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Dear Sophie

Memorandum of Understanding – ULEZ & LEZ fleet compliance

I am writing to set out a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Transport for London (“TfL”) and the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (“MOPAC”) on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service (“MPS”) of New Scotland Yard, London, SW1A 2JL.

This MoU concerns the transition to a vehicle fleet that complies with or exceeds London’s Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) and Low Emission Zone (LEZ) vehicle emission standards and how TfL will arrange for non-compliant vehicles to be treated under both schemes. In advance of the expansion of the ULEZ London-wide from 29th August 2023, and the continued operation of the LEZ it sets out an understanding of how your organisation’s fleet of vehicles:

- Will achieve compliance with London-wide ULEZ vehicle emissions standards (where applicable) for light vehicles within its fleet, and the timescales for doing so;
- Will achieve compliance with the LEZ vehicle emissions standards (where applicable) for heavy vehicles within its fleet, and the timescales for doing so; and,
- Will transition to zero emission to reduce your contribution to air pollution and carbon emissions from road vehicle operations as soon as operationally and practicably possible, to help fulfil the Mayor’s target of net zero carbon by 2030, as well as the air quality guidelines recommended by the World Health Organization to protect public health.

An MoU is already in place for previous iterations of the ULEZ/LEZ, which is due to expire on 25th October 2023. This letter (MoU) will therefore replace any existing agreements, with effect from 29th August 2023.

In line with national guidance on Clean Air Zones, the Mayor supports some flexibility and recognises that, unlike for most fleets, it is difficult to replace emergency vehicles in order to achieve compliance with the relevant emission standards, as they are specialist and adapted vehicles. This MoU reflects this position, highlighting the non-compliant vehicles within your fleet that meet these criteria.

Progress to date

I am pleased that, despite the specialised nature of MPS's fleet, a large proportion already meets the ULEZ standards, with many more vehicles having transitioned to zero emission or zero emission capable. Of the 5192 vehicles operated by MPS, the fleet is currently around 94% compliant with ULEZ/LEZ standards and, by 29th August 2023, it is expected to be over 97% compliant.

In addition to the requirement to be fully ULEZ/LEZ compliant, emergency services and other public organisations that maintain vehicle fleets must lead by example in tackling environmental challenges and procuring responsibly – delivering, driving and enabling best practice. They can be powerful demonstrators of best practice or new technologies and use their scale to help to drive down costs to enable others to follow suit. In particular, they have a leading role to play in the demonstration and roll out of zero emission vehicles to help fulfil the Mayor's ambition for London to be a net zero carbon city by 2030, as well as the air quality guidelines recommended by the World Health Organization to protect public health.

We are pleased that the MPS has already shown leadership in this area, wherever possible, we encourage you to shift to zero emission vehicles and to continue the positive progress you have made in this area.

Zero emission vehicles

In line with the existing commitments set out in the 2018 Mayor's Transport Strategy, the MPS will work with what is so far operationally and practicably possible towards delivering a zero emission capable fleet by 2030, to support the Mayor's ambition for a net zero carbon city by 2030. This includes continuing to explore opportunities for investment new technology for specialist, zero emission vehicles, as well as the case for infrastructure investment on the MPS estate.

Progress reporting

In order to monitor MPS progress switching to cleaner and where possible, zero emission vehicles, TfL and the GLA will require you to provide a quarterly update on progress. This internal reporting process will be agreed between TfL, the GLA, MOPAC and the MPS, and will include (as a minimum) regular updates on:

- The MPS progress toward achieving full ULEZ/LEZ compliance by the temporary exemption expiry dates set out below;
- The percentage and number of vehicles in the fleet that are ULEZ or LEZ compliant;
- Any challenges or delays you face doing so; and,
- Progress in switching to zero emission alternatives.

Temporary exemption from ULEZ/LEZ Standards and Charges for some vehicles

TfL has agreed that the vehicles described in the table below are eligible for a time-limited exemption (often called a “*sunset*” clause) from the applicable ULEZ and LEZ emission standards and non-compliance charges, including the issue or payment of any subsequent Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) against such vehicles.

Once the exemption expiry date(s) in the table have been reached for each vehicle category, it is expected that the MPS will have achieved full ULEZ/LEZ compliance. From that expiry date those vehicles will be subject to applicable ULEZ/LEZ standards and non-compliance charges (including the payment of PCNs). TfL will confirm in writing prior to charges being applied. This approach is supported by the Mayor.

You will be responsible for ensuring the MPS upload details of the vehicles which are subject to a temporary exemption, as outlined above, through their TfL account. All vehicles uploaded must be kept up to date, and any vehicles decommissioned or replaced, must then be removed from the system. Subject to providing TfL with the relevant and up to date vehicle details, vehicles eligible for a temporary exemption will not have to pay the LEZ or ULEZ charge until the exemption expires, and TfL can void and cancel any Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) issued by TfL for the LEZ or ULEZ. You are also responsible for ensuring that access to the MPS TfL account is limited to authorised users. This will jointly be monitored by the GLA air quality team and the TfL transport strategy and policy team.

In total, **207 Metropolitan Police vehicles qualify for a temporary exemption**. In addition, **12 vehicles owned by staff of Metropolitan Police will be temporarily exempt**. This number is capped and TfL and GLA do not expect it to increase without prior consultation. A breakdown of these vehicles can be found below.

Table: MPS vehicles temporarily exempt from ULEZ/LEZ standards and charges

<i>Vehicle type</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Exemption expiry date</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Dog Handler's personal vehicles for transporting police dogs for operational duties	12	30 th November 2023	Privately owned vehicles used for transporting police service dogs for operational duties. Vehicles will be exempt for three months from the launch of ULEZ.
Regional Organised Crime surveillance vehicles	20	31 st March 2024	Highly specialist vehicles essential to policing operations and surveillance. An order has been placed and will be delivered by 31 st March 2024.
Other – specialist, emergency and response critical operational vehicles	114	Replacements ordered by 31 st March 2024, vehicles operational by 30 th September 2024.	Highly specialist vehicles, essential to policing operations. Orders must be placed by 31 st March 2024 and vehicles delivered within six months.
Other – Temporary loan-specialist, emergency and response critical operational vehicles	73	31 st March 2024	Ex-disposal highly specialist vehicles, essential to policing operations. Introduced back to services on a temporary basis to support recent surge in demand for vehicles, factors such as Commissioner Priorities, write-off cover and training vehicles. All will be removed from service by 31 st March 2024.

Whilst the MoU is not a legally binding document, in signing we expect you to work to the dates and provisions. Please confirm your agreement by signing, dating and returning a copy, as attached.

Yours sincerely



Christina Calderato
 Director of Transport Strategy and Policy
 Transport for London

AGREEMENT

On behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service, I agree to the contents of this Memorandum of Understanding as set out in the above letter.

Signed:

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

Position: Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

Organisation: Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime

Dated: 25.08.2023

For and on behalf of: Metropolitan Police Service