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Subject: SPPC motion requesting research on the effects of public health restrictions in London

Dear Colleagues,

Lockdowns to deal with the SARS-CoV-2 virus began over a year ago. As there are potentially no limits to the number of new mutations and variants of this virus, public health restrictions may continue to be considered in the face of new pathogens with varying degrees of transmissibility and severity. This should be done with a thorough awareness of the broader effects that lockdowns, business closures, masks, social distancing, have had in London. This will help us accurately balance the threat to health against the unintended social and economic consequences of the restrictions on a case-by-case basis. Research will be required to determine these consequences, and the optimal time to begin the investigation may be while some restrictions are still in place. I see it as municipal responsibility to ensure this research takes place and therefore request your support of the following motion:

That staff be DIRECTED to report back with a plan to commission research into the effects that the recent public health restrictions have had on London's citizens and economy.

Sincerely,

Michael van Holst