

Council Assembly

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Supplemental Agenda No.2

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Agenda Item 2.2

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Report title:		Public Question Time	
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From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

1. QUESTION FROM MICK BARNARD TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

How do you justify an SEN transport policy that prevents disabled children attending after school clubs when the savings made using the services of a charity status organisation rather than home carers will more than offset any additional cost of transporting them from school to the club of their choice.

2. QUESTION FROM VICKY NAISH TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT

Could you list the grounds on which a deputation request can be rejected in addition to those listed under council assembly procedure rules page 119 paragraph 4 of the constitution and indicate in which council document each of the reasons for rejection can be found.

3. QUESTION FROM MS K SMART TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Can the cabinet member for equalities please inform me if there were community consultations prior to Southwark Human Right Equality Bureau (S.H.R.E.B) being reconstructed by Southwark Law Centre and Southwark Citizen Advice Centre?

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1. QUESTION FROM ROY BOSWORTH TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT

The electrics in the garages at Brenchley Gardens were updated 18 months ago and the power was cut off for re-wiring. Electricity has not been reinstated, neither the council or the utility company will take responsibility for this problem. Could I ask for your help in getting this matter resolved?

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From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

36. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI

Will the leader be joining me in lobbying central government to invest in green manufacturing jobs and infrastructure in Southwark?

1. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE

Now that the government's health and social care bill is set to be implemented what does he anticipate the impact will be on health services in Southwark?

37. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR PODDY CLARK

Will the leader confirm when the work started, and then stalled, to the playground adjacent to Strood House which had been temporarily used during major works, be completed and when Tabard children will again be able to play there?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN HAYES

Has the leader met with the six Southwark students whose university tuition fees will be paid by the council?

38. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

Can the leader of the council confirm how many service users at the voluntary day centres have been identified for personal budgets and how many of these were being received by the voluntary day centres on 1 November, 2 months after the grant funding was ended?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARK WILLIAMS

Is he surprised by the reaction to the proposal from Sail Greenwich to moor yachts at Greenland Dock during London 2012 Olympics?

39. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Can the leader of the council explain what he meant when he stated in Southwark News on 23 June 2011 that "there is no shortage of affordable housing in this part of the borough" on what figures or information did he base this statement?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

How many fewer Southwark residents have so far applied for 2012 university entry compared to this time last year?

40. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

The survey of users of the Fusion managed Elephant & Castle Leisure Centre published 14 October 2010 makes no reference to the single largest group of users, link here:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200229/investing_in_leisure/1793/elephant_and_castle_leisure_centre

Given that the majority (up to 2,000 each week) of the users of the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre were omitted from the survey, will a survey of the 'lost persons' be undertaken, so that their needs are included in the future of the leisure centre?

Could the leader of the council, given the resources the current administration has committed to consultation of disparate groups, explain why this mainly Spanish speaking group, consisting almost entirely of first and second generation immigrants was excluded from the survey?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR THE RIGHT REVEREND EMMANUEL OYEWOLE

How will the council be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year?

41. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL KYRIACOU

Following the fire at Lucy Way on 2 November 2011, will the leader ensure that fire stops will be urgently installed on the roofs?

42. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

Please can the leader provide the number of people that were on the council's housing waiting list on:

- a) 1 May 2010
- b) 1 May 2011
- c) Now.

43. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL BUKOLA

Does he support the principle of people who earn more paying higher council rents?

44. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NICK STANTON

The cabinet member for children's services recently said that 'there is no guarantees that they (schools) will spend it (the pupil premium) directly on the pupils it is aimed for'. Does the leader share his colleague's view? Is the leader concerned that the cabinet member responsible for education does not trust teachers and school support staff to know how best to improve the educational achievement of the poorest pupils in our primary schools?

6. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN (WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Does the cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy support and welcome the creation of the Walworth Society?

7. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR PODDY CLARK (BOROUGH AND BANKSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

I note that the scheduled visits of the mobile housing office does not include Cathedrals Ward and therefore neglecting a large number of residents from Borough and Bankside from accessing the mobile housing office. Will the deputy leader and cabinet member for housing management rectify this immediately and will he consider any more highly visible locations that serve the whole of Borough and Bankside Community Council?

8. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN (ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Could the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling please provide:

- a) A detailed breakdown of all the costs associated with the proposal of adding 350 temporary berths and associated facilities to Greenland Dock for the Olympics
- b) A detailed breakdown of the projected income from this collaboration
- c) How much of this will be invested in Surrey Docks ward in mitigating the negative effects of the proposal on the peninsula (e.g. extra waste, rubbish, pressure on local infrastructure, congestion, noise, disruption, emergency vehicle access, pollution, disruption to wildlife)?

9. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA MANCHESTER (BERMONDSEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Does the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling not trust local communities to make decisions about local street lighting?

10. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR LEWIS ROBINSON (DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Can the cabinet member for children's services share primary and secondary level demand forecasts for this coming year and each year thereafter (as available) versus current place numbers for Dulwich and advise which schools she is considering requesting bulge classes at?

11. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES (PECKHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

We the residents of the Peckham Community Council area welcome the council's recent decision to recognise Peckham's special architectural and historic heritage by designating it with conservation area status and thus help to transform the unfair negative perception of Peckham often portrayed by the press to a positive one. Therefore in light of this, what are the immediate proposals for attracting outside funding to Peckham to improve current buildings and for new development?

12. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR NORMA GIBBES (CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Can she outline if there are any proposals for attracting outside funding to improve Camberwell?

13. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR VICTORIA MILLS (NUNHEAD AND PECKHAM RYE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Can the cabinet member provide an update on how the council is working with Transport for London (TfL) and counterparts in Lewisham on reviewing the traffic and road changes in the Pomeroy Street and Kender Road Triangle area and their impact on St Mary's Road and Lausanne Road? Can the cabinet member provide an update on the monitoring that TfL promised to undertake and will he investigate the installation of a safe crossing points for Nunhead children attending Edmund Waller primary school?

14. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR VICTORIA MILLS

What is the council doing to make savings at senior management level?

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS

How would the marriage fee increase have differed under the previous administration's medium term resources strategy?

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR PATRICK DIAMOND

Will council services be affected by the industrial action taking place on 30 November?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR DAN GARFIELD

How will you be consulting on the budget this year?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA

Does he think that CCTV has a role to play in tackling crime and anti-social behavior in Southwark?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR ALTHEA SMITH

Can he provide an update on the visit by the riots victims and communities panel?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR ROWENNA DAVIS

Can you provide the latest estimate of the number of police that have been cut in Southwark?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR TIM MCNALLY

Given that the cabinet have not used the £4 million contingency funds that were put aside by the previous administration in 2010, nor the £5.5 million that he allocated in 2011, will the cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety review his decision to put an additional £9 million into contingency funds in 2012/13 and even more in 2013/14, and use this instead to protect essential front line services and to roll-back some of the savage cuts he has unnecessarily imposed on our residents?

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

Given the Borough Commander's confirmation that Rotherhithe Police Station will close in March 2012, what is the council doing to assist the Metropolitan Police in sourcing an alternative 'front desk' in the Rotherhithe area, and alternative premises to base the displaced safer neighbourhood teams?

46. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

Please can the cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety provide full council with the most up-to-date estimates of the total cost of the universal free school meal programme? Please can he provide a breakdown by capital and revenue costs?

47. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GETTLESON

How many days leave is the chief executive entitled for 2011/12? How many days leave has she taken since 1 April 2011? How many days leave has she got planned until she leaves the council?

48. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL NOBLET

Can the cabinet member for resources and community safety tell me a) what is the council's policy on dealing with stray dogs, b) how many stray dogs were collected by the council last year and what happened to them, and c) what work is the council doing with neighbouring local authorities and charities such as Battersea Dogs and Cats Home to share costs and best practice?

49. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

Would the cabinet member agree that there has for some time been an unacceptable level of anti-social, and in some instances, criminal behaviour affecting the Osprey Estate and, if so, does he have any proposals for tackling this problem effectively and soon?

50. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR WILMA NELSON

How much has the council spent on consultants in 2011/12? How does this compare to 2010/11?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR JONATHAN MITCHELL

Will the cabinet member for resources, finance and community safety support our motion to use some of the £9 million he was planning to put in the contingency fund in February to fully fund the safer neighbourhood team sergeants?

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

Will the cabinet member for resources, finance and community safety outline what consultation with local people occurred before he took the decision to shut the access route to the Heygate?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA MANCHESTER

Please can the cabinet member for resources, finance and community safety provide figures for:

- a) the total number of complaints received by the noise team since 1 April 2011
- b) the number of out of hours complaints received since 1 April 2011
- c) the number of complaints that have resulted in court action since 1 April 2011?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF HOOK

Will the cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety please provide how much the council has spent since 1 April 2011 on refreshments for meetings and training based in council offices? How much of the refreshments are not consumed?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL

What further steps will the cabinet member take in order to implement the London Living Wage?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR CLAIRE HICKSON

Does she believe that the opening of the most recent White Cube on Bermondsey Street, the biggest in London, means that Southwark is continuing to cement its position at the heart of London's contemporary art community?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU

Does she believe that the savings made in the completion of Canada Water library will diminish the final offer to local residents?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GLOVER

While it is good news that the council is keeping all 12 of Southwark's libraries open, could she set out the savings the council has found elsewhere in the library services budget in order to achieve this?

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR KEVIN AHERN

Can she provide an update on the council's preparations for London 2012?

51. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR COLUMBA BLANGO

Does the cabinet member for culture, leisure, sports and the Olympics think the allocation of the Southwark Olympic Legacy has been proportionally allocated across the whole borough?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR ROBIN CROOKSHANK HILTON

Our successful Millwall Friday night football sessions at the James Almeyn's Girls School's astroturf pitch is currently providing a much-needed healthy outlet for up to 80 young people every Friday night from 7.30pm until 9.00pm, but we have trouble raising funding every year and will run out of funding for this year after Christmas. Because the hours of the sessions are outside community games coaches' working hours, we have always had problems including these sessions within the community games program, which is why we've gone to Millwall for provision. Therefore, can the cabinet member for culture, leisure, sports and the Olympics please provide a breakdown of all the costs of the community games programme - including the locations of all the existing sessions - and will she consider funding our Millwall sessions out of next year's community games budget allocation in tandem with the community games sessions in the rest of the borough?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN MORRISSEY

Is she disappointed that there will no longer be a council-run event in the south of the borough this year?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR LEWIS ROBINSON

To publish a table containing the following admissions data for school applications to Kingsdale School for entry in September 2010 and 2011:

- a) The number of applications made by pupils from Langbourne Primary School, and show the numbers who successfully gained a place?
- b) The number of applications made by pupils in schools outside the borough, and show the numbers who successfully gained a place?

Any successful applications due to appeals or with statements should be quantified.

34. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR TOBY ECKERSLEY

Would the cabinet member for children's services please provide a breakdown by ethnicity of children in the council's care:

- a) awaiting a decision as to whether to put up for adoption (with the shortest, average and longest wait)
- b) awaiting adoption following a decision to put up for adoption (with the shortest, average and longest wait)
- c) in respect of whom a decision has been made that adoption would not be in the best interests of the child.

Within each of (a), (b) and (c) above the information being given for the following categories: foundlings; other children under one year of age at the time of coming into care; children aged one year or over but under five at the time of coming into care; children aged five years or over but under 12 at the time of coming into care; and children 12 and over at the time of coming into care?

52. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THORNTON

Please can the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling provide:

- i) the total number of chargeable parking spaces available across Southwark in each of the last 5 years.
- ii) the net increase/decrease in the number of chargeable parking spaces since May 2010.

53. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

With the dramatic increase in controlled parking zone yearly permit charges from £99.30 to £125 has the cabinet member considered, as a sign of good will to Southwark residents, giving a number of complimentary parking vouchers to people when buying or renewing permits?

35. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MITCHELL

Would the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling, Councillor Barrie Hargrove, confirm whether he is taking up the offer of funding by Transport for London to sustain the threatened school crossing patrols in Dulwich and elsewhere in the borough in 2012/13?

54. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DENISE CAPSTICK

Please will the cabinet member update council on the progress of prioritising ex-service personal on the housing waiting list?

Item No. 5.1	Classification: Open	Date: 29 November 2011	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
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From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

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

Given the poor interest rates being received, has the cabinet member considered deploying a proportion of the huge sums held on deposit to lend to first-time home buyers in Southwark?

2. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

Given the poor interest rates being received, has the cabinet member considered following the example of other boroughs and providing a £2 million subordinated loan to London Mutual Credit Union to give them a greater facility to offer affordable borrowing to Southwark residents in order to address the shortage of affordable credit when compared to payday loans with usurious interest rates?

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3. THEMED DEBATE: HOUSING - MOTIONS ON THE THEME

MOTION 1 – HOUSING (see pages 9-10 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Gavin Edwards

Seconded: Councillor Cleo Soanes

Delete all and insert:

1. Council assembly believes Southwark faces immense challenges in relation to its housing stock over the next 30 years that can only be resolved by taking a long-term, strategic approach.
2. Council assembly notes that Southwark Council still owns 31% of Southwark's housing stock (down from 70% in 1981) – around 40,000 homes. Despite this reduction in local authority control, there are nearly 17,000 people on the council's waiting list.
3. Council assembly believes that decent housing – where communities are mixed – is key to securing a better future for our young people, developing stable and vibrant communities, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and improving public health.
4. Council assembly notes the immediate challenge faced on estates with high investment needs including Abbeyfield Estate, Four Squares Estate and Hawkstone low rise and calls for dialogue between council and tenants and leaseholders to continue.
5. Council assembly notes the uncertainty many tenants and leaseholders faced under the last housing investment programme, and welcomes the new £326 million, five year programme which will ensure every council home is warm, dry and safe by 2015/16.
6. Council assembly also welcomes the review of leaseholder charges to ensure Southwark has an accurate, fair and transparent system of charging leaseholders for the services they receive.
7. Council assembly notes the focus of the debate as outlined to all councillors in advance:
 - How do we balance the increasing demand for the council to supply housing with the need to maintain existing stock and with the limited geographical and financial resources available?
 - The proportion of housing stock in the private rented sector has ballooned in the last 30 years to a point where the numbers of private rented, privately owned and council homes are roughly equal. How do we ensure tenants rights and responsibilities are guaranteed in a sector over which the council has less control?
 - What role can other social landlords play in helping to ensure we deliver the housing which Southwark needs?
8. Council assembly welcomes the council's decision to set up an independent housing commission to investigate these issues outlined above and calls on members and residents to contribute their views.

3. THEMED DEBATE: HOUSING - MOTIONS ON THE THEME**MOTION 2 – HOUSING** (see pages 10-11 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Darren Merrill
Seconded: Councillor Martin Seaton

Add new paragraph 8:

8. Council assembly welcomes the council's decision to set up an independent housing commission to investigate these issues outlined above and calls on members and residents to contribute their views.

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Seconded: Councillor Tim McNally

In paragraph 2 **delete** 'nearly 17,000' and **insert** '19,500'.

Delete paragraph 5 and **insert** new paragraph 5:

Council assembly notes that the Labour government would not give council's decent homes funding unless they transferred stock and council assembly welcomes that the new government has changed the rules and allocated £77 million for Southwark decent homes.

Delete paragraph 7 and **insert** new paragraph 7:

Council assembly calls on the cabinet to maximise the opportunities finally created by government and build more council housing.

Add new paragraph 8

Council assembly calls on the elected members to take decisions, not spend £104,000 on passing the buck to an unelected quango.

4.2 MOTION 1 – RETENTION OF SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS IN DULWICH (see page 20 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Rosie Shimell
Seconded: Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton

Insert new final paragraph:

Council notes that, in February 2011, the council's budget allocated £5.5 million in contingency funds and proposed a further £9 million to be allocated to contingency funds in February 2012. Council also notes £9.5 million currently in contingency funds has still not been touched and, therefore, calls on the cabinet to fund lollipop ladies and men from this amount.

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Richard Livingstone
Seconded: Councillor Helen Hayes

Delete all and **insert:**

Council assembly;

- Notes the unprecedented financial situation the council must deal with following estimated Tory/Liberal Democrat government cuts over three years of £90 million to the council's non-housing budget.
- Notes that as part of looking for all possible sources of funding or ways of continuing to run school crossing patrols, senior council officers are currently in discussions with local schools; both private and community and local residents across the borough.

Council assembly further notes;

- That, following the deliberations of the Democracy Commission, the cabinet intends to propose as part of the forthcoming budget process the introduction of a cleaner, greener, safer revenue budget, equating to £10,000 per ward, for community councils to determine from 1 April 2012.

Therefore, council assembly invites Dulwich and those community councils affected by previously agreed budget savings to school crossing patrols to consider whether they wish to prioritise the continued funding of those crossing patrols as part of this cleaner, greener safer revenue spend from 2012/13 onwards.

4.2 MOTION 2 – SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM SERGEANTS (see page 20 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Kevin Ahern

Seconded: Councillor Neil Coyle

Delete all and insert:

1. Council assembly regrets the loss of five safer neighbourhood team sergeants in Southwark which is a direct result of the government's 20% cut in the police grant. Council assembly further regrets the decision by the Mayor for London to make these cuts irrespective of the level of crime in any borough.
2. Council assembly notes that MPs from all parties had an opportunity to vote against this 20% cut in funding if they wanted to preserve police numbers in Southwark. It welcomes the fact Harriet Harman and Tessa Jowell voted against this cut, but regrets that Simon Hughes, once again, abstained.
3. Council assembly notes that the council's budget allocated £5.5 million in contingency funds and that the figure of £9.5 million is incorrectly calculated. Council assembly further notes that the quarter 2 revenue monitoring report considered by cabinet on 22 November indicates that £2.6 million of this contingency fund may need to be used to offset pressures in departmental budgets this year.
4. Council assembly believes the council has demonstrated its ability to protect people from the worst excesses of the government; for instance, by introducing a £3 million youth fund as a direct response to the cut to educational maintenance allowances and the trebling of tuition fees.
5. In the circumstances, council assembly urges the government to reverse its reckless cut to the Metropolitan Police's budget and calls on Mayor Boris Johnson to maintain police numbers in Southwark.

4.2 MOTION 3 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (see page 21 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor James Barber

Seconded: Councillor Poddy Clark

Delete all and insert:

1. Council assembly recognises the exceptional contribution to the public sector by local government employees and understands concerns surrounding pensions. However, council assembly notes that the average taxpayer contribution to the local government pension scheme is 18% whilst the average employee contribution is 6.6%.
2. Council assembly notes that an ageing population will increase the cost of the pension scheme, that it is vital that the scheme remains sustainable in the long term and notes that the former Labour business secretary, Lord Hutton, says strikes will not make the necessity of pension reform go away.
3. Council assembly calls on the government to make sure that any increases in contributions to local government employees are fair and protect low earning employees.
4. Council assembly welcomes government's proposal that no-one within 10 years of retirement will have to work longer or see their pension income decrease as a result. It also welcomes the proposed more generous accrual rates and higher cost ceilings.
5. Council assembly acknowledges that negotiations are still ongoing and no final decision has been made. We urge both the government and unions to explore every other possible course of action.
6. Council assembly notes that 87% of donations to the Labour Party come from trade unions and calls on Labour councillors to urgently speak to their union paymasters and ask them to call off strikes whilst negotiations are still underway.

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