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Motion to thank United Nations for report on Poverty.

Philip Alston, United Nations rapporteur recently carried out a thorough report on poverty in the UK. One of the observations he made was that there is a social calamity taking place due to the Westminster austerity measures. These measures are affecting the most vulnerable in our society, taking people from all walks of life into a cycle of poverty they may never escape from. For an entity like the UK this is an absolute disgrace. Named at the 6th wealthiest country on the planet we are most definitely failing on the caring and sharing of our resources.

The UK government have dismissed this report as negative and unhelpful, as a Council we know the effects austerity measures are having on our finances which in turn trickles down to our services and ultimately onto the people who depend upon them most of all. So our London government can deny and postulate as much as they want, the truth is we have a major catastrophe the likes of which has never been seen in any of our lifetimes. The austerity measures that have been in place since 2010 were not created by people already struggling to survive, they were created by greedy people who wanted more and more of the cake. To misquote the words of Marie Antoinette there will be no cake left to eat!

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