

Item No. 3.3	Classification: Open	Date: 6 July 2011	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Motion on the Theme: Sports and Young People	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with council assembly procedure rules 2.7 (Themed debates) the members motions section of the themed meeting shall be a maximum of 30 minutes.

Members are limited to moving one motion and seconding one motion in the themed section of the meeting.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.7 (10) (order of motions and timings) the order in which motions are debated and timings shall be determined by the Mayor.

1. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR VERONICA WARD (Seconded by Councillor Catherine McDonald)

Motion on Themed Debate

Achievements of Southwark's young people

1. Council assembly recognises and celebrates the achievements of Southwark's children and young people; their sporting achievements; their improving attainment including record GCSE results; their contribution to the arts especially music and drama and their contribution to our communities.
2. We note that this administration's support for young people includes free healthy school meals for primary school children, keeping all our children's centres open, setting up a £3 million Youth Fund and setting up a Teenage Pregnancy Commission. This council also notes the investment put into our leisure centres and this administration's commitment to a leisure centre at the Elephant and Castle and to a continuation of community games despite financial constraints.
3. Council assembly believes that sports can make a significant difference to the lives of young people and that it delivers a wide range of benefits, from improving young people's health to encouraging team working and embedding discipline. It is a core offer for all our young people, as well as an important element of our targeted interventions for vulnerable young people.
4. Council assembly notes the significant reductions in funding for sports made by government:
 - Withdrawal of free school swimming
 - Withdrawal of funding to the School Sports Partnership

- Withdrawal of funding available to the council and to national sporting bodies to support community led sport.
5. It believes that despite these cuts it is vitally important that the council continues to ensure that young people in Southwark have access to sport and sporting opportunities.
 6. Council assembly notes the focus of the debate as outlined to all councillors in advance:
 - Showcasing the talents and potential of young people in Southwark
 - What sport means to young people, and the capacity of sport to open pathways to broader opportunities and achievements
 - How different sectors and partners can work together at a time when budgets are tight to maximise provision and access to sport for young people.
 7. Council assembly believes that securing future sporting opportunities in Southwark require the following questions to be discussed:
 - How can the council continue to ensure that young people have access to sport and sporting opportunities, with little direct funding, by working with the voluntary, community, educational and private sectors?
 - How can the council work to make sure that all resources available for sport, both facilities and available funding, are maximised across all departments and communities?
 - What are the most effective ways that the council can use its limited resources to encourage young people to get involved in sport?
 8. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to note the content of the debate and points raised to feed into a review of the council's sports strategy which runs to 2013.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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