

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 8 MARCH 2021

PART I - DELEGATED

8. GREATER LONDON BOUNDARY CHARGE (CED)

1 Summary

1.1 This report is presented to Members providing details on the possible implementation of a Greater London Boundary Charge, based on the current information being reported.

2 Details

2.1 As is being reported by a number of local and national news outlets, there is information to suggest that TFL officials have been asked by the current Mayor of London to investigate the feasibility of introducing what has been termed as the Greater London Boundary Charge.

2.2 It is one of a number of additional income/cost reduction measures being explored by the Mayor of London to lessen the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2.3 Other financial savings have also been reported as being investigated by the Mayor.

2.4 If the charge was to be introduced it would require drivers to pay a charge each time they go past the boundary line.

2.5 The boundary line would extend around the capital and surrounding areas, and include those which border the Three Rivers District.

2.6 This charge is being reported as being between £3.50 and £5.50 (depending on vehicle emissions), and would be in addition to the £15 Congestion Charge and £12.50 Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) fee.

2.7 The date of implementation has been reported as October 2023.

2.8 It is relevant to note that the Mayor of London hasn't at this time passed comment on this, or any other measures being investigated.

3 Options and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The Committee is asked to consider what response, if any, they would like to make to the proposal being considered, and whether the Council wishes to take any action at this time.

3.2 Members may wish to consider if the Council should write to the Mayor of London and express its views. This proposal may be considered particularly relevant for Wards like Moor Park and Eastbury, Rickmansworth, Carpenders Park and South Oxhey as the boundary may be across the street in some cases.

4 Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

4.1 None.

5 Policy/Budget Reference, Financial, Legal, Equal Opportunities, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Public Health, Customer Service, Communications and Website and Risk and Health & Safety Implications

5.1 There are no risks or implications identified in the proposed recommendation.

6 Recommendation

6.1 That:

- The Committee considers if they wish to support the residents of the District by writing to the Mayor of London, and express it's' concern with regards to the implementation of the Greater London Boundary Charge.
- The drafting of the letter be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council

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Data Quality

Data sources:

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1	Poor	
2	Sufficient	✓
3	High	

Background Papers – None

APPENDICES / ATTACHMENTS - None

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