

**Amended Motion by Original Proposer and Seconder
To replace Motion 5 'Concessionary Fares Scheme'**

This Council notes that:

1. The Government is trying to renege on a three-year funding deal, agreed in April 2008, to help London's boroughs subsidise the costs of off-peak bus travel for disabled and older people and re-direct that money to other parts of the country;
2. The financial consequences of this decision by Labour's Transport Minister, Siddiq Khan MP, would be an annual funding loss to London of over £50 million, with Harrow losing upwards of £1.6 million;
3. That this loss of funding puts at risk the future of the Freedom Pass – much-valued by the capital's older and disabled residents for its 24-hour free travel on bus, Tube and rail in London;

This Council therefore condemns the actions of Labour's Transport Minister, Siddiq Khan MP, in renegeing on the three-year funding deal with London's boroughs in year three and attempting to take money from supporting vital services for the elderly and disabled in the capital;

This Council further condemns the actions of Labour's Siddiq Khan for putting the future of the Freedom Pass at risk.

This Council notes that because Siddiq Khan MP is taking these actions as the Transport Minister in the present Labour Government, so his attack on the Freedom Pass must constitute official Labour Party policy – and is something that this Council condemns.

This Council therefore resolves:

1. To instruct the Chief Executive to write to Transport Minister, Siddiq Khan MP, to express our opposition to his plans to take over £50 million of funding from elderly and disabled residents across London (including £1.6 million in Harrow);
2. To instruct the Chief Executive to similarly write to the Minister for London, Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Equalities Minister and the Shadow Secretary of State for Transport and Shadow Minister for London expressing our concerns about Siddiq Khan's ill-judged actions;
3. To instruct the Chief Executive to write to our local MPs asking them whether they support Siddiq Khan's decision, which will hurt Harrow's elderly and disabled residents. And that, if they oppose it, ask them to vow to attend and vote against any and all motions in the House authorising the loss of money from London;
4. To instruct the Chief Executive to advise the local and national media of our concerns and to brief those voluntary sector organisations such as Age Concern, Harrow Carers, Harrow Mencap and HAD as to the implications of the decision by Labour Government's Transport Minister, Siddiq Khan, to put the Freedom Pass at risk.

Proposed by:



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