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The Co-operative holds a special place in the British economy and for many Unite members the values of the Co-op are what make the difference between any other company. But we all know those values and principles have been hard pushed recently by decisions which have caused irreparable damage to not only the image of the Co-op but its very fabric.

This cannot continue. Without reform the road ahead is extremely rocky and Unite members want to return to a business that has a bright future not one that is dogged with poor leadership decisions and governance.

Lord Paul Myners has been scathing in his opinions of the way the Co-op Group has been run and is proposing radical changes in the structure of the Co-op. Unite members believe that change is unavoidable but we do not agree that the group should move to an unaccountable board. The inclusion of a National Membership Council in the structure is a welcome one but it needs to have more teeth. The board has to be accountable to lay members.

The AGM today is held behind closed doors with no opportunity for the individual Co-op members to take part. We feel this is fundamentally wrong and want to see accountability AND transparency in the decision making process which gives all Co-op members confidence in the way the Society is run.

We urge you to support the motion for reform and commit to an urgent review to ensure Co-op members and Unite members have a future. A future we all want to be proud of.

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