

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

27 APRIL 2023

AMENDMENT 2 TO MOTION

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Daniel De'Ath
SECONDED BY: Councillor Jess Moultrie

Delete all information after paragraph 1 and replace with the following:

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- That Road User Payment schemes have become commonplace across cities in the UK, with no indication that these cities have suffered economically as a result.
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