

**NOTICE OF MOTION****CLEANER AIR**

This council notes the damaging effects of diesel engine emissions to people's health and to the environment and would welcome accelerating initiatives that will reduce this harm and lead to cleaner air. This council resolves to:

- 1) Request the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee to call for a report taking into consideration;
  - Whether it would be possible to follow the example of Westminster City Council and introduce visitor parking differentials to incentivise diesel vehicle drivers not to enter the highest polluted areas of the city;
  - Options to enforce the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 in relation to vehicle idling offences;
- 2) Request the Licensing Committee to consider calling for a report detailing the options to ensure that all new taxi licences issued under the council's policy of managed growth are for low emission vehicles only, and that all replacement taxis are low emission vehicles;
- 3) To facilitate (2) above, this council requests the Chief Executive to write to Business Secretary, Greg Clark, requesting that financial assistance be made available to taxi drivers switching to more environmentally friendly vehicles, as announced at the recent opening of the new London Taxi Company factory in Coventry.

**Supporting Information:**

- (i) Across the UK air pollution is estimated to cause 40,000 deaths each year. Nitrous Oxide, Sulphur Dioxide, Particulate Matter and NOx gases (Nitrous Oxide, Nitric Oxide, and Nitrogen Dioxide) emitted from diesel exhausts exacerbate conditions such as bronchitis, lung cancer and asthma. On 16th May 2016, Brighton was one of 40 cities named by the World Health Organisation as having breached air pollution levels.
- (ii) <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/trial-diesel-based-parking-surcharge-low-emission-neighbourhood>
- (iii) Stationary idling is an offence under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations (2002) gives local authorities the right to issue fixed penalty notices of £20 to drivers who ignore a request to switch their engine off. According to Confused.com, idling costs drivers approximately £100 per year (<https://www.confused.com/on-the-road/driving-law/stopped-parked-engine-running-idling-breaking-law-police-fine>). Islington Council has been enforcing the regulations since 2006 ([https://www.islington.gov.uk/environment/sus\\_pollute/air\\_quality/vehicle-air-pollution](https://www.islington.gov.uk/environment/sus_pollute/air_quality/vehicle-air-pollution))

