



Council Assembly (Ordinary Meeting)

MINUTES of the Council Assembly (Ordinary Meeting) held on Wednesday 27 November 2013 at 7.00 pm at Harris Academy Peckham, 112 Peckham Road, London SE15 5DZ

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor for 2013/14, Councillor Abdul Mohamed (Chair)

Councillor Kevin Ahern	Councillor Paul Kyriacou
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai	Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
Councillor James Barber	Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Catherine Bowman	Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor Chris Brown	Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Michael Bukola	Councillor Catherine McDonald
Councillor Sunil Chopra	Councillor Tim McNally
Councillor Poddy Clark	Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Fiona Colley	Councillor Jonathan Mitchell
Councillor Neil Coyle	Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton	Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Rowenna Davis	Councillor Graham Neale
Councillor Patrick Diamond	Councillor Wilma Nelson
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle	Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Nick Dolezal	Councillor Paul Noblet
Councillor Toby Eckersley	Councillor The Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole
Councillor Gavin Edwards	Councillor Lewis Robinson
Councillor Dan Garfield	Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Norma Gibbes	Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Mark Glover	Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor Stephen Govier	Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Renata Hamvas	Councillor Althea Smith
Councillor Barrie Hargrove	Councillor Cleo Soanes
Councillor Helen Hayes	Councillor Nick Stanton
Councillor Claire Hickson	Councillor Geoffrey Thornton
Councillor Jeff Hook	Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor David Hubber	Councillor Mark Williams
Councillor Peter John	Councillor Ian Wingfield

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Mayor announced that on Friday 29 November 2013 Councillor David Noakes would be spending a sponsored night outdoors for the Robes Project Sleepout 2013. The sleepout would be outside Southwark Cathedral to raise money for the South London ecumenical cold weather night shelter project. Donation could be made via a link to the night shelter website or sponsorship forms had been circulated around the chamber.

With sadness the Mayor announced the passing of Grace Jones, Britain's oldest resident who lived in Bermondsey, Lesley Hammond who was the last Greater London Council member for Dulwich from 1981 to 1986 and Richard Muzira from Cooltan Arts who was tragically killed in Camberwell on 18 November 2013. The meeting stood for a minute's silence.

1.2 NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE MAYOR DEEMS URGENT

There were no late items of business.

The Mayor announced that following consultation with the political group whips and in line with council assembly procedure rule 2.6 (11), the meeting would only hear the first three deputations on the theme listed on the agenda. The other deputations listed on the agenda had been informed that they would not be heard and had been offered the opportunity to present their deputations to other meetings.

It had also been agreed that there would be a single debate on the themed motions and the proposers of the motions would have three minutes to speak. The seconders of the motions and the mover and seconder of each amendment would formally move and second the amendments. The subject of the theme would then be open to debate. This would only apply to the themed section of the meeting.

That in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.10(7) (Prioritisation of motions), Motion 5.2.4 – Ending Council Investment in Tobacco and Arms, would be considered as the second motion under item 5.2.

The meeting agreed to suspend the following council assembly procedure rules in order to consider the above:

- CAPR 1.14 (4) Order of debate – single debate
- CAPR 1.14 (10) When a member may speak again.

1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Members declared interests regarding the following agenda items:

Item 5.2 : Members' Motions Motion 4 - Ending Council Investment in Tobacco and Arms

Councillor Eliza Mann declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the Pensions Advisory Board.

Item 5.2 : Members' Motions Motion 7 - Support for the British Nuclear Test Veterans' Association

Councillor Andy Simmons declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item as an NHS employee.

Item 6.1 Publication / Submission Draft Revised Canada Water Area Action Plan (AAP)

Councillor Mark Glover declared a personal interest in this item as the company he owns has an interest in this item.

Councillor Helen Hayes declared a personal interest in this item as the company that she works for is engaged in work for the landowners in the area covered by the AAP.

Councillor Andy Simmons declared a personal interest in this item as an employee of Kings College Hospital.

Councillor Nick Stanton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest during the debate on this item as reference was made to a planning committee that the company he works for had been instructed to act.

1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Columba Blango, Lisa Rajan, Linda Manchester and Darren Merrill. Apologies for lateness were submitted on behalf of Councillors Wilma Nelson, Catherine Bowman, Gavin Edwards and Michael Mitchell.

1.5 MINUTES

(See supplemental agenda 2, pages 1 – 98)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16 October 2013 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

2. ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

2.1 PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

2.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(See page 1 of supplemental agenda 3 and lilac papers circulated at the meeting)

There was one question from the public, the answer to which was circulated on lilac paper at the meeting. The question and written response are attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes.

2.3 DEPUTATION REQUESTS ON THE THEME

(See supplemental agenda 3, pages 2-6)

Deputation from the BBI UK

Council assembly considered whether to receive the deputation from the BBI UK.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be received.

The deputation's spokesperson, Sunny Lambe, addressed the meeting.

The deputation asked a question of Councillor Victoria Mills, cabinet member for communities and economic wellbeing. Councillor Victoria Mills provided an oral response.

Councillors Barrie Hargrove, Anood Al-Samerai, Eliza Mann and Michael Situ asked a question of the deputation.

Thereafter the deputation returned to their seats in the public seating area.

Deputation from Latin American Businesses in Southwark

Council assembly considered whether to receive the deputation from Latin American Businesses in Southwark.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be received.

The deputation's spokesperson, Maria Linforth-Hall, addressed the meeting.

The deputation asked a question of Councillor Richard Livingstone, cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety. Councillor Richard Livingstone provided an oral response.

Councillors Claire Hickson, Fiona Colley, Victoria Mills, Toby Eckersley and Geoffrey Thornton asked a question of the deputation.

Thereafter the deputation returned to their seats in the public seating area.

Deputation from the Tower Bridge Road Alliance

Council assembly considered whether to receive the deputation from the Tower Bridge Road Alliance.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be received.

The deputation's spokesperson, Suhel Ahmed, addressed the meeting.

The deputation asked a question of Councillor Victoria Mills, cabinet member for communities and economic wellbeing. Councillor Victoria Mills provided an oral response.

Councillors Tim McNally and Claire Hickson asked a question of the deputation.

Thereafter the deputation returned to their seats in the public seating area.

Local levy on large supermarkets within the borough

Council assembly considered whether to receive a deputation concerning a local levy on large supermarkets within the borough.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be not received.

Herne Hill Forum and Herne Hill Traders

Council assembly considered whether to receive a deputation from the Herne Hill forum and Herne Hill traders.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be not received.

3. THEMED DEBATE - LOCAL BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

3.1 CABINET MEMBER STATEMENT

The cabinet member for communities and economic wellbeing, Councillor Victoria Mills, introduced the theme of the meeting.

Councillor Adele Morris, opposition spokesperson for regeneration, jobs and affordable homes, replied to the cabinet member's statement.

3.2 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE THEME

(See supplemental agenda 3, page 12 and lilac papers circulated at the meeting)

There were two questions from the public, the answers to which were circulated on lilac paper at the meeting. There were two supplemental question to the cabinet member for communities and economic wellbeing. The questions and responses are attached as Appendix 2 to the minutes.

3.3 MEMBERS' MOTIONS ON THE THEME

The Mayor reminded the meeting that it had previously agreed that there would be a single debate on the themed motions. The proposers of the motions would have three minutes to speak and the seconders of the motions and the mover and seconder of amendments A - D would formally move and second the amendments. The subject of the theme would then be open to debate.

MOTION 1 – LOCAL BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE *(see pages 3 – 4 of the main agenda)*

Councillor Sunil Chopra moved the motion. It was formally seconded by Councillor Mark Glover.

Amendment A was formally moved and seconded.

MOTION 2 – SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY *(see page 5 of the main agenda)*

Councillor Michael Mitchell moved the motion. It was formally seconded by Councillor Lewis Robinson.

Amendment B was formally moved and seconded.

MOTION 3 – INTRODUCING A SUPERMARKET LEVY *(see page 5 of the main agenda)*

Councillor Tim McNally moved the motion. It was formally seconded by Councillor James Barber.

Amendment C was formally moved and seconded.

MOTION 4 – PAY DAY LENDERS *(see page 6 of the main agenda)*

Councillor Neil Coyle moved the motion. It was formally seconded by Councillor Martin Seaton.

Amendment D was formally moved and seconded.

The theme was then debated (Councillors Gavin Edwards, Anood Al-Samerai, Lewis Robinson, Mark Williams, Veronica Ward, Peter John, Michael Bukola, Richard Livingstone, James Barber and Mark Glover), at 8.51pm the Mayor announced that the time for the themed section of the meeting had finished and the meeting would move to the vote on the amendments and motions.

Vote on Motion 1 and Amendment A – Local business and enterprise

Amendment A was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That council assembly welcomes this administration's commitment to supporting our residents and businesses in tough economic times and the difference this administration is making to jobs and growth across our borough.
2. That council assembly notes the council's recent economic wellbeing strategy and its important commitment to:
 - Narrow the gap between the Southwark and London employment rate
 - Make Southwark the place of choice to start and grow a business
 - Get our town centres and high streets thriving
 - Promote financial independence and resilience.
3. That council assembly welcomes the steps that the council has already taken to progress these ambitions. Council assembly further warmly welcomes the £1 million business support fund, the £1 million of youth fund a year through to 2016/17, focused on employment and assisting young people to remain in education and training and the council's ongoing commitment to securing jobs, training and employment support through section 106 and community infrastructure levy agreements with developers.
4. That council assembly recognises the progress this administration has made including:
 - Over 1000 Southwark residents finding work as a direct result of the council's employment programmes in the last 18 months
 - Over £440,000 of investment in five of our town centres through the community restoration fund
 - A £100,000 emergency fund for Herne Hill businesses affected by the August 2013 flood,
 - Supporting Southwark businesses over the course of this year to secure public and private sector contracts worth £1.2 million through our supply Southwark project.
5. That council assembly warmly welcomes the commitment of this administration to keep making a difference, including by:
 - Supporting 200 Southwark start-ups and small to medium enterprises (SMEs) to get investment-ready, helping to secure over £2 million worth of finance for

Southwark businesses and making sure it is Southwark residents that get the job opportunities arising from this business growth

- Supporting Southwark businesses to be 'fit to compete' for public and private sector contract opportunities, securing contracts with a value of £1.2 million this year and £3 million by the end of 2015
 - A £600,000 town centre growth initiative to help business-led groups to reinvigorate their local high streets.
6. That council assembly regrets the abject failure of the Tory Liberal Democrat government to introduce policies that would maximise the huge opportunities of regeneration in Southwark and the huge talent and potential of our residents and to instead oversee three years of austerity-induced stagnation and continuously failing living standards across the UK. Council assembly further regrets the decision of the Tory Liberal Democrat government to scrap Labour-backed schemes such as the future jobs fund which helped to get unemployed people into work, and which was scrapped by the government despite a report from the Department for Work and Pensions which showed it produced a net benefit to society of approximately £7,750 per participant.
7. That council assembly welcomes the cabinet's commitment to prioritise delivering jobs and growth across Southwark and urges them to continue to prioritise these efforts so that Southwark is a place where residents can get on and where businesses and high streets can continue to thrive.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

Vote on Motion 2 and Amendment B – Small business Saturday

Amendment B was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That council assembly commends the council's efforts to encourage people to shop locally and assist small businesses in their communities by supporting the Small Business Saturday campaign.
2. That council assembly resolves to call on cabinet to back local businesses throughout the borough, to 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.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

Vote on Motion 3 and Amendment C – Introducing a supermarket levy

Amendment C was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That 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.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

Vote on Motion 4 and Amendment D – Pay day lenders

Amendment D was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That council assembly:

1. Notes with concern the increase in “payday loan” outfits in our high streets, particularly in Peckham, the Walworth Road, Southwark Park Road and Tower Bridge Road.
2. Recognises the negative effect these lenders can have on people on low incomes, particularly given the very high interest rates that are often charged, and the tactics used by many lenders to encourage borrowing while failing to disclose the true cost of loans.
3. Believes lending of this kind is both socially and financially irresponsible and calls for

all political parties in Southwark to support and prioritise alternative affordable models of lending.

4. Welcomes the cabinet's announcement that Southwark residents will face less exposure to payday lenders following the agreement from two of the council's billboard advertising contractors not to display payday loan adverts. Council assembly urges the council's other contractor, JC Decaux, to follow this example and end payday loan advertising in Southwark.
5. Recognises the importance of small businesses for the local economy and acknowledges that these businesses are often 'priced out' of our high streets, allowing an increased number of payday lenders to open shops.
6. Praises the work of the London Mutual Credit Union for their commitment to responsible lending in the borough and encourages the council to further promote credit unions as an alternative to irresponsible payday lenders.
7. Welcomes the commitment of the cabinet member for communities and economic wellbeing to work with officers to make it more difficult for payday lenders to open on our high streets, including tackling payday loan shops through planning powers.
8. Welcomes the council's groundbreaking approval to bring into force Article 4 planning directions on change of use to help protect our high streets. This makes Southwark the first authority nationally to make such a change.
9. Urges cabinet to call on government to follow Southwark's lead in finding new ways of tackling the scourge of payday lenders on our high streets and better supporting local businesses.
10. 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.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

4. OTHER DEPUTATIONS

(See supplemental agenda 3, pages 13 - 14)

Deputation request concerning the Rose Archaeological Site

Council assembly considered whether to receive a deputation concerning the Rose archaeological site.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be not received.

5. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

5.1 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

(See pages 6 - 13 of the main agenda and the blue and yellow papers circulated at the meeting)

There was one urgent questions to the leader, the written response to which was circulated on blue paper at the meeting. Two supplemental questions were asked of the leader. All questions and written responses will be appended to the minutes.

There were 47 members' questions, the written responses to which were circulated on yellow paper at the meeting. There were 17 supplemental questions, all questions and written responses are attached as Appendix 3 to the minutes.

5.2 MEMBERS' MOTIONS

MOTION 1 – BERMONDSEY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

(see page 16 of the main agenda)

This motion was considered prior to the guillotine having fallen.

Councillor The Right Reverend Emmanuel Oyewole, seconded by Councillor Claire Hickson, moved the motion.

Councillor Paul Kyriacou, seconded by Councillor Nick Stanton, moved Amendment E.

Following debate (Councillors Victoria Mills, Anood Al-Samerai, Richard Livingstone, Neil Coyle, Nick Dolezal and Graham Neale), The Right Reverend Emmanuel Oyewole exercised his right of reply.

Amendment E was put to the vote and declared to be carried. Thereafter Councillor Paul Kyriacou exercised his right of reply.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That council assembly:

1. Congratulates the Bermondsey Business Association on the work they have done on supporting local businesses in Bermondsey and improving the local economy.
2. Supports the Bermondsey Business Association in their bid to create a business improvement district (BID) in Bermondsey.
3. Welcomes the council's £30,000 investment in Bermondsey through the community restoration fund which allowed the Bermondsey Business Association to start a full BID proposal and the council's continuing support to help make sure the BID

becomes a reality.

4. Recognises the economic benefits that the creation of a BID will bring to the area, including marketing The Blue as a new and alternative shopping destination, partnering with existing and successful business districts such as Bankside and Borough Market, promoting the interests of The Blue and exploring opportunities for managing retail units as well as other initiatives to increase footfall, attract new businesses and further revitalise the town centre.
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.
9. Calls on the cabinet member for communities and economic development to continue to work with the Bermondsey Business Association to ensure that Bermondsey businesses have the support they need to thrive.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

MOTION 2 – WHITWORTH HOUSE

(see page 16 of the main agenda)

The guillotine having fallen Councillors Poddy Clark and Tim McNally formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Claire Hickson and Cleo Soanes formally moved and seconded Amendment F.

Amendment F was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried

RESOLVED:

1. That 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.

2. That 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.
3. That 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.
4. That 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.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

MOTION 3 – POP UP SHOPS ON CANADA WATER PLAZA

(see page 17 of the main agenda)

The guillotine having fallen Councillors Michael Situ and Nick Dolezal formally moved and seconded the motion.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That council assembly:

1. Notes that several of the units for let on Canada Water Plaza, which are part of the new development, are currently empty.

2. Notes the success of temporary 'pop up shops' in vacant retail units in East Street and Nunhead and considers this a good use of otherwise empty units to promote local business, develop the local economy and improve our high streets.
3. Calls on cabinet to:
 - Explore the possibility of the council taking a one year lease for the empty units on Canada Water Plaza
 - Work with the owners of the shops on Canada Water Plaza to use these empty units as 'pop up shops', similar to those in East Street and Nunhead.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

MOTION 4 – ENDING COUNCIL INVESTMENT IN TOBACCO AND ARMS

(see page 17 of the main agenda)

Councillor Eliza Mann declared a personal interest in this item and left the room whilst it was discussed and voted upon.

This motion was considered prior to the guillotine having fallen.

Councillor David Noakes, seconded by Councillor Poddy Clark, moved the motion.

Councillor Richard Livingstone moved Amendment G.

At 10.05pm the Mayor announced that the guillotine had fallen.

Amendment G was formally seconded by Councillor Patrick Diamond.

Amendment G was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That council assembly:

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.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.15(5) Councillor Toby Eckersley requested that his abstention be recorded in the minutes.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

MOTION 5– FAIRTRADE

(see page 18 of the main agenda)

The guillotine having fallen Councillors Andy Simmons and Helen Hayes formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Jonathan Mitchell and Graham Neale formally moved and seconded Amendment H.

Amendment H was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried

RESOLVED:

1. That Southwark Council achieved Fairtrade borough status in July 2007 with cross-party support. Council assembly recognises the work of the whole community in achieving this.
2. That given the council's proactive role in supporting Fairtrade, council assembly reconfirms its commitment to Fairtrade and expresses its support for the use, expansion and promotion of the range of Fairtrade products in the council's office and other establishments.
3. That council assembly calls on cabinet to continue to work with its catering

contractors, staff, residents, visitors, businesses, the public and the voluntary sector to increase the availability and take up of 'Fairtrade' marked food, drink and clothing options.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

MOTION 6 – STOP THE DELAY ON SOUTHWARK PARK ATHLETICS TRACK

(see page 18 of the main agenda)

The guillotine having fallen Councillors Jeff Hook and Eliza Mann formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Veronica Ward and Lorraine Lauder formally moved and seconded Amendment I.

Amendment I was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried

RESOLVED:

That council assembly:

1. Notes with sadness the state of disrepair into which Southwark Park athletics track has fallen after 8 years of inaction, and welcomes the allocation of £1.09 million from various funding streams to redevelop the facility.
2. Further notes 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. Council assembly welcomes the current administration's commitment to the completion of all the projects funded by the Olympic Legacy Fund.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

MOTION 7 – SUPPORT FOR THE BRITISH NUCLEAR TEST VETERANS' ASSOCIATION (BNTVA)

(see pages 18 - 19 of the main agenda)

Councillor Andy Simmons declared an disclosable pecuniary interest in this item and left the room whilst it was discussed and voted upon.

The guillotine having fallen Councillors Ian Wingfield and Dan Garfield formally moved and seconded the motion.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried

RESOLVED:

That council assembly:

1. Notes that its commitment to the Armed Forces Community Covenant ensures the need of those residents of Southwark who serve, of have served, the country are recognised and supported at a local level.
2. Further notes that many other residents have, through a range of professions, served the country in equally significant measure, such as in national security and defence – including those who participated in the testing of Britain’s nuclear weapons in the 1950s and 1960s.
3. Welcomes that, following a Ministry of Defence commissioned Health Needs Analysis in 2011 of British nuclear test veterans, the NHS have introduced a number of practical measures to support them.
4. Believes that other parts of the public and voluntary sector should seek to introduce similar measures to support nuclear test veterans – and that the council should lead this at a local level by extending the provisions of the Armed Forces Community Covenant to those veterans who live in Southwark.
5. Urges the government to support the campaign of the British Nuclear Test Veterans Association by:
 - officially recognising the unique service of these veterans and acknowledge the nation’s continuing debt to them; and
 - supporting the intention to establish a benevolent fund of £25 million to provide assistance for those veterans and their descendants in need.
6. Calls on Southwark’s Members of Parliament to back this campaign and join the council in urging the government to support the requests outlined in this motion.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

6. REPORT(S) FOR DECISION FROM THE CABINET

6.1 PUBLICATION / SUBMISSION DRAFT REVISED CANADA WATER AREA ACTION PLAN (AAP)

(See pages 20 - 38 of the main agenda and supplemental agenda 1, pages 1 - 171)

Councillors Mark Glover, Helen Hayes and Andy Simmons declared a personal interest in this item and left the room whilst it was discussed and voted upon.

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) & (4), the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11 (1), Councillor Fiona Colley, cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy, moved the report.

Following debate (Councillors Dan Garfield, Anood Al-Samerai and Nick Dolezal), Councillors David Hubber and Nick Dolezal made points of personal explanation.

During the the debate on this item Councillor Nick Stanton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item as reference was made in the debate to a planning committee that the company he works for had been instructed to act. He therefore withdrew for the remainder of the debate and vote on the item.

At 10.22pm the Mayor announced that the time allocated to this report had expired and the meeting would move to the vote.

The recommendations contained within the report were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That the publication/submission draft Revised Canada Water Area Action Plan (RCWAAP) (Appendix A of the report), proposed changes to the adopted policies map (Appendix B of the report), the sustainability appraisal (Appendix C of the report), the equalities analysis (Appendix D of the report), the consultation plan (Appendix E of the report), the consultation report (Appendix F of the report) and the Appropriate Assessment (Appendix G of the report) be noted.
2. That the publication/submission draft RCWAAP be approved for publication and submission to the Secretary of State, provided no substantive changes are necessary following consultation.
3. That any minor non-substantive amendments resulting from the meeting or consultation on the publication/submission draft RCWAAP be delegated to the director of planning in consultation with the cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy prior to its submission to the Secretary of State.

Note: The cabinet recommendation had not been amended, therefore in accordance with the budget and policy framework procedure rule 2 (e), the decision can be implemented with immediate effect.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.15(5) Councillor Stephen Govier requested that his abstention from the vote on this item be recorded in the minutes.

7. OTHER REPORTS

7.1 TREASURY MANAGEMENT - MID-YEAR UPDATE 2013/14

(See pages 39 - 47 of the main agenda)

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) & (4), the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11 (2), the report was formally moved by the Mayor.

The recommendation contained within the report was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That the 2013/14 mid-year treasury management update be noted.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW 2013/14 - PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

(See pages 48 - 52 of the main agenda)

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) & (4), the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11 (2), the report was formally moved by the Mayor.

Following debate (Councillor Adele Morris), the recommendations contained within the report were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

PART 3F - PLANNING COMMITTEE AND PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEES

1. That the following constitutional change be agreed:

Part 3F - Matters Reserved for Decision by a Planning Sub-Committee

- Delete category (c) from the list of categories of major applications in paragraph 10 that may be referred to the planning sub-committee.
- Insert a new paragraph 14 as follows:

‘To consider applications requested by two councillors to be determined by elected members, subject to the request being agreed by the chair of the planning committee in consultation with the appropriate chief officer.’

PART 3H – COMMUNITY COUNCILS

2. That it be noted that the leader of the council has varied the executive scheme of delegation in respect of disabled parking bays and delegate part of the function to the strategic director of environment and leisure.

CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES

3. That as a result of the above changes officers are authorised to undertake any necessary consequential changes to the constitution.

9. AMENDMENTS

The amendments are set out in Supplemental Agenda No.4.

The meeting closed at 10.26pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: