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AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME - MOTION 1: LOCAL BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE (see pages 3 - 4 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Seconded: Councillor Lisa Rajan

Delete all and insert:

Council assembly:

1. Notes the council’s recent economic wellbeing strategy and welcomes any measures taken to increase employment opportunities, support local businesses and invest in Southwark’s high streets.
2. However believes the current Labour administration is out of ideas and lacking the creative thinking needed to boost the local economy and create jobs.
3. Instead supports the Southwark Liberal Democrats’ five point plan for business, enterprise and jobs:
 - i. Revitalise high streets and markets by giving community councils more control, creating a new ‘I’m shopping locally’ parking scheme and introducing a levy on large supermarkets
 - ii. Offer business loans through the council to help start-up companies in Southwark obtain the financial support they need to start trading
 - iii. Use new powers to review business rates to support struggling businesses and encourage regeneration where it is most needed
 - iv. Build on the surge in apprenticeships under the coalition government by supporting local businesses to create 1,000 new apprenticeships in the borough to help to revitalise the local economy and create lasting jobs
 - v. Open a new ‘Jobs & Enterprise Hub’ offering information and support on jobs and training, as well as providing desk space for start-up businesses.
4. Therefore urges cabinet to adopt the Liberal Democrats’ five point plan as soon as possible as a basis for getting Southwark’s local economy moving.

ITEM 3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME - MOTION 2: SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY (see page 5 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Gavin Edwards
Seconded: Councillor Kevin Ahern

In paragraph 1 **delete** 'Prime Minister's' and **insert** 'Council's'

In paragraph 2 **delete** 'with particular emphasis...' onwards and **insert:** 'do all they can to ensure the East Dulwich Cracker, taking place on Small Business Saturday, is a roaring success and continue to support the Herne Hill Christmas re-launch of those businesses affected by the August floods, taking place on 14 December, to help bring back much needed foot fall to Herne Hill.'

ITEM 3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME - MOTION 3: INTRODUCING A SUPERMARKET LEVY (see page 5 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Mark Williams

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Lury

Delete all and insert:

Council assembly:

1. Welcomes Labour's commitment to reverse the Tory - Liberal Democrats' government cut in corporation tax from 21 per cent to 20 per cent.
2. Welcomes the £1 billion this policy would save over two year's and Labour's commitment to use this revenue to reduce business rates on properties and commercial premises with an annual rental value of £50,000 or less, providing a much needed boost to small businesses across Southwark
3. Notes the Local Works campaign for a levy on large supermarkets and the use of such a scheme across the entirety of Northern Ireland.
4. Believes that to minimise any risk to Southwark residents, many of whom work and shop in large retail outlets in the borough, the best approach to a supermarket levy would be a pan-London one.
5. Therefore call on cabinet to:
 - Approach the Mayor of London to bring together all London boroughs to consult on introducing a supermarket levy
 - Discuss this proposal with neighbouring councils to ensure a joined up approach to local business in South London.

ITEM 3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME – MOTION 4: PAY DAY LENDERS
(see page 6 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Michael Bukola

Seconded: Councillor Poddy Clark

After paragraph 9, **insert:**

“Welcomes that councils are now able to vary business rates under the Localism Act (2011), and calls on cabinet, in consultation with community councils, to introduce relevant local business rates discounts and exemptions to encourage mixed high streets.”

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 1 – BERMONDSEY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (see page 16 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Paul Kyriacou

Seconded: Councillor Nick Stanton

After paragraph 4, **insert:**

5. Also recognises the spate of burglaries which have occurred recently in and around The Blue, and commits to working with the police and other relevant partners to ensure the issue is tackled swiftly.
6. Welcomes Simon Bell opening the new butchers’ shop in the Blue
7. Thanks Russell Dryden as the chair of the BBA and the work of the South Bermondsey Partnership in getting the Blue to a place where it is today.
8. Recognises that some shops in the area have been empty for many months, and calls on council to ensure that any prospective new businesses will add benefit to the area and its shopping mix.

Renumber final paragraph.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 2 – WHITWORTH HOUSE (see page 16 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F**Moved:** Councillor Claire Hickson**Seconded:** Councillor Cleo Soanes**Delete all and insert:**

Council assembly welcomes the £130 million plus which has been spent (excluding the Leathermarket JMB) on this council's flagship warm, dry and safe (WDS) housing investment programme, which is on course to be fully complete by 2015/16. Through the WDS programme, funding to address the highest risk high rise blocks identified through fire risk assessments has been done, with over 5,000 individual boilers replaced and over 100 lifts refurbished. The major works programme continues to deliver for residents through a mixture of partnering contractors and traditional procurement. All of the original two year programme will complete this year (except for the Hawkstone). The 2012/13 programme is on site or completed and most of the 2013/14 is due on site this year. In addition the popularity and success of the WDS programme has allowed an estimated nearly £15 million of works to be brought forward from 2014/15 and another £13 million works from 2015/16 to commit in 2014/15.

In addition the council assembly welcomes the new 100% target for tenancy checks which picks up repair and damp issues irrespective of major works noting that 60% tenants have been visited to date this year.

Council assembly notes that through this programme residents' concerns with the partnering contractors have been acted on immediately and that the council has already terminated two poorly performing contracts and installed a new framework for contractors to provide more choice than the current partnering arrangements. An example of this is Whitworth House, Falmouth Road on the Rockingham Estate, where in response to residents' concerns the council has tried to end the on-going relationship with the contractor on a mutually agreeable basis.

In order to achieve this council assembly calls on the cabinet to:

- Ensure all residents are visited to individually assess the outstanding issues relating to damp, repairs and door and window replacement as part of the major works and completions and through the 6 months and 12 months defects periods before any payment is made.
- Agree with each resident a plan and timetable for resolving each issue by December before full and final payment is made.
- Arrange for close supervision of the replacement contractor to ensure completion of the outstanding issues.
- Provide compensation to the residents for the missed appointments and disruption for missed appointments
- Review the management and oversight of major works and ensure that the WDS programme is subject to ongoing scrutiny through the major works core

group composed of contractors, residents and officers and chaired by the cabinet member for housing management.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 4 – ENDING COUNCIL INVESTMENT IN TOBACCO AND ARMS (see pages 17 - 18 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor Richard Livingstone

Seconded: Councillor Patrick Diamond

Delete all after ‘Council Assembly’ and **insert:**

1. Welcomes the commitment of the leader of the council to undertake a survey of current and former staff who are members of the borough’s pension scheme to understand their views on investment into Southwark’s pension scheme, including issues around ethical investment.
2. Recognises that decisions on individual investments in the pension fund are made by the strategic director of finance and corporate services, on the advice of our cross-party pensions advisory panel, which has equal representation from each of the three main political parties.
3. Acknowledges that the council’s pension fund has a legal duty to put the financial wellbeing of members of the pension scheme as its foremost concern.
4. Further acknowledges that a £200 million funding gap already exists in the council’s pension fund, which could become even larger if the council chose to invest in areas that do not provide a substantial return. Council assembly notes that this could open up the prospect of law suits from members on the basis that the council was not investing in their best interests. It also notes that riskier investments would impact on future actuarial reviews of the fund, resulting in a need for larger contributions to the fund from the council and other members of the scheme. This in turn would require new savings from elsewhere in the council budget to fund.
5. Notes that investments in the council’s pension fund have remained largely unchanged since the previous administration and welcomes the fact that, after years of inaction from the Liberal Democrats, Labour is now working with the cross-party pension advisory group to find more ethical ways of investing in the pension fund.
6. Welcomes the agreement at the most recent pensions advisory panel meeting in September to further explore the adoption of ethical investment principles and further welcomes the commitment from the leader of the council that, subject to ensuring the best return for members, investment in some firms could be stopped. Council assembly calls on the pensions advisory panel to carefully consider how this can be done without negatively impacting the ability to pay employees who have invested in the fund in good faith during their working lives.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 5 – FAIRTRADE (see page 18 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT H

Moved: Councillor Jonathan Mitchell

Seconded: Councillor Graham Neale

After paragraph 1, **insert:**

2. Council assembly notes however that, according to the Fairtrade Foundation, no Fairtrade status renewal or action plan has been submitted by the current administration since it took office in 2010.
3. Council assembly is therefore concerned about the level of commitment shown to retaining Fairtrade status by the current administration, and urges cabinet to make amends as soon as possible by publishing a Fairtrade action plan and officially renewing its Fairtrade status.

In paragraph 2, **delete:**

“Given the council’s proactive role in supporting Fairtrade, council assembly reconfirms”

and **insert:**

“However, council assembly now reconfirms”.

After paragraph 3 **insert** new paragraph:

“Council assembly also calls on cabinet to support Fairtrade Fortnight beginning 24 February 2014, and to promote this week through its own communication channels. “

Renumber paragraphs accordingly.

**ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 6 – STOP THE DELAY ON SOUTHWARK
PARK ATHLETICS TRACK** (see page 18 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT I

Moved: Councillor Veronica Ward

Seconded: Councillor Lorraine Lauder

1. After ‘fallen’ **insert** ‘after 8 years of inaction’
2. After ‘further notes’ **delete** ‘with concern...’ onwards

and **insert:**

‘that the £1.09 million raised includes Olympic Legacy Funding for renewal work on the track and field. A capital bid will be made for 2014/15 for the remainder of the funding required to realise plans for a full development of the site, including re-modelling of the building and changing facilities.

3. **Delete** all and **insert:**

‘Council assembly welcomes the current administration’s commitment to the completion of all the projects funded by the Olympic Legacy Fund’.

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