

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Roger

Budget related motions

I refer to the motions passed by the London Assembly during the 2015-16 Budget process and set out below my responses.

Support Schools installing solar PV panels

I have two successful energy retrofit programmes, RE:FIT (for public buildings, including a specific focus on schools) and RE:NEW (for homes). Funding for a new phase of RE:FIT is earmarked in the 2015/16 budget. One of the priorities of this new phase will be to support schools and other public sector organisations to install solar photovoltaics (PV).

Freeze Council Tax in 2016-17

I am committed to reducing the Greater London Authority's Council Tax precept by 10 per cent over the life of this administration. I have set out a detailed plan as to how I will achieve this commitment in my agreed 2015-16 Budget. I will issue Budget Guidance in the summer where I will finalise my plans for the 2016-17 Budget.

Funding a Solar PV delivery unit

My successful retrofit programmes – RE:FIT (for public buildings) and RE:NEW (for homes) – both already have delivery units that support public sector organisations to implement a range of energy efficiency, including solar PV. Therefore, there is no requirement for a dedicated solar PV delivery unit.

Committing 25 per cent of Transport for London's total budget in 2015-16 to cycling

In 2015-16 TfL will be spending £145m (net of Cycle Hire income) on cycling programmes, which on a like-for-like basis, is 4 per cent of TfL's net expenditure (excluding Crossrail). If we also include TfL expenditure which is covered by fares income (but again excluding Crossrail), it is 1.7 per cent of gross expenditure.

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General motion on policing, transport, housing and the economy

I would draw your attention to the following:

- Crime has fallen by 17 per cent since I became Mayor and I am on target to achieve the 20 per cent reduction in the MOPAC 7 crimes;
- For the last two years fares have on average been held at inflation;
- There were 17,914 affordable homes delivered in London in 2014/15, the most since records began 24 years ago. It is believed that this means that more affordable homes were built last year than in any other since 1981. With over 94,000 affordable homes already delivered since 2008, I am on track to deliver over 100,000 affordable homes over my two terms; and
- Since I was elected in 2008, the number of jobs located in London has increased by 501,000. Since I was elected the number of organisations paying the London Living Wage has increased from fewer than 30 to over 500.

Yours ever,



Boris Johnson

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