

Council Assembly

Wednesday 16 July 2014

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Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

Supplemental Agenda No.2

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Item No. 2.2	Classification: Open	Date: 16 July 2014	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Public Question Time	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

1. QUESTION FROM SHAILA RAVINDRANATH TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS

Would the cabinet member be willing to promote and actualise policies and practices related to childrens' supportive needs of secure, loving caringness including their emotional development, with a holistic approach together with parents and carers and not perpetuate divisive models, instead uniting us all in one human global family?

Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 16 July 2014	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Community Evidence on the Themed Debate	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Introduction

1. On 7 April 2014 the council assembly business panel met to agree the theme for 16 July 2014 meeting of council assembly. The panel agreed that the theme should be 'Children and Young People (excluding employment and training but including schools)'.

Community evidence on the theme

2. The deadline for community evidence was midnight, Thursday, 10 July 2014.
3. The following requests have been received by the deadline for consideration by this meeting and they are list in the order received below:
 1. Submission from Friends of John Donne Primary School
 2. Presentation from The Right Honourable Dame Tessa Jowell MP, in the capacity of Chair of the Southwark and Lambeth joint childcare commission
4. Which community evidence shall be considered and the length of each submission will be established by way of a programme motion at the start of council assembly. Community evidence shall be conducted under the existing rules for public participation.

Submissions

1. Friends of John Donne Primary School

To address the council assembly on the need for constructive collaboration between successful schools and the council in order to effectively address the increasing demand for secondary places (as outlined in the council's secondary school strategy).

2. The Right Honourable Dame Tessa Jowell MP, in the capacity of Chair of the Southwark and Lambeth joint childcare commission

To address council assembly on the growing issue of affordable childcare, its impact on families in Southwark and Lambeth and the work of the commission. The objectives for the commission are ambitious, but also deliverable. The commissioners are keen to produce policy proposals and ideas for practice that:

- Are accessible and affordable to parents
- Support parents to be economically active
- Are flexible enough for the 24 hour economy of working patterns of parents
- Deliver quality education and development for children in the early years
- Deliver an appropriate offer for older children.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Lesley John, Principal Constitutional Officer	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer title	Comments sought	Comments included
Director of Legal Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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Agenda Item 5

Item No. 5.	Classification: Open	Date: 16 July 2014	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the group listed in paragraph 5 of this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Council assembly procedure rule 2.6 (11) states that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting.
3. When considering whether to hear the deputation request, council assembly can decide:
 - to receive the deputation at this meeting or a future meeting; *or*
 - that the deputation not be received; *or*
 - to refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.
4. A deputation shall consist of no more than six people, including its spokesperson. One member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting for no longer than 5 minutes. The deputation spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by him or her shall be invited to ask a question of the leader or relevant cabinet member. After this time councillors may ask questions of the deputation for up to 5 minutes. At the conclusion of the questions, the deputation will be shown to the public seating area where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Deputation requests

5. The following deputation request has been received:

- 1. Deputation from residents in the Rotherhithe area**

The deputation request states:

“Surrey Docks Farm, Friends of Russia Dock Woodland, Friends of Stave Hill Ecology Park and Lavender Pond Nature Reserve bring forward our proposal to council assembly to make collective bids for section 106 monies from current and impending local developments in the Rotherhithe area. All long standing and democratically elected groups above have expert knowledge in the ecology and biodiversity of our well established open green spaces, and feel that a collective approach in bidding for section 106 monies will not only help in enhancing what

we already have but will also be democratically fairer in helping shape future open spaces and green links throughout the local regeneration area.”

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.6, Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228

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AMENDMENTS

ITEM 4.1 – MOTION ON THE THEME: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (see pages 3 - 5 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor James Okosun, Liberal Democrat Group Spokesperson for Children's Services

Delete paragraphs 1-15 and **insert**

School places

1. Council assembly notes with concern the huge shortage of primary and secondary school places in Southwark, which is limiting choice for parents and pupils and forcing a new generation of 'child commuters' to travel miles to their allocated schools.
2. Council assembly welcomes the Labour administration's late acceptance of this problem, however is concerned that political will to deal with it is lacking and so far very little tangible action has been taken to address the school places time bomb.
3. Council assembly recognises that, whatever personal opinions councillors may have about it, the 'free school' model currently represents the best chance of getting new schools in the borough.
4. Council assembly therefore implores the current administration to work with free school providers to get new schools instead of playing politics with the education of local children.

Childcare

5. Council assembly welcomes the fact that Liberal Democrat councillors have put childcare on the agenda in Southwark, forcing Labour to do something on the issue just before the local elections after years of inaction.
6. Council assembly is concerned however that the Labour solution is yet another Labour-run commission that will cost many thousands of pounds without any guarantee the recommendations will be used.
7. Council assembly notes the Liberal Democrats have a strong record of delivery in government for children and young people, including introducing the Pupil Premium, offering extra free childcare hours and reforming shared parental leave.
8. Council assembly therefore urges the Labour administration to take a note out of the coalition government's book by getting on with offering free childcare hours for local parents as they previously promised to do, instead of spending many months and thousands of pounds of public money talking about it.

Renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly

ITEM 6.2.1 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 1 – EAST DULWICH SECONDARY SCHOOL (see page 13 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor James Barber

Seconded: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Delete paragraph 2 and **insert:**

- 2 Notes that two providers put forward proposals for a new secondary school on this site following a long campaign by ward councillors and local parents. Council assembly also welcomes the belated support for the school from the council.

Delete paragraph 3 and **insert:**

3. Notes that the need for primary school places still exists, despite new primary schools currently being planned for East Dulwich, and urges the council to urgently tackle the shortage of primary school places in East Dulwich and elsewhere in the borough. Council assembly also notes with concern that that the proposed Ivydale School expansion will see a primary school with 840 pupils – larger than many secondary schools.

Delete paragraph 5 to end and **insert:**

5. Notes that there have been suggestions about a new primary school being put on the Dulwich Hospital site, which would mean that the planned new secondary school would potentially have less space, and believes it is vital that a secondary school with at least 18,000m² of land is provided on this site in line with the wishes of local parents and councillors.
6. Therefore calls on councillors from all sides to stand firmly with local parents in backing a secondary school on the Dulwich hospital site, a primary school on the old East Dulwich police station site, and a second Harris Primary School in better location than the Dulwich Hospital site.
7. Also asks the Chief Executive of Southwark Council to write to the Education Secretary Michael Gove outlining the case for a new secondary free school on the site and highlighting the cross-party support for such a facility.

ITEM 6.2.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 2 – ALTERNATING THE ROLE OF THE MAYOR (see page 14 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Paul Fleming

Seconded: Councillor Eleanor Kerlake

Delete all and insert:

1. Council assembly recognises that the position of Mayor is a civic, ceremonial and non-political position.
2. Council assembly recognises that the current Mayor of Southwark was democratically elected by the majority of councillors in the borough. Council assembly accepts that the decision of councillors to elect as the first citizen a representative of the majority party, which includes representatives from across the whole borough, in recognition of the democratic wishes of Southwark residents.
3. Council assembly therefore supports the continued election of the Mayor by the full council in a democratic vote.

ITEM 6.2.3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 3 – TRANSPORT LINKS IN SOUTH BERMONDSEY (see page 14 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Eliza Mann

Seconded: Councillor Damian O’Brien

In paragraph 1, after “rest of London” **insert**

“including building on existing conversations about the C10 route”

After paragraph 3 **insert:**

4. Take action to tackle the high number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) using Southwark Park Road through The Blue.

ITEM 6.2.4 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 4 – BAKERLOO LINE EXTENSION (see pages 14 – 15 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Kieron Williams

Seconded: Councillor Evelyn Akoto

Delete all and insert:

1. Council assembly applauds Labour councillors’ long standing campaign to extend the Bakerloo Line to Camberwell and Peckham, which has included a petition signed by more than 2,750 people, in order to improve public transport for current and future Southwark residents, and to help bring jobs and growth to South London. Council assembly welcomes the fact that the Labour campaign to extend the Bakerloo line to Camberwell now has cross-party support, including from Liberal Democrat opposition councillors.
2. Council assembly welcomes the cabinet’s commitment to campaign for the Bakerloo Line to be extended south of the Elephant and Castle to Camberwell, as set out in the cabinet report “Delivering a Fairer Future for all in Southwark”.
3. Council assembly recognises that the Old Kent Road is desperately in need of better transport, particularly given its new designation as an opportunity area. Council assembly welcomes the further expansion of the Bakerloo line to the Old Kent Road, which could provide more opportunity for new homes in the area. However, council assembly believes that any expansion of the tube to the Old Kent Road should not be done at the expense of Camberwell, and therefore calls on the cabinet to press the Mayor of London to deliver on his promise to extend the Bakerloo line to Camberwell as well as the Old Kent Road.
4. Council assembly believes there is a strong case for expanding the Bakerloo Line to serve both Camberwell and the Old Kent Road and calls on cabinet to push for a two-branch extension with Transport for London (TfL) and the Mayor of London.

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