

MOTIONS

8.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BIANCO

That this Council notes that the Director of TFL Buses met with council officers and Cabinet members in the summer to consider possible, much needed, improvements to the bus network and in particular our request for an express bus route linking Uxbridge with the Elizabeth Line.

This Council notes that TFL are currently undertaking a consultation on proposed changes to a number of routes in the Borough and that:

1. The total amount of bus miles throughout the Borough has already been significantly reduced.
2. No new express link to the Elizabeth Line is being proposed.
3. The E7 route serving over 1,200 journeys to and from Ruislip Underground station will be removed.
4. The removal of the U1 route and a new U3 route running from Ruislip to Heathrow will be a further reduction in bus miles and make that service more prone to delays and cancellations.

Therefore, this Council instructs the Cabinet member for Property, Highways and Transport to ensure that the Council's response to the consultation is robust and highlights the reduction in service rather than the enhancement to outer London being communicated by TFL & the Mayor.

8.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BURLES

That this Council stands firmly with residents of Uxbridge who have voiced their opposition to the closure of the iconic and purpose-built library on Uxbridge High Street through three petitions of over 3000 signatures.

This Council acknowledges the deep public upset at the proposal to close Uxbridge Central Library.

Therefore, this Council requests that the Cabinet re-evaluate this proposal and demonstrate its commitment to library services through the retention of the purpose-built Uxbridge Central Library in its current location, looking at opportunities to move services into this space.

8.3 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MATHERS

That this Council recognises that, since 2010 successive Conservative led governments have cut '27% real-terms core spending power' to local authorities in England. In 2021/22 this meant it was 10.2% below 2009/10 levels.*

With higher inflation, high energy costs and rising demands on statutory services such as social and homelessness support, Hillingdon Council like all local authorities across England needs greater funding to face these challenges.

Therefore, this Council calls on the Leader and Cabinet to actively and continuously lobby the Government for increased funding to prevent further cuts to local service and the significant loss of community assets.

*Source Local Government Association

8.4 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CURLING

That this Council recognises that fireworks are used by people throughout the year to mark / celebrate different events. While they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant problems and fear for other people, especially those from war torn countries and those with PTSD, as well as our pets and other animals.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- Require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.
- Actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.
- Write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.
- Encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public displays.