

NOTICE OF MOTION

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Council therefore welcomes the recently announced increase in police funding provided by the Government, although the £750m they have announced so far is only a partial reversal of the cuts they have already inflicted, which led to officer numbers falling to a fifteen-year low in mid-2018.

~~is deeply damaging to the safety and security of people across the borough.~~

~~Since~~ Council further recognises that although since 2016 Mayor Khan has presided over ~~a huge~~ an

increase in crime that is far below that of the rest of the country, the Government's under-resourcing of our police services ~~and~~ has failed to protect Londoners. Council notes that ~~under~~

Mayor Khan in London since 2010/11:

- Knife crime has increased by ~~52~~10%, according to the ONS, which is the lowest of any English region;

~~Robbery has increased by 59%;~~

~~Gun crime has increased by 30%.~~

~~Whilst crime has risen and police numbers have fallen by 30%.~~ Despite Government under-investment in policing, Council notes that, Mayor Khan has succeeded in obtaining extended powers and additional funding for other services in London, including in housing, healthcare and transport ~~has spent £21 million on more City Hall employees, and has improved the GLA's campaigning function to deliver hugely successful campaigns like London Is Open and his work to encourage young people not to carry a knife~~ £9.4 million on PR and £700,000 on beach parties.

Council therefore condemns the ~~failing policies of Mayor Khan~~failed policies of the past and recognises that change is needed in ~~City Hall~~the Government's approach to crime and policing. Furthermore council fully endorses the Mayor of London's clear message to the Government that London needs 6,000 of the new 20,000 officers and 2,000 of the 6,000 announced for 2020/21, expresses concern that London has been allocated barely more than two thirds of the number required at 1,369 new officers~~the plans of the Conservative government to increase police numbers in London by c.6000, and recognises that this offers the only real chance~~calls on the Government to provide sufficient funding to local police services to save Wimbledon Police Station. ~~Council also congratulates Stephen Hammond MP for his work to secure its future.~~

Motion now to read:

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Council further recognises that although since 2016 Mayor Khan has presided over an increase in crime that is far below that of the rest of the country, the Government's under-resourcing of our police services has failed to protect Londoners. Council notes that in London since 2010/11:

- Knife crime has increased by 10%, according to the ONS, which is the lowest of any English region;

Despite Government under-investment in policing, Council notes that Mayor Khan has succeeded in obtaining extended powers and additional funding for other services in London, including in housing, healthcare and transport, and has improved the GLA's campaigning function to deliver hugely successful campaigns like London Is Open and his work to encourage young people not to carry a knife.

Council therefore condemns the failed policies of the past and recognises that change is needed in the Government's approach to crime and policing. Furthermore council fully endorses the Mayor of London's clear message to the Government that London needs 6,000 of the new 20,000 officers and 2,000 of the 6,000 announced for 2020/21, expresses concern that London has been allocated barely more than two thirds of the number required at 1,369 new officers, and calls on the Government to provide sufficient funding to local police services.

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