

COUNCIL MEETING – 24 FEBRUARY 2011

Amendment to Motion R (2010/11)

(Amendments are shown in bold, deletions have been struck through)

Sustainable Transport

This Council Notes:

- ~~Cuts of £1.7bn to London's bus services and £16m cut to London Underground.~~
- Boris Johnson's decision to axe plans to make London Underground step free and close 400 ticket offices across the capital.
- Under Tory Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, bus fares have already increased by 20% last year, with further planned Tube and bus fares increases of approximately 7%.
- **Between 2005 and 2007, a single Oyster bus fare rose, under former Labour Mayor Ken Livingstone, by 42 per cent (from 70p to £1) – with a 25 per cent increase in 2005 alone.**
- ~~The Coalition's decision to impose revenue savings of 21% to the Department of Transport, 28% cuts to TfL budgets, reduction of the bus subsidy by 20% and cuts of local government resource grants by 28%.~~
- ~~The scrapping of the Western Congestion Charge resulting in a Transport for London revenue loss of £55 million per annum~~
- The low car ownership in the east of borough, and the subsequent importance of public transport
- ~~The successful completion of Labour's manifesto pledge to establish a Sustainable Transport Commission.~~
- ~~The Labour manifesto commitment to continue educational and awareness raising work on sustainable transport.~~
- Ongoing work to extend the successful car club, to reduce private car use in the borough.
- **The Liberal Democrat manifesto commitment implemented in government: "To help the transition to a green economy over the longer term, we will set up a United Kingdom Infrastructure Bank (UKIB) to attract private finance." - The creation of a UK-wide Green Investment Bank will be funded by a £1 billion spending allocation and additional proceeds from the sale of Government-owned assets. The bank will encourage significant additional investment in green infrastructure."**
- **The Liberal Democrat manifesto commitment implemented in government to include "promotion of safer cycling and pedestrian routes in all local transport plans." - In September Norman Baker MP announced plans for a new Local Sustainable Transport Fund to challenge local transport authorities outside London to develop**

**packages of measures that support economic growth and reduce carbon in their communities, as well as delivering cleaner environments, improved safety and increased levels of physical activity.**

This Council Believes:

- ~~That cuts to transport funding do not represent a “soft cut” and severely undermine our capacity to tackle climate change.~~
- Increased costs of public transport will place residents under greater financial strain.
- Reducing private car usage should continue to be a priority.
- ~~Income from the Western Congestion Charge could have been invested in services or used to keep bus and tube fares down~~

This Council Resolves:

- To lobby the ~~Tory~~ Mayor of London, and ~~Coalition~~ **government** ministers to reconsider these plans. **focus on sustainable transport**
- To continue to work towards ~~our~~ **the** goal of reducing carbon emissions in ~~spite of swingeing cuts to Local Government funding.~~

Propose – Cllr Robert Gorrie  
Second – Cllr Richard Wilson