

**LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**  
**AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS**

**Amendment to motion 1, proposed by Councillor Matthew Kirk and seconded by Councillor Tom Simon**

Delete paragraph 2.

Delete paragraph 3 and replace with 'Cuts to national police budgets over the last 12 years have led to a significant reduction in the number of front line police staff in Camden.'

Add a new paragraph 5 'That the current Mayor of London has closed a further 30 police stations during his tenure.'

Delete original paragraph 5 and replace with 'The worrying rise in reported hate crime across London in recent years, which reflects a real increase as well as improvements in recording; the episodic spikes, sometimes linked to government policy; and the persistence of all forms of hate crime, such as Racism, Islamophobia, Antisemitism, Misogyny, and abuse targeting the LGBT+ community and disabled residents.'

Delete original paragraph 6 and replace with 'The slow progress since 2019 of the Council's programme to introduce new and improved CCTV systems across the borough's housing estates, tackling crime and antisocial behaviour.'

After original paragraph 9, add a new paragraph 'The failure of leadership of the current Labour London Mayor over his six years in office that have led to:

- a) A series of damaging and appalling scandals including the murder of Sarah Everard by a serving officer, the strip-searching of Child Q, stop and search of Bianca Williams, the exchange of grossly offensive messages between serving officers and the Stephen Port case.
- b) The Metropolitan Police being placed in "special measures" by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICRF)
- c) HMICRF identifying a "barely adequate standard of crime-recording accuracy" resulting in an estimated 69,000 crimes going unrecorded.
- d) HMICRF identifying failures to engage with victims and to tackle a backlog in responding to allegations of child abuse.
- e) A collapse of public confidence in the Metropolitan Police from 67% to 49%.'

Original paragraph 12, delete 'previous Mayor of London was' and replace with 'successive Mayors of London were'.

Original paragraph 15, add new paragraphs 'The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members to lobby Labour London Mayor Sadiq Khan to accept personal responsibility for the woeful state of the Metropolitan Police and to provide effective leadership to respond rapidly to the concerns raised by HMICRF.

The Cabinet Member for Housing to report on the progress of the programme to deliver new and improved CCTV to housing estates and to accelerate delivery of the remainder of the programme.'

**The amended motion therefore reads:**

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

That the current Mayor of London has closed a further 30 police stations during his tenure

The worrying rise in reported hate crime across London in recent years, which reflects a real increase as well as improvements in recording; the episodic spikes, sometimes linked to government policy; and the persistence of all forms of hate crime, such as Racism, Islamophobia, Antisemitism, Misogyny, and abuse targeting the LGBT+ community and disabled residents

This Council further notes:

The slow progress since 2019 of the Council's programme to introduce 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.

The failure of leadership of the current Labour London Mayor over his six years in office that have led to:

- a) A series of damaging and appalling scandals including the murder of Sarah Everard by a serving officer, the strip-searching of Child Q, stop and search of Bianca Williams, the exchange of grossly offensive messages between serving officers and the Stephen Port case.

- b) The Metropolitan Police being placed in “special measures” by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICRF)
- c) HMICRF identifying a “barely adequate standard of crime-recording accuracy” resulting in an estimated 69,000 crimes going unrecorded.
- d) HMICRF identifying failures to engage with victims and to tackle a backlog in responding to allegations of child abuse.

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 successive Mayors of London were 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 lobby Labour London Mayor Sadiq Khan to accept personal responsibility for the woeful state of the Metropolitan Police and to provide effective leadership to respond rapidly to the concerns raised by HMICRF.

The Cabinet Member for Housing to report on the progress of the programme to deliver new and improved CCTV to housing estates and to accelerate delivery of the remainder of the programme.

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.

**Amendment to motion 2, proposed by Councillor Rebecca Filer and seconded by Councillor Izzy Lenga**

Point 1, delete 'Transport for London's proposal to cut' and replaced with 'Reduced'. After 'bus services' insert 'including the risk of reduced overall capacity'.

Point 2, replace 'climate emergency' with 'Climate Emergency'.

Point 5, after 'changes to' insert 'bus'. After 'routes' insert 'covering Camden' and delete 'such as to route 31'. After 'to access key' insert 'local'. After 'hospitals' delete 'in Camden'. After 'undermine' delete 'a key'. After 'cross-' insert 'and intra-'

Add a new point 6 'That the actions of the government in relation to Transport for London's (TfL's) financial settlement have been damaging and seemingly politically motivated, making it impossible for TfL to plan for the future or invest in London's public transport.'

Delete the remainder of the motion, and replace with 'The council further:

welcomes the extension of Transport for London's consultation on bus reductions to 7 August 2022.

is unable in this short timescale to commission external studies into the impacts; but it also notes that Camden's locally elected councillors, in-house officers, and residents and community groups are working hard on submitting responses, including shaping the council's own formal response. The in-house team is reviewing views submitted by residents and local stakeholders; this will help fully capture the extent of local concerns.

condemns the actions of the government, which has strung Transport for London along for years, without allowing it to receive a financial settlement on which it can plan for the future, putting services at risk and lives in danger as desperately needed road safety changes go unmade.

notes that a reduction in bus services was a condition imposed on Transport for London by the government's short-term financing arrangements.

recalls that London is the only major capital city in ordinary times to receive no national government support, and that the current prime minister's acceptance of a fares-based approach to funding left Transport for London vulnerable.

welcomes the Mayor of London's efforts to achieve a longer-term deal and condemns the transport secretary's refusal to meet with the mayor.

calls on the government to remove the condition for the reduction in bus services in London, provide Transport for London with the funding necessary to maintain the current bus routes, and reach a funding settlement with Transport for London that ensures there can be continued investment in sustainable and affordable public transport in London.

welcomes Camden Council's own work to improve bus journey times in the borough, such as:

- trialling new bus lanes on Camden Park Road and Torriano Avenue, benefitting passengers who use the 390 and 393
- extending the hours of operation of existing bus lanes to 24/7, such as on Highgate Road, benefitting passengers who use the 88 and 214
- bringing in bus- and cycle-only spaces on Tottenham Court Road as part of the West End Project, which speeds up times for passengers on several bus and night bus routes.'

**The amended motion therefore reads:**

This Council notes that:

1. Reduced bus services, including the risk of reduced overall capacity, 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 bus routes covering Camden threaten to make it harder to access key local hospitals and undermine cross- and intra-borough services.
6. That the actions of the government in relation to TfL's financial settlement have been damaging and seemingly politically motivated, making it impossible for TfL to plan for the future or invest in London's public transport.

The Council further:

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**Amendment to motion 3, proposed by Councillor Adam Harrison and seconded by Councillor Lloyd Hatton**

Remove numbering, and after 'This Council' insert a colon and a line space.

Line 1, delete 'notes' and replace with 'recalls'. Delete everything after 'green waste' and replace with 'was introduced in response to savage cuts handed down by the Coalition government';

notes that the charge was set at this level in order to make the garden waste service cost-neutral within the context of these cuts – and that the absence of this charge would increase the financial pressures on the council, which are set only to worsen under this Conservative government;

welcomes the fact that since 2016/17 (before the charge was introduced) the composting recycling rate\* has in fact risen from 5.58% to 7.5% in 2021/22;

notes the flexibility within the contract arrangements that allowed the council to move the green waste collection day to match residents' regular collection day;

observes that no evidence has been presented to suggest a link between the charge and fly-tipping;

welcomes the range of services currently offered by Camden Council for green waste, including subsidised home composters and wormeries, details of which can be found on our website, and that garden waste can be taken free of charge to Regis Road.

\*this rate also includes food waste.

**The amended motion therefore reads:**

This Council:

recalls that the introduction of the £75 annual subscription to collect green waste was introduced in response to savage cuts handed down by the Coalition government;

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**ENDS**