

MOTIONS

9.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CURLING

That this Council notes the adverse impact that tax avoidance has on the public purse, and thereby the damaging effect that it has on the services that we can provide for the residents of Hillingdon. This Council also notes that a significant element of such tax avoidance is that of “Corporate tax avoidance”.

This Council believes that, as recipients of significant public funding, local authorities, such as Hillingdon, should take the lead in the promotion of exemplary tax conduct. However, we also recognise that UK procurement law restricts councils’ ability to either penalise poor tax conduct, or reward good tax conduct, when buying goods or services.

This Council therefore requests the Finance and Corporate Services Select Committee to consider conducting a review into how we can ensure that Hillingdon is a Fair Tax borough.

9.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR FARLEY

That this Council, as part of Hillingdon Council’s strategy of creating a green and sustainable borough, requests the Cabinet to conduct feasibility studies into the use of further innovative technological solutions as additional ways to reduce London Borough of Hillingdon’s carbon footprint and improve air quality, such as city trees, aquamation and water reclamation, to complement existing schemes.

9.3 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR D.MILLS

That this Council opposes the Mayor of London's decision to expand the ULEZ restrictions to outer London as it is wrong on several fronts, not least that it fails to put our residents first and will most adversely impact those on low incomes, at a time when they can least cope with additional expenditure, by being unfairly taxed in the use of their own vehicles and in going about their normal daily business.

This Council therefore requests Cabinet to formalise a plan of action to implement this policy of opposition to the ULEZ decision and to establish an appropriate budget to do so. The authority to spend against this budget to be granted to the Leader in consultation with appropriate Cabinet members.