

COUNCIL
18TH JULY 2022
MOTIONS

(A) Bromley FC – FA Trophy

To be moved by Cllr Tony McPartlan and seconded by Cllr Simon Jeal.

(Revised wording to follow)

(B) Cost of Living Crisis

To be moved by Cllr Julie Ireland and seconded by Cllr Graeme Casey.

“Britain is undergoing the most severe cost-of-living crisis in recent history. In low-income households, particularly, people are having to choose between eating and heating. Bromley Council has a duty and the means to act. So, we are calling on the council to declare a cost-of-living emergency and for it to refocus resources on helping Bromley residents at this dire time.

Bromley Liberal Democrats call on the Council to take the following urgent steps:

- Immediately declare a cost-of-living emergency in Bromley – making this the highest political priority and marshalling existing Council resources to help Bromley residents. This would include undertaking urgent cost-of-living assessments for the most vulnerable residents.
- Speed up the release of the council tax rebate discretionary payments.
- Urgently establish a local Cost-of-Living Emergency Summit, with stakeholders, including Citizens Advice, Food Banks, Local Trades Unions, Age Concern and Chambers of Commerce and invite local MPs to attend this hybrid meeting.

We hope you share our aspirations in making sure that the Council does everything in its powers to support our residents in this cost-of-living emergency.”

(C) The Mayor of London's proposal to extend the Ultra-Low Emission Zone to Outer London

To be moved by Cllr Nicholas Bennett JP and seconded by Cllr Aisha Cuthbert.

“This Council supports the objective of improving air quality and to this end has published a comprehensive Air Quality Action Plan 2020-2025 with a matrix of twenty-five actions. The Council is committed to ensuring that its operation is carbon net zero by 2027. In addition, a further 5,000 trees are being planted on the borough’s roads to add to the existing 36,000. We are also continuing our rollout of LED street lighting, installing new electric charge points, and investing in renewable energy. The Council, however, disagrees strongly with the proposal to extend the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to outer London by August 2023. Bromley is, geographically, the largest London Borough, and contains many rural areas which have little public transport and where, unlike inner London, residents are dependent on their cars. The Council is particularly concerned about the impact on the self-employed, small businesses which rely on their vehicles to conduct their trade and on elderly residents and others on fixed incomes. Already facing substantial increases in fuel costs, the imposition of a daily charge to drive in the borough will be an additional financial burden and, for many, without the means purchase a compliant vehicle, it will mean they can no longer trade or afford to drive. The imposition of the ULEZ charge on motorists, including those entering Bromley from neighbouring counties will also be detrimental, especially for those like nurses, police officers, supermarket shelf fillers and others working anti-social hours when public transport is not available. The Council therefore calls on Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, to abandon his plans to extend the ULEZ.”