

Full Council – 23 November 2020

Conservative Group Motion

Management of Transport for London (TfL) funding

This Council is seriously concerned about the massive waste of Brent and Londoners' hard earned money by TfL and Sadiq Khan and therefore calls for his resignation.

Through mismanagement and incompetence, TfL is virtually bankrupt. Twice Sadiq Khan has gone to the Government cap in hand begging for bailouts, and the UK taxpayer has already given him £3.3bn in bailouts this year so far.

Since Sadiq Khan won the Mayoralty in 2016, TfL's debts have gone from bad to worse, rising to £11.7bn, and this was pre-covid!

These include:

- £640m to subsidise tourist travel;
- £1.59Bn debt interest;
- £5.25Bn due to Crossrail delays;
- £45m spent on service contracts including £24m to provide taxis for TFL staff. I thought the mayor was encouraging people to walk, cycle or take buses and trains;
- £828m spent on pension overpayments;
- Over 100 extra staff being paid over £100,000 per annum.

In order to attempt to recoup this wasted money, Sadiq Khan has increased the Congestion Charge to £15 per day every day until 10pm, hitting thousands of people and businesses, including those in Brent, very hard.

Sadiq Khan tells us that he's managed to resist the Government's demands to extend the Congestion Charge to the North and South Circular Roads, but fails to tell people that the Government never made those demands in the first place.

Of course he does not want an extension to the Congestion Charge. There is an election next year. But make no mistake; if Sadiq Khan is re-elected, then it is very likely that he **WILL** extend the Congestion Charge. He needs the money to fund his incompetence and his main source of income is milking the poor hapless motorist.

Sadiq Khan blames Covid for the loss of revenue but conveniently fails to inform people that the Government would cover that loss. What the Government will not cover is money lost through waste and incompetence.

This Council therefore believes that Sadiq Khan is not a fit and proper person to be in charge of London's Transport network and calls on him not only to resign but also to stop using motorists, including those from within Brent, to fund TfL.

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