

MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

16 MARCH 2021

AMENDMENT OF MOTION

Item 8 (iii)

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

(additional words underlined and deletions crossed through)

This Council notes that:

Following the last Council meeting, I wrote to the Mayor of London on behalf of this Council to express our strong feelings against the proposed new Greater London Boundary Charge that would penalise Surrey and other counties' residents bordering London.

There are many TfL bus routes serving parts of Surrey and the government this week announced funding for bus lanes and measures to encourage the increased use of public transport.

Surrey County Council's Climate Change Strategy commits that greenhouse gas emissions from Surrey should be reduced by two thirds by 2030 and to zero by 2050.

London is not an island and must take into consideration the impact on its neighbours. Surrey County Council and the Mayor of London need to work together to tackle congestion, to move toward net zero carbon and to enhance the prosperity of the region by working together.

However, it is clear from the response that Transport for London (TfL) is initially looking at a £3.50 daily charge, with a possible higher charge (£5.50) for the most polluting vehicles.

This charge would impact between 57,000 and 61,000 residents on a typical working day based on 2011 and 2019 data. Whilst this levy, as the Mayor's Office says, could be earmarked to support sustainable travel in boundary borough, there is no mention that this money would be invested in cross-border improvements.

~~Surrey residents and taxpayers have already bailed out London's TfL for the second time through the Government's generous settlements in 2020. Surrey and other bordering counties' residents should not have to bear extra financial penalties for the London Mayor's mismanagement of TfL's finances.~~

The Council resolves to:

~~I. Oppose any Greater London Boundary Charge or charge on entering London to work that targets non-London residents.~~

I. **Urge the Government to provide long-term sustainable financial support to TfL and encourage whoever is elected Mayor in 2021 to work closely with Surrey County Council to make public transport a more economically viable option in**

Surrey, just as it is in London, and additionally, to ensure any new charges are mutually beneficial to London and Surrey.