# DISCUSSION POINT- ACCOUNTABILITY AT COUNCIL

Student Council is often the most appropriate sounding board for an idea before a full proposal is written. A discussion point will allow the proposer to introduce a topic and gauge wider student opinion before taking further steps with an idea/issue.

## INFORMATION REQUIRED

Please ensure the following details are completed before submission

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| **Title of Discussion Point** | Accountability of Officers, Councillors and Committees |
| **First Proposer** | Louise Dowson |
| **Signature** | Louise Dowson |
| **Date** | 05/03/2020 |
| **Second Proposer** | Sam Dorywala |
| **Signature** | Sam Dorywala |
| **Date** | 05/03/2020 |
| **Date of Submission to Chair** | 05/03/2020 |

## DISCUSSION POINT DETAILS

### This Council Notes

*State the facts surrounding the issue*

* That Council received a letter outlining its concerns with the level of accountability of Officers to Council, and its ability to hold them to account for their actions
* That accountability is not currently a strength of Student Council, with questions being offered from very few Councilors during any given meeting.
* That the Union requires strong levels of accountability to be successful in understanding our members and being capable of representing their views effectively and transparently as a Union

### This Council Believes

*State what you believe*

* That Councillors should be more proactive in engaging with reports discussed at Student Council, and actively engage in the scrutiny process
* That Officers should report in a timely and transparent manner, allowing Councillors to appropriately scrutinise their work.
* That Councillors should ensure they are reporting back to their committees each month on what was discussed at Student Council, how they voted and the decisions that were made.

### This Council Resolves

*State what you believe should happen if Council agrees with the concept discussed*

* To discuss what improvements need to be made at Student Council to ensure that both the Union, and its officers are a successful as they can be.

### APPENDIX (if applicable)