

Amended Motion to replace Motion 3 'Increase in Fares'

This Council notes that:

1. The recent fare increases proposed by Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London, are equal to or less than those in 2005 (12.7% for buses and 4% for the Tube) and 2006 (12.9% and 3.9%).
2. Around 40% of London's bus passengers will continue to travel for free or at a substantial concessionary rate.
3. Bus fares will remain on average around 10% lower in real terms than in 2000, and will continue to be materially lower when compared to other major cities in the UK (69p per trip compared with 98p).
4. The Mayor and TfL inherited a funding gap from Ken Livingstone of around £1 billion, and the recession has cost TfL a further £900 million. The collapse of Gordon Brown's Metronet PPP also cost TfL over £550 million.
5. The Mayor has pledged to freeze the GLA precept again next year, and has found £5 billion of savings in the TfL budget for the period to 2018. The Mayor has also ensured that major projects designed to deliver increases in capacity, reliability and efficiency will continue.

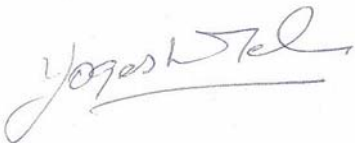
This Council sympathises with all Harrow residents affected by these fare increases, but also supports the Mayor's attempts to cut costs and improve the service provided to the people of London. This Council therefore requests that this motion be conveyed to the Mayor of London, the Brent and Harrow London Assembly Member, as well as the Leaders of the Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Green Groups on the London Assembly.

Proposed by:



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