

## **BORIS BUDGET MUST MIRROR EDINBURGH'S**

**THE bold decision to spend five per cent of Edinburgh City Council's transport budget on cycling has won praise this week in the London Assembly.**

**London Mayor Boris Johnson was urged to copy the Capital's example by at least lifting his spending on cycling investment in 2013-14 to £145m.**

**That mark would represent just two per cent of the overall transport budget for Britain's largest city.**

**Green London Assembly member and former**



**Mayoral candidate Jenny Jones said: "Getting people out of their cars and on to bikes and public transport has a huge health and environmental benefit.**

**"By 2016 Edinburgh City Council is going to spend nine per cent of its**

**transport budget on cycling, but we are being told our Mayor can't even manage two per cent. London can and must do better."**

**The motion was seconded by Liberal Democrats leader Caroline Pidgeon and passed by the Assembly.**

**Lothian cycle campaign Spokes said in a statement: "Already in Edinburgh the impact of the new revenue funding has been noticed and appreciated by people using their bikes for everyday journeys."**