

COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2016

## NOTICE OF MOTION

This Council notes Transport for London has confirmed that mayoral candidate Sadiq Khan's proposal to freeze fares will cost £1.9 billion. It therefore calls upon Sadiq Khan to confirm what consequences this experiment will have for Merton. He will have to either:

- Hit local families with a £175 Mayoral Council Tax hike;
- Hit local public services by halving the amount of Mayoral Council Tax going to the police and fire service;
- Hit the transport network by scrapping vital planned investment on road, rail and town centre regeneration projects – causing delays, overcrowding and congestion;
- Hit veterans, the elderly and most vulnerable by cutting the Freedom Pass and Veterans Travel; or
- Hit drivers by bringing back the western extension of the Congestion Charge Zone – costing motorists up to £650 extra a year.

We therefore call on Sadiq Khan to confirm the costs of his experiment for residents in Merton and set out which of the following investments for Merton would be scrapped:

- Improvements to the District line. The planned improvements will deliver better signaling and create 24 per cent more capacity– meaning 10,000 more passengers can use the line each hour.
- Improvements to the Northern line. After signaling upgrades to the Northern and Jubilee lines, TfL are in the process of procuring up to 63 extra trains for both lines. These new trains will increase capacity in central London on the Northern line by 25 per cent.
- TfL's £148 million investment in local transport and town centre improvements. This means Merton could miss out on £3.3 million which includes £100,000 to help transform Morden Town Centre, which may include the removal of the main road gyratory.
- The Night Tube. TfL estimated that the Night Tube will create 1,965 permanent jobs and Londoners support the Night Tube: 78 per cent believe it will be good for the capital. Khan has already come under pressure from union donors to cancel plans for a night service. He accepted the loan of offices and a staff member from the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association (TSSA), who said the Night Tube 'isn't going to happen', and was endorsed by ASLEF and Unite – the unions behind anti-night tube strikes.

**Cllr Hamish Badenoch**

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