

THE ASSEMBLY

4 DECEMBER 2013

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Title: Motions	For Decision
<p>The following motions have been received in accordance with paragraph 14 of Article 2, Part B of the Council's Constitution:</p> <p>1. Academy status consultation</p> <p>To be moved by Councillor Vincent:</p> <p><i>"The Council notes that school governing bodies now have the authority to convert into Academies via an Academy Order. There is a legal duty to consult.</i></p> <p><i>This Council believes that the consultation should be meaningful and that parents should have a say about the status of their children's school and education provider.</i></p> <p><i>This Council recommends that any school consulting on whether or not to apply for an order so that it can become an Academy, undertakes a detailed consultation with parents and all interested parties. This could include holding a ballot with parents in a school affected prior to the making of an application in order for governors to be fully informed of parental wishes and before any application for an order is made."</i></p> <p>2. Closure of the Broad Street Walk-in Centre</p> <p>To be moved by Councillor Mullane:</p> <p><i>"This Council believes that the first port of call of all residents for healthcare should be their family doctor. We support the government view that care should be delivered 'closer to home'. We believe that A&E is not the place for routine healthcare or minor injuries. However, we believe there is a long way to go yet before access to GPs is as good as it needs to be, with people waiting too long for appointments and a lack of availability seven days a week and into the evening. Walk-in Centre services are vital for getting people fast and flexible access to the healthcare they need, fitting around busy working and family life. We therefore reject the Clinical Commissioning Group's move to close the Walk-in Centre at Broad Street in Dagenham, and urge them to think again about this decision."</i></p> <p>3. Improving air quality through tackling vehicular emissions</p> <p>To be moved by Councillor McDermott:</p> <p><i>"Barking and Dagenham is designated as an Air Quality Management Area due to high levels of nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter. A major contributor to poor air quality is</i></p>	

road traffic particularly on the borough's main roads. Of particular concern is air pollution from traffic on the A13 which the Mayor of London is responsible for. Data from Clean Air London shows that the A13 is one of the top five worst roads in London for fine particulate matter and nitrogen oxides and that EU legal limits are regularly breached. The Council's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment estimates that locally 120 deaths each year are attributable to air pollution in the borough and that people who reside or work near busy roads or spend a long time in traffic are at particularly high risk of exposure to the health harms of air pollution. Naturally as Councillor for Eastbury Ward I am very concerned by the potentially damaging impact that air pollution from the A13 is having on borough residents and I think more needs to be done to tackle this.

One of the most effective ways to tackle vehicular emissions is the London Low Emission Zone but I am concerned that it does not go far enough. Currently all lorries, coaches and buses must meet Euro 4 standards for particulate matter. The Mayor of London's Air Quality Strategy had a target for extending this standard to nitrogen dioxide emissions in 2015. However the Mayor of London has decided that only Transport for London's bus fleet must do so and has exempted lorries and coaches. The explanation is that TfL are concerned about the effectiveness of the Euro 4 nitrogen dioxide standard for Heavy Goods Vehicles and the cost to businesses of compliance and that London buses are responsible for the majority of nitrogen dioxide emissions on many of London's roads. However London buses make up a very small proportion of the traffic that uses the A13 which experiences the highest flows of Heavy Goods Vehicle movements of any main road in London excluding the M25.

I am very concerned that as it stands the Mayor of London is doing little to tackle the air quality issues on the A13 over and above existing standards. Just applying Phase 5 to TfL buses will make little difference to air quality along the A13. I therefore call on the Mayor of London to either reconsider his decision to exempt HGVs from London Low Emission Zone Phase 5 or clarify what alternative action he is taking to make sure EU air quality standards are met along the A13."

The deadline for amendments to these motions is noon on Friday 29 November 2013

For information, attached at Appendix A is the relevant extract from the Council's Constitution relating to the procedure for dealing with motions.

Recommendation

The Assembly is asked to debate and vote on the above motion and any amendments.

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**Extract from the Council Constitution
Part B, Article 2 - The Assembly**

14. Motions on issues directly affecting the Borough

- 14.1 Written notice of any motions must be received by the Chief Executive by no later than 4.00 pm on the Wednesday two weeks before the meeting. *The following provisions exclude a motion moving a vote of no confidence in the Leader of the Council (see paragraph 10 for details)*
- 14.2 The Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair, or in their absence the Deputy Chair, of the Assembly may decide not to place on the agenda any motions that he/she considers are of a vexatious or derogatory nature, or contrary to any provision of any code, protocol, legal requirement or rule of the Council; or that do not relate to the business of the Council or are otherwise considered improper or inappropriate.
- 14.3 The Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair, or in their absence the Deputy Chair, of the Assembly may decide not to place on the agenda any motions the content of which he/she feels forms the basis of a motion already considered at the Assembly within the previous twelve months.
- 14.4 In the event that the Member who submitted the motion is not present at the Assembly meeting, the motion will be withdrawn.
- 14.5 Any motions withdrawn as indicated above, or withdrawn at the request of the Member who submitted the motion, either before or during the meeting, may not be resubmitted to the Assembly within a period of six months. This condition will be waived where the Member, or a colleague on their behalf, has notified the Chief Executive by 5 pm on the day of the meeting of their inability to attend due to their ill health or family bereavement.
- 14.6 Motions will be listed on the agenda in the order in which they are received.
- 14.7 Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which directly affect the borough.
- 14.8 Written notice of any amendments to motions must be received by the Chief Executive by no later than 12 noon on the Friday before the meeting. The same criteria and actions as described in paragraphs 14.3, 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6 will apply in relation to any amendments received.
- 14.9 Any amendments proposed after the time specified in paragraph 14.8 will only be considered for exceptional reasons such as a change in circumstances appertaining to the original motion, in which case the consent of the Chair will be required.
- 14.10 Order/rules of debate:
1. Except with the Chair's consent, the debate on each motion shall last no longer than 10 minutes and no individual speech shall exceed two minutes.

2. The mover will move the motion and explain its purpose.
3. The Chair will invite another Member to second the motion
4. If any amendment(s) has been accepted in accordance with paragraphs 14.8 or 14.9, the Chair will invite the relevant Member to move the amendment(s) and explain its (their) purpose.
5. The Chair will invite another Member(s) to second the amendment(s).
6. The Chair will then invite Members to speak on the motion and any amendments.
7. Once all Members who wish to speak have done so, or the time limit has elapsed, the Chair will allow the mover(s) of the amendment(s) a right of reply followed by the mover of the original motion.
8. At the end of the debate, any amendments will be voted on in the order in which they were proposed.
9. If an amendment is carried, the motion as amended becomes the substantive motion to which any further amendments are moved and voted upon.
10. After an amendment has been carried, the Chair will read out the amended motion before accepting any further amendments, or if there are none, put it to the vote.
11. If all amendments are lost, a vote will be taken on the original motion.