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CABINET

10 AUGUST 2023

(6.31 pm - 6.45 pm)

PRESENT Councillors Councillor Ross Garrod (in the Chair),
Councillor Eleanor Stringer, Councillor Stephen Alambritis,
Councillor Billy Christie, Councillor Caroline Cooper-Marbiah,
Councillor Brenda Fraser, Councillor Sally Kenny and
Councillor Peter McCabe

ATTENDING Councillor Natasha Irons
REMOTELY

ALSO PRESENT Hannah Doody (Chief Executive), Zara Bishop (Communications
Manager), John Bosley (Assistant Director Public Space
Contracts and Commissioning), Polly Cziok (Executive Director
of Innovation & Change), Roger Kershaw (Assistant Director
Finance and Digital), John Morgan (Executive Director, Adult
Social Care, Integrated Care and Public Health), Paul McGarry
(FutureMerton Manager), David Michael (Head of Service –
Children in Care and Resources), Keir Lewis (Labour Group
Assistant) and Amy Dumitrescu (Democracy Services Manager)

ATTENDING
REMOTELY Polly Cziok (Executive Director Innovation and Change)
Byron Britton (Head of Law, Litigation Housing and Planning)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies were received from Councillor Judge.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

3 ULEZ SCRAPPAGE SCHEME (Agenda Item 3)

The Cabinet Member for Transport presented the report advising that subject to Cabinet approval, the Council would launch a £1m local scrappage scheme covering the Boroughs poorest areas, those not connected well by public transport and carers within the Borough.

The Cabinet Member stated that there were a number of ULEZ non-compliant vehicles within the Borough and the scheme would enable those eligible to apply for a £1000 grant per vehicle provided their vehicle met the TfL scrappage criteria. The scheme would be open to residents whether they had or hadn't accessed the TfL scheme and the take-up figures would be published.

The scheme would be launched in September 2023 with further details to follow. The Cabinet member thanked the Leader and officers for their work.

In response to questions from Cabinet Members, the Cabinet Member for Transport advised that the funding would come out of the Strategic Priorities Fund and provided an overview of the TfL scheme in regards to vans.

RESOLVED:

- A. That Cabinet supported the introduction of a top-up scheme to the Mayor of London's ULEZ scrappage scheme to support Merton households most in need of assistance to move to cleaner vehicles.
- B. That Cabinet agreed the budget provision for the scheme which will be presented in the budget outturn report to Full Council.