

COUNCIL, 28 JANUARY 2015

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

A SPITTING IN PUBLIC

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

In light of the recent decision by London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) to set the fixed penalty levels for anti-social spitting in public and the recent media coverage on the subject, this Council asks Cabinet to consider a report as to the implementation of enforcement measures in Havering.

(No amendments received).

B COMBINED AUTHORITY

Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

Just before the May elections the Council [with a few exceptions] voted to merge all Havering's back office administrative services with Newham, but with a promise not to merge frontline services!

On 31st January, **Havering**, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Barking and Dagenham, Waltham Forest, Redbridge, Enfield and Greenwich councils have been invited to attend a conference to discuss the devolution of powers to the combined area following the recent deal for a Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

This sounds suspiciously like a rehash of New Labour/Ken Livingstone plans to create 5 (EU) European Union size super-boroughs within the (GLA) Greater London Authority [and EU Region] area!

Indeed if the idea is premised on the recent deal for a Greater Manchester Combined Authority then it would involve creating a super-borough with an Elected Mayor that

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would further undermine rather than enhance local control!

A more natural reorganisation of the GLA would be to re-create a smaller inner-London County Council and allow outer-boroughs to make other arrangements, including with Essex councils, if they so wish.

But a democratic reform of the GLA [that avoids super-boroughs or boundary changes] would be to retain separate London Councils [or smaller groupings], but abolish the post of GLA Elected Mayor and restore power to the Elected Assembly on the back of voting reform to ensure effective representation for outer-London boroughs!

Thus this Council rejects any proposals for an East/North East London Combined Authority if it involves the creation of a super-borough [with or without an Elected Mayor] in favour of fair funding and devolved powers to local councils and a democratic reform of the GLA.

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Amend motion to read:

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