



COUNCIL MEETING – 15 December 2016

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MOTION 4

Motion 4 : Support the Mayor of London's air pollution plans and promote his healthy streets agenda in Islington

Proposed amendment to be moved by Councillor Webbe

Air pollution is a major public health problem in Islington. The council's own monitoring shows unacceptably high levels of NO2 in hot spots and on busy roads across the borough. Community monitoring projects continue to expose illegally high levels of nitrogen dioxide on busy roads and side roads across the borough.

This Council Meeting notes the council's strong record on tackling air pollution, which has included:

- introducing the 'diesel surcharge' on residents' parking permits;
- introducing an educational programme, backed-up by fines, to tackle engine idling;
- introducing the first borough-wide 20mph speed limit;
- installing electric vehicle charging points and trialling the installation of bike hangers on streets;
- developing the cross-borough Zero Emissions Network project to encourage businesses to do more to tackle emissions;
- developing Airtext, which allows residents across London to see air pollution levels and receive advice via a downloadable app;
- being one of eight boroughs recently awarded funding under the Mayor of London's Low Emission Neighbourhood scheme;
- ensuring the council's fleet of vehicles are being made progressively more environmentally friendly;
- making representations to TfL calling for all buses stationed in the borough to be hybrid models;
- supporting development of the cycle improvements to encourage cycling;
- significant changes to the layout of roads and gyratories to make cycling and walking safer and more accessible;
- requiring that new housing developments must be air quality neutral or better;
- implementing car-free developments via planning conditions;
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This Council Meeting notes that the Executive Meeting on 20th October 2016 agreed a Local Improvement Plan (LIP) Interim Delivery Plan for 2017/18, which included a number of schemes that will improve air quality in the borough, such as –

- Air Pollution awareness education programmes with students and businesses, and as part of air quality monitoring and freight consolidation activities.
- Electric vehicle charging point programme, to develop and manage the delivery of electric vehicle charging points in Islington.
- The City Fringe Low Emission Zone (LEN) - Working in partnership with Hackney Council to reduce air pollutants for those living, working and visiting the City Fringe area. The projects seeks to reduce vehicle mileage in the area, encourage the uptake of low-emission vehicles, and support a shift to sustainable modes of travel such as walking and cycling.
- Archway Zero Emissions Network (ZEN) - This project will support and enhance the newly configured town centre by encouraging business and residents to adopt sustainable transport and energy options. The project will seek to introduce measures that reduce the number of servicing and delivery trips to reduce congestion and improve air quality.
- Traffic management to improve air quality at sensitive locations to reduce the number of vehicle trips and vehicle speeds at sensitive locations, including schools. This programme will seek to reduce exposure to air pollution by delivering traffic management measures that encourage walking and cycling, including special safety zones at school entrances.

This Council ~~therefore has already welcomed the~~ welcomes the proposals for action from ~~new the~~ Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, ~~to including planning a wider area for introduce the~~ Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) earlier than planned and over a wider area. ~~The Council has also called for all the most polluting engines, including Euro 6 diesel engines, to be included in the proposed ULEZ, and welcomes potentially a sooner start for this initiative, alongside swifter action from City Hall to clean up the Transport for London bus fleet.~~

This Council Meeting resolves to ~~asks~~ the Leader and Executive to –

- 1) respond positively to the Mayor's current air pollution consultation (closes 18th Dec) that calls for the Ultra-Low Emission Zone to extend to the North and South Circular and to be brought forward from the previously proposed 2020 start date;

and,

- 2) ~~report back to Executive in due course on the outcome of the council's bid to for~~ Transport for London's (TfL) Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding scheme; ~~for further measures that would reduce the exposure to pollution for Islington residents and achieve pollution levels within legal limits in 'as short a time as possible' for Islington, as required by the law.~~

~~These measures should include:~~

~~plans to reduce traffic levels and the distances people and goods are driven;~~

~~plans to adopt the Mayor's "healthy streets" approach to managing Islington's street network;~~

~~plans to create a "liveable neighbourhood" in Islington, working with residents and learning from the success of "Mini Holland" in Waltham Forest.~~

~~support for car-free housing in planning policies;~~

~~practical support for school, hospital and workplace travel plans, which will also help with parking problems;~~

~~a network of automatic pollution monitoring sites, with clear real-time information for residents about levels of pollution and support for community air pollution monitoring;~~

- and,

3) ~~Continue to make representations to Ask the Mayor of London to urge him to prioritise cleaner buses running on routes that use Islington's busiest roads, which have been found to have the highest levels of pollution.~~

The complete text of the motion as amended would read:

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