

Subject: Motions

Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 16 July 2014

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Assembly is asked to consider the motions set out which have been submitted by Assembly Members.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly considers the motions set out below.**

3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Darren Johnson AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

“This Assembly notes that the Mayor of London’s proposal for an Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is currently envisaged within the boundaries of the central London Congestion Charge Zone. This Assembly also understands that other boroughs may wish to join the proposed zone where they have particular air quality concerns. The Assembly therefore recommends that other boroughs be offered the opportunity to opt-in to a larger, contiguous zone as part of the Mayor’s consultation on the 2020 scheme, provided that the boroughs concerned meet a significant portion of the costs of extending the scheme and are able to demonstrate significant local support.”

- 3.2 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Darren Johnson AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

“This Assembly notes that the London Plan parking standards have been successful in promoting sustainable development in London, and that Transport for London have worked effectively with the GLA’s Planning Decisions Unit to ensure that car parking provision fits with the Mayor’s strategic transport objectives. This Assembly disagrees with the Planning Minister that there is no place in the London Plan for car parking standards, resolves to write to the Minister to withdraw his expectation that the Mayor remove them, and calls on the Mayor to reject the Minister’s suggestion.”

- 3.3 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Fiona Twycross AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

“The London Assembly recognises that the question of Scottish independence is a matter for the Scottish people. However, this Assembly would regret a vote by the Scottish people to leave the United Kingdom.

The London Assembly recognises the importance of our shared identities and values and, while celebrating and respecting the cultures of all nations and nationalities within the Union, we believe we are genuinely better together.

Thousands of Scottish people – and people with close family ties to Scotland, including a number of Assembly Members – live in London. The legacy of the Scottish people in London has, and continues to be, considerable; ranging from the discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington to the recent, magnificent redesign of Kings Cross station by John McAslan.

This Assembly believes that maximising economic and social development requires a far greater devolution of powers from Westminster to local, regional, and national governments across the United Kingdom, allowing for decisions to be made at a level where local voices can be clearly heard and reflected. With this in mind, and further to the Mayor's strong statements on the issue of Scottish independence, we urge the Scottish people to remain part of the United Kingdom and join us in pursuing our common interest – a fairer constitutional settlement within the United Kingdom.”

- 3.4 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Murad Qureshi AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

“This Assembly notes with concern the expansion of the end-to-end postal services by TNT Post UK across London and the impact this expansion has on Royal Mail's ability to sustain the universal service obligation.

Companies such as TNT are able to cherry-pick the most lucrative areas to deliver post because of a lack of regulation. Furthermore, TNT offers only insecure terms and conditions for staff, employing workers on zero-hours contracts at minimum wage and supporting the growth of a low-pay insecure job market¹.

This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor of London to:

- Make representations to Ofcom to undertake an urgent review of end-to-end postal competition
- Determine what changes are needed to protect and ensure the future of the Universal Postal Service
- Make representations to TNT Post UK about becoming a living wage employer and offering staff secure, permanent contracts.”

- 3.5 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Tony Arbour AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

“In light of growing hospital admissions and ambulance call-outs related to alcohol in London, and the Mayors continued work to address the health implications of alcohol to Londoners, the Assembly would like the Mayor to look more closely at reducing the strain of alcohol to our emergency services. Recently the Soho Alcohol Recovery Centre (SARC) and the Booze Bus programme have significantly reduced their operation in London, with the SARC remaining closed since 2013. These

¹ Paul Mills, Postal privatisation and the zero-hour workers' nightmare, *The Guardian*, 07.07.14

services provided a simple and safe alternative to having intoxicated patients overwhelm London's ambulances and A&E departments. Their benefits include savings in time, costs and distraction to our health workers. The Mayor is requested to work with the NHS to save and extend programmes to help keep emergency services focused on truly time-critical life-threatening emergencies and not the intoxicated."

- 3.6 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Tony Arbour AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

"Over the past 8 years the Metropolitan Police have given out a third fewer Public Notices for Disorder (PNDs) related to drunken behaviour, while in the same period hospital admissions related to alcohol have nearly doubled. The Assembly requests that the Mayor encourages the Metropolitan Police to work more closely with London's emergency services to help target abusers and troublesome users of our emergency services with fines, while avoiding fining those with more serious alcohol related conditions."

- 3.7 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Caroline Pidgeon AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

"This Assembly notes the significant size of the Latin American community in London and especially some inner London Boroughs and believes that certain issues relating to their lack of official public recognition should be addressed.

This Assembly therefore supports the long standing request that the Greater London Authority and organisations within the Greater London Authority family follow the example of Southwark Council and allows 'Latin American' to be included in the ethnicity section of the authorities' monitoring forms.

This Assembly notes that a further request of the Latin American community is for Portuguese to be included on London Underground ticket machines and urges the Mayor as chair of transport for London to ensure that this reasonable request is fully considered as part of the £20 million investment taking place in the upgrading of ticket machines."

List of appendices to this report: None.

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List of Background Papers: None.

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