

<b>Item No.</b> 3.1	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 12 October 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Themed Debate: State of the Borough	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **Introduction**

1. On 11 April 2011 the council assembly business panel met to agree the themes for the themed section of council assembly meetings for the 2011/12 municipal year. The council assembly business panel agreed that the theme for the themed section of council assembly on the 12 October 2011 should be 'State of the Borough'.
2. On 8 September 2011 the leader of the council, Councillor Peter John, circulated a letter to all councillors on the themed debate at the council assembly meeting on Wednesday 12 October 2011 at 7.00pm at Harris Academy Peckham. A copy is attached as Appendix A.

### **What happens at the meeting?**

3. 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 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**

4. The deadline for public questions is Midnight, Thursday 6 October 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.
5. The Mayor may reject a question if it is not relevant to the theme, plan, strategy or policy under discussion.
6. 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

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

## Themes

9. The themes for each meeting are set by the council assembly business panel .

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet member letter on the theme – Dated 8 September 2011	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Constitutional Team <a href="mailto:constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk">constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk</a> 020 7525 7228

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Letter from Councillor Peter John

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