DERBY CITY COUNCIL - COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE OF URGENT MOTION

Moved by Councillor Shanker, seconded by Councillor Hassall

1. I move that under Council Procedure Rule CP42(r) and with the consent of the Mayor, that the following urgent motion without notice be tabled for debate:

Council is deeply concerned to note recent media coverage regarding a potential threeyear production gap at Alstom's Litchurch Lane factory in Derby, risking the jobs of two thousand directly employed staff and seventeen thousand more within its wider supply chain.

As the future home of Great British Railways, Derby is rightly proud of its rail heritage with rolling stock having been built in the city since 1839. Today, Litchurch Lane is the only factory in Britain that can design, develop, build and test trains for both domestic and export markets. Were the factory to close, the United Kingdom would become the only country within the G7 without the ability to design and manufacture its own trains.

This Council calls on the Government to take swift and decisive action to support Alstom as it seeks to ensure the future sustainability of its Derby site.

Council further resolves:

- 1. To work alongside Alstom and Trade Unions to ensure Derby jobs and livelihoods are protected.
- 2. To request that the rail sector is afforded the same priority as other strategic industries in the Government's industrial strategy.

Signed
Mover of Amendmen