

Subject: Motions

Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 6 September 2018

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 **Sian Berry AM** and will be seconded by Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:

“In light of the massive potential impact of the term of any Brexit deal on London, this Assembly urges the Mayor to publicly back the campaign for a people’s vote on the terms of the UK’s exit from the European Union and to lobby Government and Members of Parliament to support the demand for a vote.”

- 3.2 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Andrew Boff AM** and will be seconded by Joanne McCartney AM:

“This Assembly is concerned about the number of reports from Londoners who use Guide Dogs that they are denied access to restaurants, shops and other public places. The Assembly notes that those with assistance dogs are entitled to access these services by law without discrimination and worries that this entitlement is not always understood by staff and management of these establishments.

We call on the Mayor to convene a meeting of major chains and other representatives from the hospitality industry to raise awareness of this legislation and ensure that the rights of Guide Dog users are publicised to all front-line staff.”

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

“This Assembly notes that over a quarter of London's children are living in poverty and are at risk of going hungry during the school holidays.^[1] Holiday hunger leads to a loss in educational attainment of which many children never recover. Evidence from the All Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger found that children were returning to school in a worse educational, health and developmental state than that in which they had left in the summer.

This Assembly recognises the work of the Mayor’s Fund for London’s Kitchen Social project but eradicating holiday hunger for all Londoners cannot be tackled by charities and community groups alone – it needs a concerted effort from national Government. This is particularly important as food banks report experience a shortage of food in the summer months as the number of children relying on them increases. This Assembly calls on the Mayor to meet with the Minister of State for Children and Families to lobby for the provision of holiday clubs throughout London and to extend the Government pilots before 2019/20.”

- 3.4 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Andrew Dismore AM** and will be seconded by Unmesh Desai AM:

“The Assembly condemns the alleged heavy-handed approach taken by the Home Office through enforcement raids of Chinatown, most recently on 5 July 2018. A report in the Guardian notes that immigration officers clashed with protesting crowds, resulting in an elderly woman being taken to hospital. The woman was filmed as she lay down in front of an immigration van as crowds gathered.

The London Chinatown Chinese Association (LCCA’s) allegations are that enforcement actions often take place without a warrant, happen at peak hours of trading and are often heavy-handed and aggressive. A protest throughout Chinatown on 24 July 2018 demonstrated the deep concerns and feelings in London’s Chinese community against what they see as targeting by the Home Office.

The Assembly considers Chinatown to be a vital part of London’s economic and cultural success, and an important link with the emerging economies of Asia. To lose Chinatown would be a disastrous loss of a draw for tourism and business.

The Assembly resolves to write to the Home Secretary to raise concerns about the alleged tactics of Immigration officers and to ask that dialogue is opened up with the LCCA and other Chinese community groups on how best to enforce immigration rules.”

^[1] Greater London Authority, [Tackling child poverty and health inequality in London](#), [accessed 25.07.2018]

3.5 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Gareth Bacon AM** and will be seconded by Andrew Boff AM:

“This Assembly believes that the case for removing the Private Hire Vehicles Congestion Charge exemption has not been made and therefore urges the Mayor to withdraw his plans to do so.”

3.6 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Susan Hall AM** and will be seconded by Andrew Boff AM:

“This Assembly calls on the Mayor to make clear to Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Cressida Dick CBE QPM, that she would have his full support in allowing the full use of spit guards, whenever a police officer feels they are necessary to ensure that officer’s safety, as in line with the majority of other forces in England and Wales.”

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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