

Labour Amendment to Liberal Democrat Motion E: Tackling Moped Crime

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This Council is disappointed that the Government's Budget failed to respond to the Labour Mayor of London's request for additional monies to tackle the very serious problems of crime in the capital. The Government's failure has made it extremely difficult for the Police to tackle the scourge of moped crime on Haringey streets. This council believes that the Labour Mayor of London should be doing more to tackle the scourge of moped crime on Haringey streets.

This council notes that:

- thieves on scooters and pedal cycles are committing up to 50,000 criminal offences in London each year
- thefts involving mopeds or motorcycles are currently running at 13,000 over the past 12 months, a 41% increase over the previous period

This council also notes that:

- there has been a significant increase in moped crime in North London and in particular in Haringey, Camden and Islington, with a huge rise in phone and handbag snatches by moped gangs
- police statistics show that between February and March, Haringey saw a 21% rise in "theft of person" crimes
- that gangs have stepped up the level of violence, with the use of hammers, acid and other weapons
- that a number of local residents have been seriously injured by moped gangs stealing property
- This council is concerned that:
- a moped gang attacked Gail's bakery on Highgate High Street, smashing the windows with a hammer, stealing property and injuring a resident
- a moped gang attacked a delivery driver in Tottenham where the victim had a corrosive substance sprayed in his face
- a moped gang forcibly entered a restaurant in Crouch End and tried to steal a laptop

This Council is further concerned that the lack of adequate funding from Government has led to the Metropolitan Police Service closing Hornsey police station and Wood Green front counter, leaving only 1 police station open in the entire borough.

~~This council is further concerned that the Labour Mayor of London has recently chosen to close Hornsey police station and Wood Green front counter, leaving only 1 police station open in the entire borough.~~

This council believes that it is unacceptable that Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green, Hornsey, Crouch End, Stroud Green, Highgate and Wood Green wards will be left with no police counter and no police contact point, as a result of the Labour Mayor of London's decision.

This Council calls on the Government to ensure proper funding for policing in the capital so that the Mayor of London is able to ~~This council calls on the Mayor of London to:~~

- improve co-ordination and co-operation between the different borough police teams in London
- enable boroughs across London to use dedicated police on motorbikes (with the sole objective of pursuing moped-enabled criminals), as they already do in Camden
- increase the tagging of motorbikes so that stolen bikes can be tracked and picked up so they are not used by the gangs
- keep Haringey's police stations and counters open
- pay for CCTV and increased police presence in moped crime hotspots
- ~~consider restrictions on pillion riders of moped vehicles, such as a ban, or encouraging the Metropolitan Police to use their stop and search powers on pillion riders~~