

Council: 16 December 2008

Opposition Policy Item (9.2): Cllr. Kath McGuirk

Amendment: Cllr. Andrew Harper

Transport in Barnet

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Substantive Policy Item to read:

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Amendment from Cllr Geof Cooke to the Opposition Policy Item in the name of Cllr Kath McGuirk

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Delete all and replace with:

Council believes more must be done to encourage the use of public transport in Barnet.

Council therefore deplores the proposed above inflation fare hikes that have been announced by the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson – particularly considering inflation is falling and could go below 2% next year.

Council believes that the 11% bus fare increases will disproportionately impact on ordinary people in outer-London who are more likely to use buses to get around their local area.

Council is also deeply disappointed in this year's funding allocation from Transport for London which represents a cut compared to funding from 2003-2008 of over £4million each year.

Council notes that there is still no proposed solution to deal with the perilous junction at Henlys Corner, no major proposals to tackle congestion in Barnet, and nothing to address the need for better orbital transport links.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of London and demand that January's above-inflation increase is cancelled, that proposals are brought forward immediately to resolve safety issues at Henlys Corner, and more work is done to address the need for better orbital transport links in outer London Boroughs.

Council asks Cabinet to bring forward proposals to deal with the congestion crisis in Barnet so that public transport can move freely within the borough, thereby encouraging more people to use it.