

<b>Item No.</b> 3.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 6 April 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Themed Debate: The future for Southwark - Rising to the community challenge	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### Introduction

1. On 14 March 2011 Councillor Abdul Mohamed, cabinet member for equalities and community engagement circulated a letter to all councillors on the first themed debate at the Council Assembly meeting on Wednesday 6 April 2011 at 7.00pm in Southwark Town Hall.
2. The first theme is "The future for Southwark - Rising to the community challenge".
3. The letter set out the theme for debate and explained how councillors and members of the public could get involved. A copy is attached as Appendix 1.

### What happens at the meeting?

4. At the meeting the agenda will be:
  - Cabinet member has 10 minutes in which to present the theme, plan or strategy
  - Public pre-submitted questions on the theme of the meeting (maximum of 15 minutes)
  - Member's motions and questions on the cabinet theme using present principles to allow sufficient political balance and for political groups to hold cabinet to account (maximum 30 minutes).

One hour shall be allocated for the themed debate. The Mayor shall have the discretion to vary timings as appropriate.

### Public questions on themed debate

5. The deadline for public questions is Midnight, 31 Thursday 2011. Visit [www.southwark.gov.uk/democracy](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/democracy) or email [democracy@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@southwark.gov.uk) to find out more.
6. The Mayor may reject a question if it is not relevant to the theme, plan, strategy or policy under discussion.
7. The time during which public questions shall be taken at a themed meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes and shall be conducted under the existing rules for public

questions. Normal deadlines shall apply for the submission of questions from the public.

### Members' motions and questions

8. All motions and questions shall be relevant to the topic under discussion and shall be conducted under the existing rules for members' motions and questions. Normal deadlines shall apply for the submission of members' questions and motions.
9. The order of motions, questions and timings shall be determined by the Mayor.

### Themes

10. The themes for each meeting are set by the council assembly business panel.
11. The theme for the July 2011 council assembly is "Sport and Young People."

### BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet member letter on the theme - Dated 14 March 2011	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2TZ	Constitutional Team <a href="mailto:constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk">constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk</a> 020 7525 7228

### APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Letter from Councillor Abdul Mohamed

### AUDIT TRAIL

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