

12.3 Motion regarding Access to GPs

Proposed by Councillor Maium Talukdar
Seconded by Councillor Kibria Choudhury

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This Council notes that:

- Primary care is in crisis, with people across Tower Hamlets and the rest of the UK struggling to access GP services and dental treatment.
- New figures from NHS England show that 18% of people in the NHS North East London Integrated Care Board, covering Tower Hamlets, could not get an appointment to see or speak to a GP or nurse the last time they tried.
- The Government has failed to remain on track to deliver 6000 additional GPs by 2024-25.
- Our doctors and nurses across the NHS in Tower Hamlets work hard for residents while grappling with the biggest staffing crisis in its history in the face of Government inaction.
- That social and domiciliary care in this Borough have declined over the past seven years, following on from a series of cuts, underfunding and poor policy decisions.

This Council believes:

- That everyone should be able to get an appointment to see a doctor when they need to and has the right to receive dental treatment when they need it.
- That preventative measures and initiatives, such as a good, effective social and domiciliary care service, will also push down the demand on GPs and appointment spaces.

This Council, therefore, resolves to:

- Forward a copy of this motion to the new Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and call on her to urgently bring forward a plan to fix the crisis in primary care, to meet the Government's GP target and ensure everyone who needs an NHS dentist can access one.
- Request the local Members of Parliament support this motion and raise this important issue in Parliament.
- Work with the local NHS trust to ensure Tower Hamlets residents have full access to their GP and dentists.

- Support the Mayor in his pledge to invest in the provision of care for vulnerable members of society, including children and adults, to enhance preventative measures against demand for appointments and on GPs.
- Support the Mayor in his pledge to look after Tower Hamlets' care workers to make sure they are adequately rewarded, and supported, for their work for the most vulnerable members of our community.

12.4 Motion on Local Electricity Bills

Proposed by Councillor Saied Ahmed
 Seconded by Councillor Musthak Ahmed

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This Council notes:

1. The efforts that ~~this council has made under the previous administration~~ the current administration has made to improve the previous administration's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy, including:
 - ~~i. Declaring a climate emergency in March 2019;~~
 - ~~ii. Launched the Net Zero Carbon (NZC) Partnership Action Plan in November 2021 to become a net zero carbon council by 2025 and a net zero carbon borough by 2045 or sooner;~~
 - ~~iii. Planted hundreds of street trees;~~
 - ~~iv. Approved 400 new electric vehicle charging points across the borough;~~
 - ~~v. In 2021, Tower Hamlets Council was named the greenest local authority in the country.~~
 - i. The development of a Mayor's *Greener Future for Tower Hamlets* policy programme, including the creation of four interconnected bodies to deliver this plan including:
 - a. The *Mayor's Energy Fund* to help the poorest and most vulnerable with their energy bills
 - b. The *Mayor's Advisory Board on Climate Change* to develop a cohesive strategy that tackles the threats of the climate emergency
 - c. The *Mayor's Waste Management Taskforce* to tackle the appalling levels of dirt and waste on the Borough's streets left to this Administration
 - d. The *Keep Our Borough Moving Taskforce* to ensure that people can move cleanly and quickly around Tower Hamlets.

- ii. Committing to reducing the Council's shift towards net-zero as soon as possible, without punishing the working and most vulnerable people of Tower Hamlets;
 - iii. Committing to plant a greater number of trees compared to existing levels;
 - iv. Increasing the number of charging points for electric vehicles
 - v. Installing green heating systems on our estates, including the use of solar panels, wind turbines and heat and power schemes
- ~~2. That very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so.~~
- ~~3. That making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would enable and empower new local businesses, or councils, to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local customers.~~
- ~~4. That revenues received by new local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions.~~
2. That the Mayor has committed £28million worth of subsidization for 850 businesses across the Borough with help for their energy bills.
3. That the Mayor has already held several meetings with businesses, residents and stakeholders to continue this support.
4. That the Mayor has already pledged to use Section 106 money from the Council's *Carbon Fund* to ensure that schools, businesses and homes receive as much new, green technology to keep energy prices down.

This Council resolves to:

1. To support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by 306 MPs which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply companies and co-operatives by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply operation.
- ~~2. Inform the local media of this decision.~~
- ~~3. Instruct the Mayor to write to the borough's Members of Parliament local MPs, asking them to support the Bill.~~
- ~~4. Instruct the Mayor to write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN) expressing its support.~~

2. Support the Mayor and his administration to continue to liaise and work with key stakeholders, including other elected representatives, businesses, residents and third sector organisations to ensure that existing support continues and is built upon.
3. Call on all members support the Mayor and his administration in delivering these changes and savings.