

PRESS RELEASE

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TWO PARTY DEMOCRACY STITCH UP IN BEXLEY

Last night the Tory and Labour groups combined to vote independent Cllr off the Council's Planning Committee after five years.

Cllr Hackett will be replaced by Labour's Cllr Borella.

Commenting, Cllr Hackett said: "This is tribal politics with the two main parties coming together to ensure they continue 'politics as usual'.

"My decision to leave the Labour Party and sit as an Independent Cllr has clearly brought to the surface an issue that some on the council find hard to deal with - politics is changing and Bexley Labour and Tory groups don't want to accommodate me or change.

"Away from the place on the committee a political decision has been made to remove office and council support for me, it is so petty I have even been refused access to a locked filing cabinet or phone line.

"With the current system the full council meets six times a year and it is only at these meetings I will be able to speak up on behalf of my constituents.

"Bexley residents deserve better!"

Notes:

1. Councillor (Danny) Hackett was first elected to the Council in 2014, securing re-election in 2018. He was the General Election candidate in Old Bexley and Sidcup in 2017, standing against Secretary of State James Brokenshire.

2. Councillor Hackett left the Labour Party in February 2018, citing the of "culture of bullying and toxicity" – his full resignation statement can be found here:

<https://twitter.com/DannyHackett/status/1099391956059332608>