

# Council Assembly

Wednesday 6 July 2011

7.00 pm

Walworth Academy, 34 - 40 Shorncliffe Road, SE1 5UJ

## Supplemental Agenda No.4

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<b>Item No.</b> 5.2	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 6 July 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Capital Strategy and Programme 2011/12 – 2020/21: Questions on report	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

**1. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN**

The capital programme says "Reduction in funding for the MUSCo not proceeding". Is this evidence that the cabinet have abandoned the idea of a MUSCo and what will the cabinet do to ensure the people of Newington ward will still get clean, green and affordable energy?

**2. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN**

The cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety has decided to earmark in the capital programme any new homes bonus funding from the coalition government which is surplus to £1.5 million that was allocated to the revenue budget. However, on 7 June 2011, the cabinet member informed myself and six other members in an email exchange that this additional £1 million new homes bonus funding had already been allocated to the youth fund in the revenue budget and therefore could not be used to save the Pumhouse. Please can he explain this misleading discrepancy?

**3. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR TIM McNALLY**

How much of the allocated £10.69 million for the office accommodation strategy in the capital programme is allocated for the new offices in Queens Road Peckham? Please can the cabinet member provide the cost per square metre of fitting out the new offices in Queens Road Peckham and how this compares to the square metre fit out costs of the Tooley Street offices?

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer title</b>	<b>Comments sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	No	No
Finance Director	No	No
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No	No
<b>Date final report sent to Constitutional Team</b>	5 July 2011	

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## 3. THEMED DEBATE: SPORTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### 3.3 MOTION ON THE THEME: ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOUTHWARK'S YOUNG PEOPLE (see pages 6-7 of the main agenda)

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#### AMENDMENT A

**Moved:** Councillor Rosie Shimell  
**Seconded:** Councillor Graham Neale

**Delete** paragraph 2 and **insert** new paragraph 2:

Council notes that spending £8 million over three years on free school meals for children who do not need them is a poor budget choice given the difficult economic situation the country and the council is facing. This money should be spent on measures which are proven to reduce obesity such as sport.

#### AMENDMENT B

**Moved:** Councillor Geoffrey Thornton  
**Seconded:** Councillor Catherine Bowman

**Add** at end of paragraph 2:

Council assembly is concerned that design proposals for the new leisure centre at Elephant & Castle do not seek to re-provide the only public squash courts in the borough, despite a cost effective solution being suggested by England Squash & Racketball (ESR). Council assembly is further concerned that there are no plans to re-provide the existing 6-court sports hall and notes the concerns expressed by Sport England that "North Southwark is in an area of substantial unmet demand for sports halls and can ill-afford to lose any single sports hall". Council assembly therefore calls on cabinet to investigate ways in which these popular and well used sporting spaces can be re-provided.

#### AMENDMENT C

**Moved:** Councillor Jeff Hook  
**Seconded:** Councillor Wilma Nelson

**Add** at end of paragraph 2:

Council assembly regrets that the plans to refurbish Seven Islands Leisure Centre are not proposed until 2014 and has real concern that the building will not survive until then.

#### AMENDMENT D

**Moved:** Councillor Columba Blango  
**Seconded:** Councillor Paul Noblet

**Delete** paragraph 4 and **insert** new paragraph 4:

4. Council recognises the disastrous financial situation left by the last government and acknowledges the difficult situation the current government faces. Council

further recognises that Tessa Jowell, as Minister for the Olympics, failed to secure an Olympic Legacy for Southwark. Council regrets Southwark was not granted an Olympic event to host. Council urges the cabinet not to waste vital funding in difficult economic times to set up an Olympic quango committee and instead invest this money across the borough in continuing and expanding the very successful community games.

#### **AMENDMENT E**

**Moved:** Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

**Seconded:** Councillor Michael Bukola

**Add** at end of paragraph 6:

Council is concerned that cabinet members are deciding what can be discussed at council assembly and that their focus is too narrow. A wealth of evidence shows that good quality housing is vital for the achievement for young people. Council therefore opposes the moves of the cabinet to sell off council housing.

**Note:** In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.7(9), all motions shall be relevant to the topic under discussion and themed meetings shall be conducted under existing rules, therefore the monitoring officer advises that the above amendment has been ruled out of order as it does not relate to the theme of sports and young people.

#### **AMENDMENT F**

**Moved:** Councillor Paul Noblet

**Seconded:** Councillor David Hubber

**Add** new paragraph 8:

Young people also need training and apprenticeships and this should also be a focus of any debate about the young people of Southwark and their achievements.

#### **AMENDMENT G**

**Moved:** Councillor Mark Gettleson

**Seconded:** Councillor David Noakes

**Add** new paragraph 9:

Council notes the coalition government's sports charter to tackle homophobia and transphobia in sport and calls on the council to sign up to it.

#### **AMENDMENT H**

**Moved:** Councillor Poddy Clark

**Seconded:** Councillor Columba Blango

**Add** new paragraph 10:

Council also welcomes the Paralympics and calls on the cabinet to ensure there is a Paralympic legacy for the disabled people of the borough.

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**4.2 MOTION 1 – HOMES FOR FAMILIES** (see pages 16-18 of the main agenda)

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**LATE AMENDMENT I**

**Moved:** Councillor Ian Wingfield  
**Seconded:** Councillor Helen Morrissey

**Delete all and insert:**

1. Council agrees that good quality housing can play an important role in shaping the future, health and well-being of young people in our borough.
2. Council therefore regrets the actions of the Tory Liberal Democrat government to threaten Southwark tenants security of tenure, cut Southwark's housing revenue account, halve the amount of decent homes funding Southwark is to receive, cap housing benefit and introduce rents of up to 80% of market value, making many properties unaffordable to people living in the borough – all of which will impact upon the future health, happiness and well-being of young people in our borough.
3. Council also regrets the failure of the previous Liberal Democrat administration to set out a coherent housing programme that addressed the needs of people in Southwark and was based on spending money that was not available to the council at the time.
4. Council welcomes the current administration's pledges to; make every council home warm, dry and safe by 2014/15, and believes the new housing investment programme will help to secure a better future for our young people by bringing every Southwark home up to a decent standard, by letting tenants know when they can expect improvements and by being based on funding available to the council to ensure that it is actually delivered unlike the previous Liberal Democrat administration's disastrous programme.

**Note:** Amendment I was received after the deadline for receipt of amendments, therefore prior to debating the late amendment the following council assembly procedure rule would need to be suspended:

- Notice for amendments to be delivered (CAPR 2.10 (4)).

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**4.2 MOTION 2 - SOUTHWARK'S HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME** (see pages 16-18 of the main agenda)

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**AMENDMENT J**

**Moved:** Councillor Michael Bukola

**Seconded:** Councillor Tim McNally

**Delete all and insert:**

1. Council notes the Labour cabinet have spent a year dithering over how to create a lower decent homes standard.
2. Council notes that the results of the housing consultation were that residents wanted new kitchens and that more residents want a higher standard of decency but spread over a longer period of time.
3. Council further notes that the coalition government have provided more decent homes funding within one year than the previous Labour government did in thirteen years.
4. Council is concerned that the Labour cabinet have ignored the views and wishes of local residents.
5. Council assembly is further concerned by the consideration of transferring the housing stock to registered social landlords which would mean higher rent for Southwark council residents.
6. Council assembly opposes the decrease of the threshold for selling off family sized house which will have a significant impact of affordable housing for families in the north of the borough.
7. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to reconsider the results of the consultation on decent homes and implement what local residents want.
8. Council assembly further calls on the cabinet to make the commitment to not transfer any housing stock nor sell off more family sized affordable housing.
9. Council further calls on the cabinet to be more radical in providing clean, green and affordable energy to every single council property.

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**5.1 CAPITAL STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME 2011/12 - 2020/21** (see pages 56-94 of the main agenda)

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**AMENDMENT K**

**Moved:** Councillor Mark Glover  
**Seconded:** Councillor Nick Dolezal

**Insert** new recommendations 4, 5 and 6:

4. Council assembly notes that there is unallocated capital in the later years of the programme. Council assembly therefore asks that cabinet consider how this funding should be used in its preparation of the next capital programme refresh in early 2012, in the light of the government's 2012/13 funding settlement, economic conditions and the announcement of the successful bidders to the council's Olympic Legacy Fund.
5. Given the recent progress with the Nunhead and Peckham Area Action Plan the council calls for cabinet to consider the allocation of the necessary capital resources to redevelop the area immediately in front of Peckham Rye Station, with the aim of reinstating the heritage of the station and to create new retail and other opportunities around the station to enhance the potential for the area.
6. Council assembly asks cabinet to bring forward the work on Seven Islands by a year, to start in the 2014/15 financial year.

**Note:** If new recommendation 6 above is carried, recommendation 5, bullet point 3, in Amendment M would fall.

**AMENDMENT L**

**Moved:** Councillor Michael Mitchell  
**Seconded:** Councillor Toby Eckersley

**Add** at the end of recommendation 1:

Except that the proposal to use the whole of the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) Reward Grant (£4.3m) for capital purposes be agreed only to the extent of £4.25m and that the cabinet is invited to take the balance of £50,000 to revenue to support the retention in 2011/12 of school crossing patrols.

**AMENDMENT M**

**Moved:** Councillor Tim McNally  
**Seconded:** Councillor Paul Noblet

**Insert** new paragraphs 1-5:

1. Council assembly welcomes £54.3 million from the government through the new homes bonus over the next six years.
2. Council regrets the proposal to allocate £3.5 million to contingency.



3. Council regrets that money raised from Section 106 payments is not being used solely for its original purpose: to provide improvements for those who live in the direct vicinity of the development from which the 106 payment came, as it is those residents who suffer the loss of amenity and disruption of any new development.
4. Council should save funding by not putting money into reserves, by not spending £2 million on an Olympic Quango committee and by not providing free school meals to children who do not need them.
5. Council should therefore:
  - Protect the hugely popular cleaner greener safer budget at current levels
  - Commit funding to a new school in SE16
  - Begin working on the Seven Islands Leisure Centre immediately
  - Protect Section 106 funding for local communities
  - Not put £3.5 million into contingencies.

Renumber subsequent paragraphs.

Existing paragraph 1 (new 6) – **Add** at end:

“; subject to the changes detailed in the following schedule being made to Appendices A-F of the cabinet report.”

Description of Programme/Project	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Seven Islands Leisure Centre Refurbishment	3,000,000.00	5,000,000.00			-3,000,000.00	-5,000,000.00					0.00
Contingency						-550,000.00	-550,000.00	-550,000.00	-550,000.00	-600,000.00	-2,800,000.00
Use of Reserves	-2,180,000.00	-4,250,000.00	-3,400,000.00	-1,400,000.00	1,600,000.00	4,400,000.00	650,000.00	650,000.00	700,000.00	700,000.00	-2,580,000.00
Cleaner, Greener, Safer		700,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00	11,900,000.00
Olympic Legacy	-550,000.00	-1,450,000.00	2,000,000.00								0
Capital Works for Free School Meals	-500,000.00										-500,000.00
Kingswood House Maintenance	230,000.00					-250,000.00					-20,000.00
Capital Receipts							-1,500,000.00	-1,500,000.00	-1,500,000.00	-1,500,000.00	-6,000,000.00
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