



Supplementary Agenda

Item 9 - Updated Amendment to 9 (i)

for the meeting of

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

to be held on

10 OCTOBER 2023

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9 ORIGINAL MOTIONS

Item 9 (i)

Updated Amendment by Jonathan Essex (Redhill East) to the motion standing in the name of Matt Furniss

(additional words underlined in bold and deletions crossed through)

This Council notes:

- The proposed removal of Day Travelcards by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, for those travelling into and throughout London. This will result in Surrey residents having to buy separate rail and London transport service tickets. Currently, Day Travelcards provide unlimited travel on Transport for London (TfL) services, including the London Underground, Bus, Tram, Docklands Light Railway, London Overground and Elizabeth line, and National Rail services in London. They can also be used to obtain a one third reduction in River Services fares. The proposals to remove Day Travelcards constitute an unfair, unacceptable and expensive levy on our residents who wish or need to travel to London.
- The proposals have deliberately targeted the removal of the Day Travelcard as a method to generate additional income for TfL. It is anticipated by the Mayor's own consultation that the withdrawal of Day Travelcards will result in rail operators ceasing to sell Zone 1-6 Travelcards. This will add barriers and travel friction to journeys to London – running counter to evidence that passenger journeys and the use of public transport are enhanced by improving integrated ticketing not reducing it. No regard is given in the proposals for the potential loss of revenue to the London economy that may be caused by the increase in travel costs as Surrey residents risk being priced out of the nation's capital. Employers, retail and leisure businesses, theatres and many others may see a reduction in revenue as residents reduce their time and/or expenditure in London. The Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Growth has written to TfL on this matter to express concern and a lack of support for these proposals.

This Council resolves to:

- i. Demand that London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, immediately withdraws his proposals for the removal of Day Travelcards.
- ii. Request that the Leader of the Council writes to Sadiq Khan **and the Secretary of State for Transport** informing **them both him** of this resolution of Surrey County Council, the discriminatory nature of his proposal, the impact on Surrey residents **and surrounding counties**, the negative impact on the economy of London and

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therefore the need to abandon plans to remove Day Travelcards.

- iii. Ensure the Leader of the Council writes to the Secretary of State for Transport urging him to intervene in this matter **and request a joint meeting with TfL and DfT, to include in those negotiations extension of zone 6 to areas of Surrey bordering London to increase Surrey residents' direct access to contactless TfL fares and so cheaper train travel.**