
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 5 – CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Stephen Cowan
- (ii) Councillor Michael Cartwright

“This Council recognises that in 2006 the then Cabinet Member for Crime and Anti Social Behaviour said that the Conservative Administration would cut crime by between 60% to 80%. He said that Mayor Boris Johnson would provide funding to expand the two policing pilots and would institute a New York City styled “zero tolerance” approach to policing that would reduce everything from broken windows to serious crime.

The Administration has failed in all of these aims. It has failed to provide sufficient resources to the police and to those services that tackle the causes of crime. Mayor Boris Johnson has cut police numbers. The Administration has at no point kept up with the previous Labour Administration’s 10% fall in crime.

In 2006, the then Cabinet Member for Strategy described his Administration’s approach to reducing crime as “a bit of a gamble”. That gamble has not paid off. Earlier this year, the former Cabinet Member for Housing told a Cabinet Meeting that the Administration are now selling off affordable homes because of the Administration’s failure to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour.

We call for an immediate review of this failure and a new approach that genuinely seeks to cut crime and makes Hammersmith and Fulham a safer place for people of all ages.”