

Proposed amendment to the Mayor's Draft consolidated Budget for 2010-11. This amendment was tabled at the London Assembly meeting on 27 January 2010, but not passed

This response sets out my individual views as an Assembly member and not the agreed views of the full Assembly

## **Report to the Assembly on the Mayor's Draft Consolidated Budget for 2010 – 2011**

**Report to:** London Assembly

**Date:** 27 January 2010

**Report of:** London Assembly Green Group

**Proposed by:** Jenny Jones

**Seconded by:** Darren Johnson

### **PART A: INTRODUCTION & COMMENTARY<sup>1</sup>**

The Green Group amendment seeks to reverse the Mayor's increase in bus fares. The £75m that the Mayor aims to raise from the 12.7% bus fare increase would instead be raised mostly from motorists, with the reinstatement of the £25 emissions charge on gas guzzlers and retention of the western extension of the congestion charge. The Mayor's budget proposals will mean less money raised in total from car drivers, whilst public transport users are paying more. We want to see the Mayor protecting poorer Londoners by freezing bus fares and making those who pollute more, pay more. The Mayor claims that he has to increase bus fares whilst cutting bus services in order to fill a financial black hole, but a large part the deficit is created by vanity projects such as scrapping bendy buses and dropping charges designed to discourage polluting cars. The Green Group Budget proposals therefore freeze bus fares without any increase in the Council Tax precept.

We also seek to make efficiency savings in policing which cut overtime much further and reduce spending on flights, non-operational cars for senior officers and public affairs. The amendment aims to restore cuts made to safety cameras and to save a special unit set up to protect cyclists by policing the freight industry. The best way to preserve the front line policing work which keeps our streets safe for pedestrians, cyclists, and responsible drivers, is to deal with the culture of excess which has crept into the Metropolitan Police. Non-operational cars for senior officers are a luxury which public servants really don't need. Last summer's scandal over police misuse of corporate credit cards has shown how lax controls had become and how much we still need to tighten up controls. However, all this is minor compared to the £30m overtime budget for police staff, mostly doing the kind of non-emergency duties done throughout the public sector.

---

<sup>1</sup> This report is made up of two Parts, A and B. The text in Part A does not form part of the formal budget amendments, which are set out in Part B.

## Green amendment – detailed breakdown

### Greater London Authority (Mayor)

	£
<b>Mayor's proposed budget requirement</b>	<b>126,100,000</b>
<b>Additional spending:</b>	
Increase budget for rape crisis centres	+ 200,000
Funding to challenge the case against City Airport expansion	+ 5,000
<b>Savings:</b>	
Reduce press office	- 200,000
Cancel Thames Estuary Airport Steering Group	- 5,000
<b>Green budget requirement (no change)</b>	<b>126,100,000</b>

### Greater London Authority (Assembly)

	£
<b>Mayor's proposed budget requirement</b>	<b>8,600,000</b>
<b>Green budget requirement (no change)</b>	<b>8,600,000</b>

### Metropolitan Police Authority

	£
<b>Mayor's proposed budget requirement</b>	<b>2,673,300,000</b>
<b>Additional spending:</b>	
Increase budget for London Safety Camera Partnership	+ 2,800,000
Increase budget for Traffic OCU to fund strict enforcement of safety contraventions by commercial vehicles	+ 1,000,000
Human trafficking budget	+ 400,000
<b>Savings:</b>	
Staff overtime budget reduced by 50%; officer overtime budget reduced by 8%.	- 24,000,000
Reduce Public Affairs' budget by approximately 10%	- 700,000
Reduce non operational cars for senior officers	- 200,000
Reduce drivers for senior officers	- 600,000
Reduce spending on flights and hotels by 10%	- 300,000
Reduce samples added to DNA database by a sixth	- 500,000

<b>Income changes:</b>	
Transfer more of cost of policing transport from TfL to police budget	+ 20,000,000
<b>Green budget requirement (- £2,100,000)</b>	<b>2,671,200,000</b>

### **London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority**

	<b>£</b>
<b>Mayor's proposed budget requirement</b>	<b>437,300,000</b>
<b>Green budget requirement (no change)</b>	<b>437,300,000</b>

### **Transport for London**

	<b>£</b>
<b>Mayor's proposed budget requirement</b>	<b>12,000,000</b>
<b>Additional spending:</b>	
Increase funding for cycling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional safety improvements on Cycle Superhighways</li> <li>• Biking boroughs (additional funding) and London Cycle Network (additional ring fenced funding)</li> </ul>	+ 4,000,000 + 10,000,000
Increase funding for walking, including Legible London street signage and mapping (provide ring fenced funding)	+ 5,000,000
Increase Smarter Travel budget to increase active and sustainable travel	+ 4,000,000
20 mph default speed limit: funding for pilots in 2 boroughs	+ 3,000,000
Increase spending on bus service	+ 10,000,000
Acceleration of step free access to bus stops	+ 4,000,000
<b>Savings:</b>	
Retain bendy buses	- 2,200,000
Cancel work to traffic lights that would worsen conditions for pedestrians	- 700,000
Transfer some transport policing costs to police budget (from total of £155m)	- 20,000,000
Cancel abolition of Western Extension of Congestion Charge (avoiding physical works)	- 5,000,000
<b>Income changes:</b>	
Freeze fares on buses (the actual cost may be much less than the predicted £75m because ridership will be higher)	+ 75,000,000
Bring forward congestion charge increase	- 10,000,000
Increase standard congestion charge to £11/£12	- 15,000,000
Introduce emissions based congestion charge	- 40,000,000
Cancel abolition of Western Extension Congestion Charge (extra income)	- 20,000,000
<b>Green budget requirement (+ £2,100,000)</b>	<b>14,100,000</b>

## London Development Agency

	<b>£</b>
<b>Mayor's proposed budget requirement</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Additional spending:</b>	
Increase spending on low carbon zones	4,000,000
Increase spending on skills needed to retrofit London's homes with energy efficiency measures, targeting 16-25 age group	1,100,000
<b>Savings:</b>	
Reduce spending on international promotion	- 4,000,000
Cancel Academies programme	- 1,100,000
<b>Green budget requirement (no change)</b>	<b>0</b>

	<b>£</b>
<b>Mayor's proposed consolidated budget requirement</b>	<b>3,257,300,000</b>
<b>Green consolidated budget requirement (no change)</b>	<b>3,257,300,000</b>

**PART B: Proposal to approve, with amendments, the Draft Consolidated Budget for the 2010-11 financial year for the Greater London Authority and the Functional Bodies.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**FORMAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**

1. The Mayor's draft consolidated budget (together with the component budgets comprised within it) for 2010-11 be amended by the sum(s) shown in column number 3 of the table for each constituent body, as set out and in accordance with the attached Schedule.

(These sums are the calculations under sections 85(4) to (8) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended) which give rise to each of the amounts mentioned in recommendations 2 and 3 below.)

2. The calculations referred to in recommendation 1 above, give rise to a component budget requirement for 2010-11 for each constituent body as follows:

<i><b>Constituent body</b></i>	<i><b>Component budget requirement</b></i>
<b>Greater London Authority: Mayor of London</b>	<b>£126,100,000</b>
<b>Greater London Authority: London Assembly</b>	<b>£8,600,000</b>
<b>Metropolitan Police Authority</b>	<b>£2,671,200,000</b>
<b>London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority</b>	<b>£437,300,000</b>
<b>Transport for London</b>	<b>£14,100,000</b>
<b>London Development Agency</b>	<b>£0</b>

3. The component budget requirements shown in recommendation 2 above, give rise to a consolidated budget requirement for the Authority for 2010-11 (shown at Line 55 in the attached Schedule) of -

**£ 3,257,300,000**

**BUDGET RELATED MOTIONS**

4. [WHERE APPLICABLE, INSERT ANY OTHER BUDGET RELATED MOTIONS REQUIRED]

---

**NOTES:**

- a. A simple majority of votes cast by Assembly members is required to approve any amendment to recommendations (1) to (3) above concerning the Draft Consolidated Budget; abstentions are not counted.
- b. To approve the Draft Consolidated Budget, without amendment, only a simple majority of votes cast is required. Again, abstentions are not counted.

## SCHEDULE

### Part 1: Greater London Authority: Mayor of London (“Mayor”) draft component budget requirement calculations

NOTE: Amendments to the draft consolidated budget will take effect as follows. Where a figure is shown in column 3, the figure in column 2 is amended to the figure in column 3. If no figure is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 shall be taken to apply un-amended. If “nil” or “£0” is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 is amended to nil.

1	2	3	4
Line	Mayor’s proposal	Budget amendment	Description
(1)	£342,300,000	£	estimated expenditure of the Mayor calculated in accordance with s85(4)(a) of the Act
(2)	£500,000	£	estimated allowance for contingencies for the Mayor under s85(4)(b) of the Act
(3)	£5,000,000	£	estimated reserves to be raised for meeting future expenditure of the Mayor under s85(4)(c) of the Act
(4)	£0	£	estimate of reserves to meet a revenue account deficit of the Mayor under s85(4)(d) of the Act
(5)	<b>£347,800,000</b>	<b>£</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in s85(4) of the Act for the Mayor (lines (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) above)
(6)	-£227,500,000	£	estimate of Mayor’s income calculated in accordance with s85(5)(a) of the Act
(7)	£5,800,000	£	estimate of Mayor’s reserves to be used in meeting amounts in lines (1) and (2) above under s85(5)(b) of the Act
(8)	<b>-£221,700,000</b>	<b>£</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in section 85(5) of the Act for the Mayor (lines (6) + (7))
(9)	<b>£126,100,000</b>	<b>£</b>	the component budget requirement for Mayor (being the amount by which the aggregate at (5) above exceeds the aggregate at (8) above calculated in accordance with section 85(6) of the Act)

**The draft component budget requirement for the Mayor for 2010-11 is: £126,100,000**  
 [insert Line 9 figure]

**Part 2: Greater London Authority: London Assembly (“Assembly”) draft component budget requirement calculations**

NOTE: Amendments to the draft consolidated budget will take effect as follows. Where a figure is shown in column 3, the figure in column 2 is amended to the figure in column 3. If no figure is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 shall be taken to apply un-amended. If “nil” or “£0” is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 is amended to nil.

1	2	3	4
<b>Line</b>	<b>Mayor’s proposal</b>	<b>Budget amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
(10)	£8,600,000	£	estimated expenditure of the Assembly for the year calculated in accordance with s85(4)(a) of the Act
(11)	£0	£	estimated allowance for contingencies for the Assembly under s85(4)(b) of the Act
(12)	£0	£	estimated reserves to be raised for meeting future expenditure of the Assembly under s85(4)(c) of the Act
(13)	£0	£	estimate of reserves to meet a revenue account deficit of the Assembly under s85(4)(d) of the Act
(14)	<b>£8,600,000</b>	<b>£</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in s85(4) of the Act for the Assembly (lines (10) + (11) + (12) + (13) above)
(15)	£0	£	estimate of the Assembly’s income calculated in accordance with s85(5)(a) of the Act
(16)	£0	£	estimate of the Assembly’s reserves to be used in meeting amounts in lines (10) and (11) above under s85(5)(b) of the Act
(17)	<b>£0</b>	<b>£</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in section 85(5) of the Act for the Assembly (lines (15) + (16))
(18)	<b>£8,600,000</b>	<b>£</b>	the draft component budget requirement for the Assembly (being the amount by which the aggregate at (14) above exceeds the aggregate at (17) above calculated in accordance with section 85(6) of the Act)

**The draft component budget requirement for the Assembly for 2010-11 is: £8,600,000**  
 [insert Line 18 figure]

**Part 3: Metropolitan Police Authority (“MPA”) draft  
component budget requirement calculations**

NOTE: Amendments to the draft consolidated budget will take effect as follows. Where a figure is shown in column 3, the figure in column 2 is amended to the figure in column 3. If no figure is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 shall be taken to apply un-amended. If “nil” or “£0” is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 is amended to nil.

1	2	3	4
<b>Line</b>	<b>Mayor’s proposal</b>	<b>Budget amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
(19)	£3,645,000,000	<b>£3,622,900,000</b>	estimated expenditure of the MPA for the year calculated in accordance with s85(4)(a) of the Act
(20)	£0	<b>£</b>	estimated allowance for contingencies for the MPA under s85(4)(b) of the Act
(21)	£0	<b>£</b>	estimated reserves to be raised for meeting future expenditure of the MPA under s85(4)(c) of the Act
(22)	£0	<b>£</b>	estimate of reserves to meet a revenue account deficit of the MPA under s85(4)(d) of the Act
(23)	<b>£3,645,000,000</b>	<b>£3,622,900,000</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in s85(4) of the Act for the MPA (lines (19) + (20) + (21) + (22) above)
(24)	-£967,500,000	-£947,500,000	estimate of the MPA’s income calculated in accordance with s85(5)(a) of the Act
(25)	-£4,200,000	<b>£</b>	estimate of MPA’s reserves to be used in meeting amounts in lines (19) and (20) above under s85(5)(b) of the Act
(26)	<b>-£971,700,000</b>	<b>-£951,700,000</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in section 85(5) of the Act for the MPA (lines (24) + (25))
(27)	<b>£2,673,300,000</b>	<b>£2,671,200,000</b>	the draft component budget requirement for the MPA (being the amount by which the aggregate at (23) above exceeds the aggregate at (26) above calculated in accordance with section 85(6) of the Act)

**The draft component budget requirement for the MPA for 2010-11 is: £2,671,200,000**  
[insert Line 27 figure]

**Part 4: London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (“LFEPA”) draft component budget requirement calculations**

NOTE: Amendments to the draft consolidated budget will take effect as follows. Where a figure is shown in column 3, the figure in column 2 is amended to the figure in column 3. If no figure is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 shall be taken to apply un-amended. If “nil” or “£0” is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 is amended to nil.

1	2	3	4
<b>Line</b>	<b>Mayor’s proposal</b>	<b>Budget amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
(28)	£469,200,000	£	estimated expenditure of LFEPA for the year calculated in accordance with s85(4)(a) of the Act
(29)	£0	£	estimated allowance for contingencies for LFEPA under s85(4)(b) of the Act
(30)	£0	£	estimated reserves to be raised for meeting future expenditure of LFEPA under s85(4)(c) of the Act
(31)	£0	£	estimate of reserves to meet a revenue account deficit of LFEPA under s85(4)(d) of the Act
(32)	<b>£469,200,000</b>	<b>£</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in s85(4) of the Act for LFEPA (lines (28) + (29) + (30) + (31) above)
(33)	-£31,900,000	£	estimate of LFEPA’s income calculated in accordance with s85(5)(a) of the Act
(34)	£0	£	estimate of LFEPA’s reserves to be used in meeting amounts in lines (28) and (29) above under s85(5)(b) of the Act
(35)	<b>-£31,900,000</b>	<b>£</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in section 85(5) of the Act for LFEPA (lines (33) + (34))
(36)	<b>£437,300,000</b>	<b>£</b>	the draft component budget requirement for LFEPA (being the amount by which the aggregate at (32) above exceeds the aggregate at (35) above calculated in accordance with section 85(6) of the Act)

**The draft component budget requirement for LFEPA for 2010-11 is: £437,300,000**  
[insert Line 36 figure]

**Part 5: Transport for London (“TfL”) draft component budget requirement calculations**

NOTE: Amendments to the draft consolidated budget will take effect as follows. Where a figure is shown in column 3, the figure in column 2 is amended to the figure in column 3. If no figure is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 shall be taken to apply un-amended. If “nil” or “£0” is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 is amended to nil.

1	2	3	4
<b>Line</b>	<b>Mayor’s proposal</b>	<b>Budget amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
(37)	£9,076,000,000	<b>£9,088,100,000</b>	estimated expenditure of TfL for the year calculated in accordance with s85(4)(a) of the Act
(38)	£84,000,000	<b>£</b>	estimated allowance for contingencies for TfL under s85(4)(b) of the Act
(39)	£0	<b>£</b>	estimated reserves to be raised for meeting future expenditure of TfL under s85(4)(c) of the Act
(40)	£0	<b>£</b>	estimate of reserves to meet a revenue account deficit of TfL under s85(4)(d) of the Act
(41)	<b>£9,160,000,000</b>	<b>£9,172,100,000</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in s85(4) of the Act for TfL (lines (37) + (38) + (39) + (40) above)
(42)	-£8,659,000,000	-£8,669,000,000	estimate of TfL’s income calculated in accordance with s85(5)(a) of the Act
(43)	-£489,000,000	<b>£</b>	estimate of TfL’s reserves to be used in meeting amounts in lines (37) and (38) above under s85(5)(b) of the Act
(44)	<b>-£9,148,000,000</b>	<b>-£9,158,000,000</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in section 85(5) of the Act for TfL (lines (42) + (43))
(45)	<b>£12,000,000</b>	<b>£14,100,000</b>	the component budget requirement for TfL (being the amount by which the aggregate at (41) above exceeds the aggregate at (44) above calculated in accordance with section 85(6) of the Act)

**The draft component budget requirement for TfL for 2010-11 is: £14,100,000**  
[insert Line 45 figure]

**Part 6: London Development Agency (“LDA”) draft component budget requirement calculations**

NOTE: Amendments to the draft consolidated budget will take effect as follows. Where a figure is shown in column 3, the figure in column 2 is amended to the figure in column 3. If no figure is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 shall be taken to apply un-amended. If “nil” or “£0” is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 is amended to nil.

1	2	3	4
<b>Line</b>	<b>Mayor’s Proposal</b>	<b>Budget amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
(46)	£335,300,000	£	estimated expenditure of the LDA for the year calculated in accordance with s85(4)(a) of the Act
(47)	£3,000,000	£	estimated allowance for contingencies for the LDA under s85(4)(b) of the Act
(48)	£0	£	estimated reserves to be raised for meeting future expenditure of the LDA under s85(4)(c) of the Act
(49)	£0	£	estimate of reserves to meet a revenue account deficit of the LDA under s85(4)(d) of the Act
(50)	<b>£338,300,000</b>	<b>£</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in s85(4) of the Act for the LDA (lines (46) + (47) + (48) + (49) above)
(51)	-£319,700,000	£	estimate of the LDA’s income calculated in accordance with s85(5)(a) of the Act
(52)	-£18,600,000	£	estimate of the LDA’s reserves to be used in meeting amounts in lines (46) and (47) above under s85(5)(b) of the Act
(53)	<b>-£338,300,000</b>	<b>£</b>	aggregate of the amounts for the items set out in section 85(5) of the Act for the LDA (lines (51) + (52))
(54)	<b>£0</b>	<b>£</b>	the component budget requirement for the LDA (being the amount by which the aggregate at (50) above exceeds the aggregate at (53) above calculated in accordance with section 85(6) of the Act)

**The draft component budget requirement for the LDA for 2010-2011 is: £0**  
[insert Line 54 figure]

**Part 7: The Greater London Authority (“GLA”) draft consolidated budget requirement calculations**

NOTE: Amendments to the draft consolidated budget will take effect as follows. Where a figure is shown in column 3, the figure in column 2 is amended to the figure in column 3. If no figure is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 shall be taken to apply un-amended. If “nil” or “£0” is shown in column 3, then the figure in column 2 is amended to nil.

1	2	3	4
<b>Line</b>	<b>Mayor’s proposed consolidated budget requirement</b>	<b>Budget amendment’s proposed consolidated budget requirement</b>	<b>Description</b>
(55)	<b>£3,257,300,000</b>	<b>£3,257,300,000</b>	the GLA’s consolidated budget requirement (the sum of the amounts in lines (9) + (18) + (27) + (36) + (45) + (54)) calculated in accordance with section 85(8) of the Act

**The draft consolidated budget requirement for 2010-11 is: £3,257,300,000**  
 [insert Line 55 figure]