

Opposition Group Motion for Debate

11 July 2023

Proposed by Councillor Conti and seconded by Councillor Gallant.

Ealing Council:

- a. Notes that the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan has:
 - i. proposed an unnecessary expansion of the Ultra Low Emissions Zone, thereby threatening the livelihood of many Londoners on low incomes.
 - ii. damaged the finances of TfL.
 - iii. failed as the London Police and Crime Commissioner to keep the capital safe, allowing an increase in knife crime, homicides, robbery and burglary and allowing the Metropolitan Police Service to be placed in special measures.
 - iv. fallen behind in delivering affordable housing targets, whilst misleading the public with figures for “starts” rather than “completions”.
 - v. allowed London’s hospitality sector and night economy to crumble, appointing a “night Tsar” who has achieved nothing.
 - vi. wasted taxpayer resources, including £9m on his PR budget: £159m on free travel to friends, family and housemates of TfL staff: £100m on ‘golden goodbyes’ for departing staff: and at least £38.8m in paid facility time for trade union officials.
 - vii. introduced a disastrous Solar Together programme, which has caused distress for hundreds of Londoners who signed up in good faith.
- b. Calls on the Mayor of London to
 - i. cancel the ULEZ expansion, avoid a judicial review and reinvest the £250m in a scrappage scheme and other targeted measures to tackle air pollution.
 - ii. rebuild public confidence in the Metropolitan Police Service.
 - iii. deliver the amount of affordable housing promised in the Mayor’s 2020 manifesto.
- c. Resolves to ask the Mayor of London to apologise for referring to people protesting outside Ealing Town against the ULEZ expansion as “far right extremists” at Mayor’s Question Time on Thursday 2 March 2023.