

COUNCIL MEETING – 18/09/19

NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME MOTION

Managing Engine Idling to Promote Cleaner Air

This Council notes that:

- exhaust fumes contain a number of harmful gases including carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons linked to asthma and other lung diseases;
- the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence has made recommendations about improving road-traffic-related air pollution in which it urges local authorities to raise awareness of and crack down on idling;
- local authorities have the power to issue fixed penalties for emissions offences and stationary idling under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions)(Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002, which may be imposed when a motorist refuses to switch their engine off when asked to do so by an authorised person;
- that an increasing number of councils have implemented No Idling Zones;

And welcomes Merton's participation in Idling Action London and the planned training on anti-idling campaigning for councillors.

This Council resolves to request that Cabinet:

- bring forward plans to introduce No Idling Zones across Merton borough, particularly near schools, including consideration of deploying our existing enforcement officers for this purpose, and the potential of including anti-idling within the scope of enforceable functions carried out by the Council's enforcement service provider;
- explore the potential for training volunteers to collect appropriate evidence to enforce idling in key hotspots and the future designated No Idling zones across Merton; and
- work with relevant contractors (eg IDVerde, Veolia) and partners such as TfL to ensure their practice supports this action and publicly report back on this work at least annually.

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