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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 23 November 2021 about the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 11 November. My replies to Motions 11 and 12 are set out below:

Motion 11 – Car Clubs

Car clubs can contribute towards people driving less when delivered as part of a wider package of measures to reduce car use and this is reflected in my Transport Strategy. While the priority is to support people to shift more towards walking, cycling and public transport and away from private car use wherever possible, I recognise that car clubs can play an important role in assisting those who may still wish to utilise a car for some journeys while transitioning away from private car ownership.

There remain challenges to expanding car clubs, including the complex regulatory environment requiring operators to develop agreements with each London borough. Transport for London (TfL) is working closely with London Councils to coordinate a more consistent approach to car clubs across London's boroughs. This includes the development of a data sharing framework to be agreed upon between local authorities and car club operators that would help improve understanding of the role of car clubs in the broader transport system; provide a consistent and higher quality data feed to local authorities, which will help to ensure the approach meets local needs; and reduce the burden on operators who currently share different data with each borough they operate in.

TfL also supports work by London Councils to simplify and harmonise procurement processes for car clubs across London and is continuing to introduce electric vehicle charging points at pace, which supports car clubs in transitioning their fleets to electric car club vehicles, improving air quality and reducing car club operating costs.

Motion 12 – Night Tube

The return of the Night Tube is a pivotal moment for the night-time economy and for anyone travelling in London late at night. TfL reintroduced Night Tube services on the Central and Victoria lines on Saturday 27 November 2021 and reintroduced the Night Overground between Highbury & Islington and New Cross Gate from 17 December. A full introduction of Night Tube services has not yet been possible so far due to a number of factors.


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During the first phases of the pandemic, Night Tube train operators were seconded to support TfL's core service, filling gaps where train operators were not available or had left the organisation, to ensure TfL could run as full a service as possible. TfL's resourcing levels have also been impacted by the inability to train people in close proximity due to coronavirus-related restrictions, resulting in vacancies that TfL has been delayed in filling. However, TfL has now further boosted its resilience by consolidating its Night and Day Tube train operator grades, ensuring it can continue to cover shifts during periods of increased absence levels as a result of the pandemic, and providing Night Tube operators the ability to become full-time train operators.

TfL is working to reintroduce the Night Tube on the Jubilee, Northern and Piccadilly lines as quickly as possible. Training still needs to take place on these other Night Tube lines. The return of these lines must also be planned around complex vital operational and engineering closures, including the closure of the Bank branch of the Northern line, which began in January to allow completion of the upgrade at Bank Tube station.

I share your desire to see full Night Tube services reintroduced and can assure you that TfL is working to reintroduce the Night Tube on the Jubilee, Northern and Piccadilly lines as soon as possible. I will ensure you are updated as soon as a date is confirmed as TfL works through final plans for the reopening of these services.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the 'h'.

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London