solidarity and support Diane Abbott has received, including from - but not limited to - her own constituents, numerous black & BAME community leaders and groups, local and national trade unions, many Labour backbench MPs and former MPs from across the spectrum of opinion in the Labour Party.
- That a number of these expressions of support have included the call for the Parliamentary Labour Party whip to be restored to Diane. Ed Balls, to give just one example, said “she should be brought back following that apology and she should be supported and defended rather than left on her own, which is what’s happening at the moment.”
- That Diane Abbott has stated the best way Keir Starmer and the Labour Party could offer her support is to restore the whip.

### **This [branch/region] believes:**

- Diane Abbott is a trailblazer who deserves our full solidarity against the racism and hate of the likes of Hester.
- That there is a strong and growing feeling across the labour and trade union movement that the whip should be restored to Diane Abbott.

### **This [branch/region] resolves:**

- To send a message of solidarity to Diane Abbott
- To send a copy of this motion to the Labour Chief Whip Alan Campbell and Keir Starmer.