

## ASPIRE AMENDMENT TO MOTION 12.2 – MOTION ON WASTE

Amended by: Cllr Kabir Hussain

Seconded by: Cllr Wahid Ali

**ADDITIONS BOLD**

**DELETIONS STRUCKTHROUGH**

This Council notes:

1. That our residents have raised **regular** concerns about missed waste collections, impacting the cleanliness and environment of our borough.
2. **That the service inherited by the present administration compelled the Mayor to declare a *Waste Emergency* in the November meeting of this full council.**
3. **That the previous administration failed to streamline and improve the service upon its returning to the care of the Council in 2020.**
4. **That it has taken this administration to begin implementing the necessary improvements.**
5. **That the new Corporate Director for Communities and the Divisional Director for Public Realm have presented the Mayor with a *Waste and Street Cleansing Service Improvement Action Plan - 2023/2024* – which has been commissioned by the current Mayor.**
6. **That this *Strategy* will improve the performance of the waste and street cleansing service.**
7. That – **while** some residents have gone weeks without a bin collection – **there is/was an ongoing national strike that is/was beyond the control of the Council.**
8. **That in spite of this, the Mayor and Officers are working/worked around the clock to resolve the Tower Hamlets workers' issues and get them back on the streets and collecting waste.**
9. **The current administration and the Mayor is working with the Trade unions to improve working relationships.**
10. That **while** Tower Hamlets is one of the worst performing boroughs for recycling rates, **at the last Cabinet meeting the Mayor adopted a new *Recycling Reduction Plan* (RRP), and levels of recycling are steadily improving.**
11. That this administration has already invested nearly £10million in the borough's Waste service, including:
  - **£5million invested in the greening and electrification of our waste vehicles**
  - **Nearly £200,000 invested in low carbon fuel supply for these vehicles.**
  - **£2.1million invested in the improvement of recycling on our housing estates.**
  - **Nearly £200,000 invested in local businesses encouraging energy efficiency and recycling.**

- The launch of the *Cleaner, Greener Future for Tower Hamlets* policy package, including the creation of four boards, including a *Waste Management Taskforce*.

**This council believes:**

12. That reliable waste collection services are essential for the well-being of our community.
13. That the waste service is **slowly improving, following the Mayor's declaration of a *Waste Emergency***.
14. Urgent action is required to clear the backlog of missed collections and make our borough cleaner, **and that this is reflected in the Divisional Director's *Waste and Street Cleansing Service Improvement Action Plan - 2023/2024***.

**This council resolves:**

15. Acknowledge the concerns raised by residents regarding missed general waste, food waste and garden waste collections, and apologise for the inconvenience it causes to our community.
16. **Adopt the *Waste and Street Cleansing Service Improvement Action Plan - 2023/2024*, and ask the Divisional Director to present it at the next available Cabinet meeting.**
17. Publish weekly updates and promote transparency in reporting on waste collection performance, and will include data on missed collections, reasons for delays, and the steps taken to address them.