

Amendments for Council 10 December 2024

Item 15: Motion by Councillor Charlie Hicks

Amendment 1 proposed by Councillor Eddie Reeves

This Council **considered setting up a Congestion Commission** and agreed to set up a Citizens' Assembly ~~on the Future of Transport in Central Oxfordshire~~ as part of its last budget. This Council considers that it is time **to establish** ~~for such a Citizens' Assembly~~ **of local residents or a Congestion Commission**, ~~focused on reducing congestion, to be established. It should happen this financial year. including~~ **businesspeople, public sector leaders, civil society and faith group leaders, and academics with relevant expertise, to ensure a greater democratic say in key decision-making.**

This Council notes that its ambitious suite of traffic management measures is due to be rolled out in the very near future. These include Oxford's traffic filters and workplace parking levy, which are now largely enshrined in the Council's budget and will take place unless there is a change of administration next year.

If all such measures go ahead, Oxfordshire motorists could be hit by £57million in fines in fines and charges, broken down as follows:

- Expanded Zero Emissions Zone £25m;
- Traffic Filters £11m;
- Workplace Parking Tax £21m.

For clarity, the purpose of a ~~Congestion~~ Citizens' Assembly **or Congestion Commission** would be to assess the ~~likely~~ effectiveness of such measures, provide recommendations on existing proposals and advise as to whether other measures might be given effect after next year's local elections as supplements or substitutes for such policies, putting residents', **businesses' and civil society groups'** voices at the heart of **local** ~~the~~ decision-making process.

Council requests Cabinet to establish a Congestion **Commission** ~~or Citizens' Assembly of Central Oxfordshire citizens, with an advisory group to comprise~~ **ensuring in so doing that the voices of** elected members, ~~local businesspeople, public sector leaders from the Council's health, education and blue light partners,~~ **and** civil society and faith groups ~~leaders are properly heard, and academics with relevant expertise in the field.~~

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Amendment 2 proposed by Councillor Damian Haywood and Councillor Robin Bennett

This Council agreed to set up a Citizens' Assembly on the Future of Transport in Central Oxfordshire as part of its last budget. **With the formulation of this assembly underway this council reiterates that the assembly must take into consideration the main areas of congestion in Oxfordshire, especially the**

congestion that occurs travelling into, out of and around Oxford, and asks the cabinet to communicate this request to facilitators.

~~This Council considers that it is time for such a Citizens' Assembly, focused on reducing congestion, to be established. It should happen this financial year.~~

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~~For clarity, the purpose of a Congestion Citizens' Assembly would be to assess the likely effectiveness of such measures, provide recommendations on existing proposals and advise as to whether other measures might be given effect after next year's local elections as supplements or substitutes for such policies, putting residents' voices at the heart of the decision-making process.~~

~~Council requests Cabinet to establish a Congestion Citizens' Assembly of Central Oxfordshire citizens, with an advisory group to comprise elected members, local businesspeople, public sector leaders from the Council's health, education and blue light partners, civil society and faith group leaders, and academics with relevant expertise in the field.~~

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<p>If Amendment 1 is carried, then the amendment from Councillor Haywood will take the following form:</p>

Amendment 3 proposed by Councillor Damian Haywood and Councillor Robin Bennett

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~~This Council considers that it is time to establish a Citizens' Assembly of local residents or a Congestion Commission including businesspeople, public sector~~

~~leaders, civil society and faith group leaders, and academics with relevant expertise, to ensure a greater democratic say in key decision-making.~~

~~This Council notes that its ambitious suite of traffic management measures is due to be rolled out in the very near future. These include Oxford's traffic filters and workplace parking levy, which are now largely enshrined in the Council's budget and will take place unless there is a change of administration next year.~~

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~~For clarity, the purpose of a Citizens' Assembly or Congestion Commission would be to assess the effectiveness of such measures, provide recommendations on existing proposals and advise as to whether other measures might be given effect after next year's local elections as supplements or substitutes for such policies, putting residents', businesses' and civil society groups' voices at the heart of local decision-making.~~

~~Council requests Cabinet to establish a Congestion Commission or Citizens' Assembly ensuring in so doing that the voices of elected members, businesspeople, public sector leaders and civil society and faith groups are properly heard.~~

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Item 18: Motion by Councillor Liz Brighthouse

Amendment proposed by Councillor Eddie Reeves

This Council, being **extremely** concerned about the lack of political governance in relation to 'Dark Skies', the **administration's** plan to switch off many of the county's streetlights between 11pm - 6.30am, **which could have had significant adverse consequences for public safety across parts of our county, especially our urban centres, had it proceeded.**

Recognising the need for the Council to safeguard public money, support our rural parishes in their aspirations to curtail unwanted light pollution and protect and local wildlife in our villages, this Council calls on the Cabinet to:

- (i) carry out a full consultation before bringing this back for **delegated** decision-making **by the Cabinet Member**; ~~Such~~ such consultation to include all county councillors alongside community groups and particularly those working with women, and girls, **and shift workers in our hospitality and other key sectors, who the Council's own report recognises may have been disproportionately affected by this decision;**

- (ii) ensure that all county councillors are fully briefed, whether through their locality meetings or by way of an all-member briefing, before any street lights are switched off; and**
- (iii) ensure that a fuller Equalities Impact Assessment takes place in connection with future decision-making on such matters of public safety, the previous one in Annexe 5 being lacking.**

In future, this Council asks that Cabinet consult elected members more fully on matters of public safety in future.

This Council further notes that pre-scrutiny of such important matters would be beneficial to ensure greater democratic oversight.