

## Labour Amendment to Conservative non-strategic theme motion

### ULEZ Consultation

#### This Council notes:

- ~~with grave concern~~ That the Mayor of London has led a concerted campaign to tackle toxic air pollution, to protect disenfranchise Londoners, including ~~our~~ residents in Merton, from diseases due to air pollution over the next 30 years; regarding support for the ULEZ expansion.
- The Mayor of London's laudable aim to drastically reduce the cost to the NHS and the social care system of air pollution currently running at £10.4 billion; has:
- The Mayor of London has already taken ground-breaking action with his support for ULEZ in central London and this has reduced harmful pollution levels by almost a half and because of this, 4 million Londoners are now breathing cleaner air; and

#### Whereas:

- The Mayor of London has listened to Merton Council during the comprehensive consultation over the expansion of ULEZ to outer London and has provided more help for residents during this Cost of Living emergency;
- The Mayor of London has introduced the most generous scrappage scheme yet - £110 million – to support Merton residents on lower incomes, disabled residents, micro businesses and charities to scrap or retrofit their non-compliant vehicles;
- The Mayor of London has repeatedly made false statements to keep the GLA Assembly, London boroughs, including Merton, and the press informed about the ULEZ and the consultation and noted that t;  
Manipulated the consultation was hijacked by Fair Fuel UK, a vested interest group using tactics to manipulate and the results by excluding more than 5,200 of a fair consultation; responses from the results thereby disenfranchising Londoners who do not wish to be hit by the ULEZ tax;
- 59% of responses to the Mayor's consultation Broken his promise that the on ULEZ expansion agreed that more needed to be done to tackle toxic air would not go ahead if there was significant opposition.

#### Therefore;

#### This Council calls upon the cabinet to:

- Work with the Mayor of London and TfL so that the ULEZ expansion is supported by a wide-ranging engagement with residents on the detail of the

scrappage scheme and on the exemptions for disabled drivers and community transport, meaning no impact from ULEZ as a result of these exemptions until 2025 and 2027 respectively;

- Write to TfL with their suggestions for bus route extensions as part of the Mayor of London’s plans, announced in November 2022, for improving the bus network in outer London, with over 1 million kilometres added to the network through planned new routes and improvements.

~~– Write to the Mayor of London and demand that the ULEZ expansion is immediately halted;~~

- Work with TfL to understand any requirements for ~~Refuse to allow~~ the installation of any ULEZ infrastructure in outer London;

~~Call for a new comprehensive, free, and fair consultation across all of London;~~

- ~~– Support~~ Conservative demands for an immediate investigation, regular review and monitoring into the operation of the scrappage scheme so that it is sensitive to the impact of the Cost of Living emergency on Merton’s residents ~~conduct of the Mayor and support any potential future public inquiry.~~

~~Cllr Nick McLean~~

~~Cllr Eleanor Cox~~

~~Cllr Michael Paterson~~

~~Cllr Stephen Alambritis~~

~~Cllr Linda Kirby~~

~~Cllr Laxmi Attawar~~

Motion now reads:

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Whereas:

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- 59% of responses to the Mayor’s consultation on ULEZ expansion agreed that more needed to be done to tackle toxic air.

Therefore:

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- Work with TfL to understand any requirements for the installation of any ULEZ infrastructure in outer London;
- Support regular review and monitoring into the operation of the scrappage scheme so that it is sensitive to the impact of the Cost of Living emergency on Merton’s residents.

Cllr Stephen Alambritis

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