

Council, Tuesday 15 July 2008

Amendment in the name of Cllr Moore to motion in the name of Cllr Freer

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.

Boris Johnson

Delete all after "Council..." and replace with:

"...notes that Boris Johnson won on May 2nd as a result primarily of majorities in the outer-London boroughs, unlike the pan-London victories of Ken Livingstone's administration, underlining that support for Boris Johnson is highly polarised and a considerable challenge for London government, particularly given the divisive record of the first few weeks of a Johnson mayoralty.

Council congratulates Ken Livingstone on increasing his vote by over 200,000, up by 30 per cent on 2004, showing high levels of support for his policies to plan and invest for London's future.

Council notes that since Johnson came to power he has scrapped the deal that gave half-price fares to Londoners on income support and he has given responsibility for delivering affordable housing to someone who in the last recorded year presided over a miserable 11% affordable housing in Westminster.

Council further notes that Johnson's Mayoralty is already in shambles following the forced resignation of the Deputy Mayor for Children on 4th July, and the resignation of his Deputy Chief of Staff who said of black Londoners "...let them go if they don't like it here...", and that even the Daily Mail asked whether the wheels are coming off.

Council believes that the Mayor of London should deliver for all communities, including the vulnerable and those disenfranchised by poverty – wherever they happen to live.

Council asks the Leader to write to the Mayor of London urging him to:

- * Ensure that all Boroughs deliver their London Plan targets for affordable housing, including Barnet and the other outer London Boroughs
- * Fully fund the extension of the Freedom Pass to make it 24 hours – as pledged by Ken Livingstone in his election manifesto
- * Urgently bring forward plans to ensure that recipients of half-price bus and tram fares are not disadvantaged by the abolition of the scheme paying for their discount travel
- * Increase the number of beat police in London to help tackle crime like burglary – as pledged by Ken Livingstone in his election manifesto
- * Implement the TfL approved scheme to make the junction at Henlys Corner safer for all who use it