Council: 15 July 2008

Motion (8.5): Cllr. Geof Cooke

Amendment: Cllr. Andrew Harper

Insert the following after 1st Paragraph:

Council regrets the lack of real progress achieved on this front by former Mayor Ken Livingstone in his 8 years in office.

Delete final paragraph. Insert the following:

Council therefore welcomes the proposals, outlined by Boris Johnson, to extend Oyster PAYG to all lines during 2009.

Council therefore asks the Leader to write to the Mayor of London welcoming his plans to extend Oyster PAYG to all lines and urging him to negotiate without delay the use of Oyster PAYG on Thameslink between West Hampstead and Elstree & Borehamwood and on the Great Northern between Finsbury Park and Hadley Wood/Crews Hill.

Substantive Motion to read:

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.

Oyster Pay-As-You-Go on Barnet National Rail services

Council believes that public transport customers should be able to use the Oyster Pay-As-You-Go Card on all national rail services in Barnet.

Council regrets the lack of real progress achieved on this front by former Mayor Ken Livingstone in his 8 years in office.

Council notes that currently, Oyster PAYG is not valid on Thameslink north of West Hampstead or on the Great Northern route north of Finsbury Park, both services operated by First Capital Connect

Council believes that residents using Mill Hill Broadway, Hendon and Cricklewood stations, and New Barnet, Oakleigh Park and New Southgate stations should be able to use their Oyster PAYG card on these services.

Council also notes that agreements with national rail operators on other lines, and at other stations on the abovementioned lines have now been negotiated to allow the use of Oyster PAYG including First Great Western stations in west London, as brokered by the new Mayor, Boris Johnson. Council therefore welcomes the proposals, outlined by Boris Johnson, to extend Oyster PAYG to all lines during 2009.

Council therefore asks the Leader to write to the Mayor of London welcoming his plans to extend Oyster PAYG to all lines and urging him to negotiate without delay the use of Oyster PAYG on Thameslink between West Hampstead and Elstree & Borehamwood and on the Great Northern between Finsbury Park and Hadley Wood/Crews Hill.