

When the Formentera Council convened its May plenary assembly this Friday, particular attention fell on two measures and the cross-party support they obtained. One involved giving drivers of hybrid vehicles rebates and another, urging Madrid to fill a post in the state public employment service.

Conceived as a boost for sustainable mobility, the proposed measure would give hybrid vehicle drivers a 50% discount on a vehicle tax (drivers of electric cars already get a 75% rebate). A similar 50% discount will be applied when drivers park at Illetes beach and es Pujols's Plaça Europa car park. Drivers paying for annual, monthly or weekly parking will get discounts, too—of 75% if their vehicle is electric, 50% for hybrids.

Social welfare secretary Vanessa Parellada described the request for an agent stationed on Formentera as being about offering the same services, and the same resources, indiscriminately across the region.

Other proposals

The assembly also came together behind a measure brought by Gent per Formentera (GxF) urging the central government to keep its word on the Istanbul Protocol, of which it is a signee, and devote resources to education, inclusivity and fighting gender violence.

Another GxF proposal that landed cross-party support was a call to reopen post office outposts in Sant Ferran, la Mola and la Savina. A socialist party proposal to equip Can Marroig with public toilets was also passed.