

Councillor Mark Townsend will move

“Burnley Borough Council notes the concerns of local residents on the subject of road safety and in particular about the issues related to the hire of vehicles, whether as day hire or through leasing schemes.

Our main aim is not to unduly restrict the hiring of vehicles but to stop misuse and bring about more sensible behaviour. In moving this motion we wish to prevent people from harming themselves, others and property. We want to make the Borough a safer place for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

We resolve to ask the Chief Executive to write to the appropriate Government Department Ministers and our MP and to ask them to work with the relevant insurance agencies to bring forward legislation that restricts the ability of young drivers to hire high powered vehicles for limited periods of time or for other drivers to hire such vehicles and then allow young and inexperienced drivers to use them. This practice is a cause of concern for our constituents and has been a contributory factor in some road accidents.”