

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN
COUNCIL MEETING – 4TH JULY 2022
NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- 1. To consider the following motion, notice of which was given by Councillor Lorna Greenwood and which was seconded by Councillor Edmund Frondigoun**

This Council notes:

The need to prioritise community safety in our borough and to ensure that Camden is a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

That crime has risen by 18% nationally since July 2019, while prosecution rates have fallen by an unprecedented 18% over the same period.

That whilst in government, both the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats have implemented dramatic spending cuts to policing budgets. This has led to Camden losing 264 patrolling police officers since 2010.

That the previous Mayor of London and current Prime Minister oversaw the closure of 63 police stations across London during their tenure.

The shocking rise in hate crime across London in recent years and the worrying increase in Racism, Islamophobia, Antisemitism, Misogyny, and abuse targeting the LGBT+ community and disabled residents.

This Council further notes:

Camden Council's ongoing work to introduce 900 new and improved CCTV systems across the borough's housing estates, tackling crime and antisocial behaviour.

The critically important work of Camden's Youth Safety Taskforce in reducing violent crime; and the borough's public-health approach to reducing knife violence.

The Council's successful rollout of uniformed Community Presence Officers and the positive impact that this has had on improving community safety.

The unsatisfactory situation facing the current Mayor of London because of successive real-terms police budget cuts imposed by the Home Office.

This Council believes:

That national government has badly let down Camden by handing down harsh spending cuts to local policing year-on-year, which means crime and antisocial behaviour has risen in Camden and across London.

That the Council should continue its work rolling out Community Presence Officers, who can help to fill the gaps created by police spending cuts and help to improve community safety.

That the previous Mayor of London was wrong to close multiple local police stations, including one in this borough.

That gender-based violence must be classified as a hate crime, so that we can better combat domestic and misogynistic abuse.

That the Council should continue working closely with community organisations, such as the Community Security Trust and Tell Mama, in order to better identify and stamp out hate crime in our borough.

This Council calls on:

The Government to assess the impact of over a decade of policing cuts on community safety in Camden.

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members to continue to implement local measures that will offset national cutbacks to policing and the closure of local police stations; and improve community safety in the borough.

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members to continue to build upon successful campaigns for two new neighbourhood policing teams for Camden; and to campaign for investment in more community policing across the borough.

The Cabinet Members responsible to launch new enforcement hubs across Camden. These should link up the work of the Council's enforcement officers with police officers.

2. To consider the following motion, notice of which was given by Councillor Tom Simon and which was seconded by Councillor Nancy Jirira

This Council notes that:

1. Transport for London's proposal to cut bus services in London will have a profoundly negative impact on Camden residents.
2. Buses offer an affordable means of transport for vulnerable residents struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, as well as being a more sustainable transport option, as we continue to tackle the climate emergency.

3. Reductions in bus services will increase the need for interchanges, making journeys more difficult for older residents, those with mobility issues and school children, who all heavily rely on direct routes for travel.
4. The reduction of night bus routes will adversely affect key workers across London and will have a negative impact on people's safety.
5. The specific changes to routes, such as to route 31, threaten to make it harder to access key hospitals in Camden and undermine a key cross-borough services.

This Council therefore calls on the cabinet to:

- a) Commission an independently led expert investigation on impacts of bus cuts in Camden, the findings of which will form the basis of Camden's response to TfL's proposals.
- b) Lobby Transport for London (TfL) and the Labour London Mayor Sadiq Khan to:
 - Immediately halt any plans to reduce bus services in London.
 - Hold public consultations before reducing the frequency of any bus routes.
 - Extend the length of the consultation to 12 weeks to reflect the potential severity of the proposed cuts and ensure as many voices are heard as possible.
- c) Lobby the Conservative government to:
 - Provide Transport for London with the funding necessary to maintain the current bus routes.
 - Reach a funding settlement with Transport for London that ensures there can be continued investment in sustainable and affordable public transport in London.

3. To consider the following motion, notice of which was given by Councillor Gio Spinella and which was seconded by Councillor Andrew Parkinson.

1. This council notes that the introduction of the £75 charge to collect green waste from gardens:
 - Increased fly-tipping
 - Reduced recycling
 - Has been signed on by fewer residents than anticipated thus barely manages to cover its costs.
2. This council also notes that Camden Conservatives presented a budget amendment last February that costed the re-introduction of the free service. And therefore calls upon the administration to restore the free green waste collection.

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