

COUNCIL (EXTRAORDINARY MEETING) 17 MARCH 2022

AMENDMENT TO MOTION 1

Proposed by Councillor Caro Wild

Seconded by Councillor Huw Thomas

Delete the whole motion and replace with the following. The amended motion will therefore read:

Council notes:

- That this Cabinet has no proposals for a congestion charge, and as the pre-election period starts tomorrow it has no time to bring forward any proposals on matters needing public consultation
- The Council's 2020 Transport White Paper commits to look at a number of avenues to fund £1-2bn worth of transport improvements, such as a city-wide Metro and £1 bus fares. On funding options It states that:

“This could take many different forms but one example could entail a scheme whereby all vehicles driving into Cardiff would pay a low fee (e.g. £2/day) for crossing into a charging area. Exemptions for emergency vehicles, motorcycles, registered blue badge holders people with disabilities could form part of any scheme. Our preferred option would include an exemption for Cardiff residents from any charge.”
- That the Council has declared a climate emergency
- That Public Health England and Public Health Wales now consider poor air quality to be a public health crisis that effects the health of every citizen or Cardiff, especially children and older people.
- That the council has agreed two motions brought forward by the conservative group on air quality that have urged the cabinet to take urgent action

- That the UK Government face an estimated £35bn budget deficit from the loss of fuel duty and vehicle excise duty that will come from the move to electric vehicles
- That the UK Government Transport Select Committee report has called for a national Road User Charge to replace the estimated £35bn
- That the Council has not been presented with any evidence of any positive or negative economic impact following the introduction of a congestion charge and that London, Birmingham, Nottingham, Bristol and Bath have all introduced charging mechanisms in recent years or have proposed to do so
- That the Cabinet is duty bound to ensure the Council fulfils its legal obligations including consulting the views of the public and businesses on any proposed scheme, undertaking Equalities Impact Assessments, and considering the well-being of future generations

Therefore, this Council notes that it has not been presented with evidence about any damaging impact of a congestion charge on Cardiff's economy, including its residents, businesses and tourist industry.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to ensure that any future proposals (brought forward by itself or UK Government) for a charging mechanism should fully consider all implications including environmental, public health, economic and social justice issue.

Furthermore, this Council reminds its members that councillors should at all times consider what is best for the citizens of Cardiff and not our own individual political chances of retaining our seat on the Council.