Dear London Borough Chief Executive,

London Councils’ Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) Delegation for the Regulation of Dockless Bicycle Hire Schemes - Action to be completed by 5 December 2019

At its meeting on 13 June 2019 London Councils’ Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) considered the attached report proposing amendments to the TEC Agreement in support of the proposed pan-London parking byelaw for the regulation of dockless bicycle hire schemes in London. The proposal is for the London Boroughs to provide London Councils’ TEC with the authority to take on the promotion and making of a pan-London byelaw on boroughs’ behalf to prohibit bike operators from parking dockless bikes other than at approved parking spaces.

As an existing joint committee representing all of London’s local authorities, London Councils’ TEC has agreed that it is a suitable body to undertake both the promotion and making of the pan-London byelaw.

While the shared view is that there should be a pan-London regime in order to address the cross-boundary operation of dockless bicycle hire schemes, the extent of dockless bike parking and the enforcement of the byelaw would be a matter for local decision-making and control, at the discretion of each Borough.

I would therefore be grateful if you could forward this to the relevant officer within your authority for them to consider and arrange for the delegation to be signed and returned by 5 December 2019.

If you have any questions about this proposal, please contact my colleague Paulius Mackela on Paulius.Mackela@londoncouncils.gov.uk or 020 7934 9829. To enable us to track progress, I would also be grateful if you could confirm receipt and provide contact details for the officer who will be leading on this matter for you.
Yours sincerely,

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I……………………………………………………[name and position of authorised person]  
on behalf of……………………………………………………………….. [name of authority]  

hereby confirm that my authority has resolved to delegate authority to London Councils’ Transport and Environment Committee to exercise the following functions by way of an addition to the Part 3(D) Functions, inserting a new paragraph 2(c) as follows:  

“(c)(i) the making of byelaws under section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972 (and, in respect of the City of London Corporation, under section 39 of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1961) for the purpose of regulating dockless vehicles on the highway and/or public places (including by making it an offence for a dockless vehicle operator to cause or permit their dockless vehicle to be left on the highway or public place other than in an approved location), including taking all related steps to promote, make, amend and revoke any such byelaw.  

(c)(ii) The exercise of powers under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 for the purposes of giving effect to (i) above, including but not limited to oversight and management of the arrangements (but excluding prosecution or other enforcement)  

Signed  
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Date  
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