

Council Assembly

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3. THEMED DEBATE: STATE OF THE BOROUGH - MOTIONS ON THE THEME

MOTION 1 - COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO AUGUST'S DISTURBANCES (see pages 5-6 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Helen Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Sunil Chopra

After paragraph 5 **insert:**

“Council assembly calls on all members to contribute their views on those three questions in the debate. It calls on the cabinet to take those views on board, to feed them into the ongoing community conversation and to feed back to council assembly on what action will be taken following the community conversation in no more than six months.”

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Claire Hickson

Seconded: Councillor Althea Smith

After new paragraph 6 **insert:**

“Council assembly calls on cabinet to ensure feedback from the council's community conversations informs how we can create a fairer future for all in Southwark.”

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Seconded: Councillor Paul Noblet

Insert new paragraph 6:

Council is concerned that the cabinet's 'need to be seen to be taking action' following the riots has caused fear and uncertainty for council tenants. Instead of knee-jerk, headline grabbing policies the cabinet should take longer term, evidence based action including the following:

- 1) Evict tenants who, despite warnings, are breaching their tenancy agreements and making neighbours' lives a misery through persistent noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour.
- 2) Develop, with the voluntary sector, a new programme of peer to peer support for every parent in the borough who wants it.
- 3) Employ an apprentice in both the cabinet office and the opposition office of Southwark Council.
- 4) Work with the three MPs and all councillors in the borough to lobby the government and the Mayor of London to create green manufacturing jobs in Southwark.

- 5) Promote mixed communities by enforcing developers' social housing obligations across the whole borough, and retaining family sized council properties.
- 6) Work with the voluntary sector and social enterprises to provide targeted employment and housing support for ex-offenders to prevent re-offending.
- 7) Get the basics right, like holding events which communities want as opposed to worrying about wine terraces.

3. THEMED DEBATE: STATE OF THE BOROUGH - MOTIONS ON THE THEME

MOTION 2 – STATE OF THE BOROUGH: SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED BUT COULD DO BETTER (see pages 6-7 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Richard Livingstone

Seconded: Councillor Fiona Colley

Delete the following bullet points from paragraph 1:

- A borough with an improved recycling rate that has invested in enhancing our parks and green spaces.
- The transformation of Bankside and ambitious regeneration projects in Bermondsey Spa, Elephant and Castle, Peckham, Canada Water, the Aylesbury and the Shard at London Bridge.

Insert the following bullet point in paragraph 1:

- The ongoing regeneration projects at Bankside, Bermondsey Spa and the Shard at London Bridge.

Insert after paragraph 1:

Council assembly also notes that significant improvements that have been made in the last year, including:

- The roll-out of food waste recycling five years early to help improve the borough's recycling rate which was shamefully low
- Action being taken to regenerate Elephant and Castle, Canada Water, Peckham and Peckham Rye, the Aylesbury and Heygate after so many years of dither and delay
- Efforts to tackle worryingly high levels of childhood obesity, through the roll out of free, healthy, school meals
- Savings made to the council's budget through reductions in the number of consultants, a freeze on performance related payments for senior staff and a £100,000 reduction in the cost of special responsibility allowances
- Being the only council in the country to award a pay increase to our lowest paid members of staff
- The implementation of a new housing investment programme that is funded and transparent and will ensure every house is warm, dry and safe by 2015/16.

Council assembly also notes the work the council has done to mitigate the impact of government cuts on our young people and voluntary sector through:

- The £3m youth fund to replace the loss of education maintenance allowance and help young people stay on in education, go to university and get a foot on the employment ladder
- A £1.5m transition fund to support voluntary sector groups to help them achieve a sustainable funding basis.

Delete paragraph 3 and **insert** the following:

Council calls for long-term measures not knee-jerk reactions and requests that cabinet continues to deliver on the council plan to create a fairer future for all in Southwark.

Delete paragraph 4.

4.2 MOTION 1 – PAYDAY LOANS (see pages 15-16 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Darren Merrill
Seconded: Councillor Mark Williams

In paragraph 6 **delete** 'Southwark Credit Union' and **insert** 'London Mutual Credit Union' and **add** new sentence:

“Council assembly welcomes the proposal by London Mutual Credit Union to introduce a new affordable loan which will be available to Southwark residents and calls on all members to contribute their views on this issue.”

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Tim McNally
Seconded: Councillor Michael Bukola

In paragraph 6 **delete** 'Southwark Credit Union' and **insert** 'London Mutual Credit Union'.

Note: If Amendment E is carried, Amendment F will fall.

6.2 THE LICENSING ACT 2003 – THREE YEAR REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY (see pages 75-153 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor Mark Gettleston
Seconded: Councillor Adele Morris

Insert new recommendation 3:

3. “The licensing committee has made decisions about local saturation areas based on crime statistics, nuisance complaints and ambulance figures. Council recognises that some areas such as Bermondsey Street, Shad Thames and Dulwich have lower crime figures, and therefore, have not at this time decided to consider these for saturation area status. However, when considering new saturation areas there should be an opportunity to pre-emptively address problems by taking into account the proportion of licensed premises in particular streets. Under the legislation contained in the Police and Social Responsibility Bill introducing new or extended saturation zones, will become less burdensome. Council asks the licensing committee to review and consider the locations of Southwark’s saturation areas and the local criteria for choosing them when the Police and Social Responsibility Bill is passed.”

6.4 DATE OF COUNCIL ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER (see pages 162–163 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT H

Moved: Councillor Mark Gettleson

Seconded: Councillor Adele Morris

Insert new recommendations 3, 4 and 5:

3. Council notes that after 13 years, the previous Labour government failed to tackle the public sector pensions crisis.
4. Council further notes that Liberal Democrats in government have the courage to tackle this issue in a fair, cooperative and responsible way, and agrees that dialogue with employers and employees is the best way forward.
5. Council agrees to cancel the council assembly meeting on 30 November and invest the money saved into local community councils which are more democratic and representative of our communities.

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