

Subject: Motions	
Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)	
Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat	Date: 10 September 2020
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 submitted by Assembly Members as set out below.**

3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Léonie Cooper AM** and will be seconded by Dr Alison Moore AM:

“This Assembly notes the ongoing urgent safety concerns which have resulted in the full closure of Hammersmith Bridge, and the impact this is having, particularly on local residents.

This Assembly notes that despite not being Transport for London’s (TfL) responsibility, the Mayor has committed £25 million towards the investigation of the faults and the design costs for the restoration of the bridge and has been working with Hammersmith and Fulham council to progress the installation of a temporary bridge. Together with the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, TfL submitted a bid to the government for the additional funding required, which was rejected. This Assembly also notes that London does not receive its fair share of road maintenance funding, with the approximate £500 million of Vehicle Excise Duty revenue raised in the capital, funding road maintenance outside of the city.

This Assembly calls on the Chair of the Assembly to write urgently to the Rt Hon. Grant Shapps MP, Secretary of State for Transport and ask him to immediately provide the funds needed to ensure the future safety of Hammersmith Bridge and to erect a temporary pedestrian and cycle bridge forthwith. Furthermore, the Assembly reinstates

its support for the London Finance Commission’s recommendation to allocate London’s share of Vehicle Excise Duty revenue to TfL to invest in maintaining the capital’s road network, and urges the Secretary of State to revisit the decision taken to remove this funding from London.”

- 3.2 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Andrew Dismore AM** and will be seconded by Murad Qureshi AM:

“This Assembly expresses its concern regarding human rights abuse in China, security concerns arising from Huawei, and the undermining of Hong Kong democracy, which have implications for Londoners.

This Assembly is appalled by and condemns the persecution of Uighur Muslims in China. This Assembly takes note of international concerns about China’s human rights record and the recent action taken by the Government to remove Huawei from the UK’s 5G mobile networks.

The Assembly calls on the UK Government to propose a strategy to engage with China over human rights abuse, including if necessary, sanctions legislation targeted at individuals responsible.

London’s diversity is what makes the city special and the Assembly is proud that many citizens of Chinese heritage who call the capital home contribute greatly to the life and culture of our city. This Assembly condemns the increase in Sinophobia and victimisation of Chinese and British Chinese people in London following the outbreak of COVID-19.

This Assembly calls on the Mayor to continue tackling hate crime in London and in particular support London’s Chinese community during these troubled times. This Assembly calls on the Mayor to write to the Home Secretary to urge her to introduce a further Hate Crime Action Plan, with a targeted campaign against Sinophobia.”

- 3.3 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Shaun Bailey AM** and will be seconded by Andrew Boff AM:

“This Assembly notes that on 21 June the Government formally suspended extradition arrangements with Hong Kong, following the imposition of controversial new security laws on the territory by the Chinese Communist Party. This is a significant step and recognises the Chinese Communist Party’s actions with regard to Hong Kong as an abuse of human rights.

In addition, this Assembly also condemns the ongoing persecution of Uigher Muslims, and notes the ongoing international concerns regarding the Chinese Communist Party’s human rights record.

This Assembly believes London is a truly global city, and therefore has a responsibility to show that we support democracy, human rights and people across the world. Therefore, in light of ongoing human rights and other abuses by the Chinese Communist Party, this

Assembly calls on the Mayor to rescind the twinning arrangement between London and Beijing that was agreed in 2006.”

4. Legal Implications

4.1 The Assembly has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no direct finance implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None.
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