

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN
COUNCIL MEETING – 4TH MARCH 2024
AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS

Amendment to motion 1, proposed by Councillor Beales and seconded by Councillor Hardwick:-

This Council notes ~~that proposals are being presented~~ the Council recently adopted a new Evening and Night-time Economy strategy.

This Council notes that the Evening and Night-time Economy strategy was the subject of a previous Full Council debate, which was broadly positive about the ~~assembly process and~~ emerging recommendations of the strategy. The strategy was the subject of a public consultation and engagement exercise where over 1,500 ~~people~~ people engaged. This included online engagement, a representative Citizen's Assembly, and ~~as well as~~ face-to-face community meetings - including in evening economy 'hot spots'.

The adopted strategy has a clear aim to ensure Camden is welcoming, safe and inclusive in the evening and night-time. ~~We believe that~~ By working together we can support our creative and cultural sectors, to celebrate and protect our heritage and grow the local economy ~~ie and~~ promote good employment opportunities ~~work for all~~. One third of local employment is in the evening and night-time economy, so this is an important ~~significantly important~~ area for our economy and local livelihoods.

Currently many residents are not happy with the existing licensing framework and ~~specific impacts of licensed activity on communities~~. The status quo is not working. Our new approach seeks to ensure better management of the evening economy. This includes the Council's commitment to over ~~more than~~ £14 million in additional investment for ~~more~~ street cleaning and jet washing on high streets, and night-time clean ups to ensure our high streets are clean in the ~~day after evening activity~~.

Our new strategy includes ~~has~~ clear action to promote women's safety, working with the ~~P~~ police and partners to improve management of local streets, and incentivising ~~ing~~ better management of venues. These actions will help achieve licensing objectives of prevention of crime, anti-social behaviour, public nuisance and harm to children. The strategy is also clear about promoting family friendly, inclusive and non-alcohol-led experiences, diversifying the evening economy, looking at more evening markets and championing the cultural offer at night.

As is required by law, Camden will ~~in future~~ have to consult on a draft updated licensing policy, details of this policy are still being finalised, but will be subject to full public consultation and are evidence-led ~~to change the current licensing policy to~~ extend framework hours to 2am and to remove the automatic presumption to refuse in ~~Special Policy areas such as Camden Town and Seven Dials~~.

~~This Council notes that such radical changes in policy will make it difficult to achieve the licensing objectives of prevention of crime, anti-social behaviour, public nuisance and harm to children.~~

~~This Council notes that high streets right next to residential areas such as West End Lane, Belsize Village, Heath Street, Hampstead High Street, Kilburn High Street, Kentish Town Road and more will now have venues with licensable activities open until very late at night, with all the potential for anti-social behaviour and public nuisance.~~

~~This Council notes that Camden Town and Seven Dials will be subjected to even more cumulative impact of restaurants, bars and clubs.~~

~~This Council notes that as of the time of this motion, no evidence, no raw data has been presented to justify these proposed changes, no formal consultation has been undertaken and police and residents' associations have raised numerous objections to the proposed changes.~~

~~This Council also notes that a number of residents have claimed they have been excluded from the process of coming up with the new proposed policy and allegedly have been excluded from any Citizens' Assembly. This Council also notes that a Citizens' Assembly cannot be a replacement for a proper statutory consultation.~~

~~This Council therefore resolves: to reconsider its proposals in light of the objections raised by the numerous responsible authorities and interested parties, to continue to fully publish its data and evidence consultation feedback, to ensure the Council's future draft licensing policy is published and subject to full public consultation.~~

~~The council will also establish an evening and night-time panel for Camden and to oversee and present and deliver its new adopted evening and night-time economy strategy; that is not raised to the detriment of Camden's residents and to ensure we encourage a responsible licensing sector, improve venue's management and celebrate and grow our cultural, music and art sectors in line with the wishes of our residents, workers and visitors.~~

The amended motion therefore reads:

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The adopted strategy has a clear aim to ensure Camden is welcoming, safe and inclusive in the evening and night-time. By working together we can support our

creative and cultural sectors to celebrate and protect our heritage and grow the local economy and promote good employment opportunities. One third of local employment is in the evening and night-time economy, so this is an important area for our economy and local livelihoods.

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Establish an evening and night-time panel for Camden to oversee and deliver its new adopted evening and night-time economy strategy; and to encourage a responsible licensing sector, improve venue management and celebrate and grow our cultural, music and art sectors in line with the wishes of our residents and visitors.

Amendment to motion 3, proposed by Councillor Hatton and seconded by Councillor Bautista:-

This Council notes that:

1. More and more councils are struggling to balance their budgets due to the soaring costs of social care with a shortfall of funding across London of nearly £600 million.
2. Despite a 27 per cent real-terms reduction in core spending power for councils since 2010/11, children's social care budgets increased by £1.5 billion in the last year alone as councils fight to ensure children's wellbeing.
3. In his first speech as Prime Minister in 2019, Boris Johnson stated that the Government would "fix the crisis in social care once and for all" but that promise has been broken. Since the General Election in 2019 there have

been five Secretaries of State for Health and Social Care, none of whom have kept that promise.

4. The gross spend on nursing care has increased by 29% over the past 18 months and residential care has increased by 17%. Camden spends £2m a week on adult social care.
5. Children's Social Care in Camden is having to spend £6m beyond its budget. This is driven by cost inflation in care placements for looked after children.
6. A recent Carers Trust survey noted that one-in-eight unpaid carers are caring for an extra 50 hours a week or more over the past year.
7. NHS organisations and charities have warned that the Government's newly-announced ban on migrant care workers bringing dependents with them to the UK risks deepening the care sector's recruitment and retention crisis.
8. Camden Council has adopted the Ethical Care Charter, which sets decent working conditions and pay for carers working in the borough; and maintains high standards for anyone who needs care at home in Camden.

This Council believes that:

- The proper provision of social care for children and adults is the hallmark of a civilised society and should be placed on an equal footing with NHS care and funded accordingly.
- The role of unpaid carers should be financially recognised and valued for the work that they do.
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This Council calls on the government:

- To properly fund social care via national taxation rather than the regressive council tax which unfairly penalises people on lower incomes. And to deliver a National Care Service that reforms and invests in the care sector, which has been overlooked by successive Conservative governments.
- To provide additional funding for children's services, reducing demand, stabilising placements, and enhancing outcomes for children and families.
- To urgently reform carers allowance and deliver the first ever Fair Pay Agreement so to secure decent pay for carers. to provide a package of support for unpaid carers.

- To implement the Labour Party's New Deal for Care Workers, with a workforce plan at its heart that combats the sector's recruitment and retention crisis. ~~reject any proposals to restrict visa rules for health and care workers.~~

This Council calls on the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet to:

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