

Item No. 3.2	Classification: Open	Date: 29 November 2017	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Motion on the Theme: Culture and Wellbeing	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The theme for this meeting is Culture and Wellbeing.

The relevant cabinet member shall submit a motion on the theme. All other political groups on the council are allowed to submit one amendment to the motion. The cabinet member's motion and the amendments do not need to be seconded. The cabinet member will present the motion to the meeting, followed by the lead opposition spokesperson's response and moving of their amendment, if any. Following this, the subject matter of the theme will be open to debate. Amendment(s) from other opposition groups on the council can be moved during this part of the meeting.

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MAISIE ANDERSON, CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL REGENERATION

1. Council assembly notes:

- Air quality is a significant problem across London, including in Southwark
- In 2013, 45% of the population of Southwark was exposed to levels of NO₂ above the annual average objective limit
- That in Southwark, diesel accounts for 91% of the total NO_x emissions in the borough and 58% of the total PM₁₀
- That poor air quality directly impacts on the health and wellbeing of Southwark residents, and affects children, older people, and those with conditions such as heart or lung disease, or asthma most severely
- That across the UK, around 40,000 deaths are attributable to air pollution each year, incurring £20bn in health costs
- That 30% of TfL's bus fleet are diesel-electric hybrids, which produce up to 40% less emissions than standard diesel buses.

2. Council assembly believes:

- That Southwark Council is already taking proactive steps to tackle the problem of poor air quality by encouraging and facilitating a culture of active travel
- That promoting forms of active travel is an essential part of improving the wellbeing of our residents, both because it reduces the number of people travelling in pollutant emitting vehicles, and because physical activity improves wellness in itself
- That facilitating a reduction in the number of diesel vehicles should be a priority for the government
- That reducing the number of diesel buses should be a priority for Transport for London (TfL)

- That small business, charities, schools and low income households might struggle to replace diesel vehicles due to financial constraints
- The proposed National Diesel Scrappage Fund would provide support for small business, charities, schools and low income households to replace their diesel vehicles with lower emission vehicles
- That poor air quality directly and negatively impacts on the wellbeing of residents in Southwark, and that this council should continue to work to tackle this problem.

3. Council assembly therefore resolves to call on cabinet:

- To lobby TfL to increase the number of diesel-electric hybrid buses on routes through Southwark
- To continue to press the government and the Secretary of State for Transport to reform the Vehicle Excise Duty and to create a National Diesel Scrappage Fund to encourage the removal of the most polluting vehicles on our roads
- To continue to promote active forms of travel, such as walking and cycling.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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