## GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA221119-7625

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Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 22 November 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for;

I am requesting under the Freedom of Information act information on how the mayor of London has spent the fines and income he has imposed since the introduction of the ULEZ in and around London.

Our response to your request is as follows:

The GLA does not hold the information you have requested. Transport for London (TfL) is the Mayor's transport authority and is responsible for implementing the Mayor's Transport Strategy, the Congestion Charge, the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ), and for the day-to-day operational running of transport services. You may wish to send a further request to TfL at foi@tfl.gov.uk.

You also raised several other points in your email. With regards to revenue, it is important to point out that the ULEZ is not a money-making scheme; it is about cleaning up London's toxic air, which is a public health crisis. Over two million Londoners live in areas that exceed legal limits for harmful nitrogen dioxide, of which over 400,000 are children. Thousands of Londoners die prematurely each year because of toxic air pollution. TfL is spending vastly more on improving air quality – around £800 million – than it expects to receive through net income from the ULEZ. Any income generated from the scheme, after costs are taken into account, will be invested in improving air quality across London's transport network. However, this income is expected to decrease year-on-year as more vehicles meet the standards.

The Mayor listened to the feedback through the ULEZ consultation and decided to give drivers of disabled tax class vehicles and wheelchair-accessible private hire vehicles until October 2025 to replace their vehicles. In addition, to help support those who may find it difficult to meet the ULEZ standards with their own vehicles, the Mayor has launched a £25m scrappage scheme for low income and disabled Londoners who receive certain means-tested benefits or non means

tested disability benefits to switch to cleaner vehicles and greener forms of transport. You can find further details on TfL's website: <a href="mailto:tfl.gov.uk/car-motorcycle-scrappage">tfl.gov.uk/car-motorcycle-scrappage</a>.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

## Information Governance Officer

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