

<b>Item No.</b> 4.2	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 29 November 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Motions	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The councillor introducing or “moving” the motion may make a speech directed to the matter under discussion. This may not exceed five minutes<sup>1</sup>.

A second councillor will then be asked by the Mayor to “second” the motion. This may not exceed three minutes without the consent of the Mayor.

The meeting will then debate the issue and any amendments on the motion will be dealt with.

At the end of the debate the mover of the motion may make a concluding speech, known as a “right of reply”. If an amendment is carried, the mover of the amendment shall hold the right of reply to any subsequent amendments and, if no further amendments are carried, at the conclusion of the debate on the substantive motion.

The Mayor will then ask councillors to vote on the motion (and any amendments).

## IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution allocates responsibility for particular functions to council assembly, including approving the budget and policy framework, and allocates to the cabinet responsibility for developing and implementing the budget and policy framework and overseeing the running of council services on a day-to-day basis. Therefore any matters that are reserved to the cabinet (i.e. housing, social services, regeneration, environment, education etc) cannot be decided upon by council assembly without prior reference to the cabinet. While it would be in order for council assembly to discuss an issue, consideration of any of the following should be referred to the cabinet:

- to change or develop a new or existing policy
- to instruct officers to implement new procedures
- to allocate resources.

**Note:** In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.10 (7) & (8) (prioritisation and rotation by the political groups) the order in which motions appear in the agenda may not necessarily be the order in which they are considered at the meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Council assembly procedure rule 1.14 (9)

1. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR TOBY ECKERSLEY** (Seconded by Councillor Michael Mitchell)

### **Retention of school crossing patrols in Dulwich**

Council assembly approves the resolution of Dulwich community council on 7 November, as follows:

That Dulwich community council notes the following on page 15 of the council's recently adopted sustainable modes of travel strategy:

“The safety of children on the road requires special attention”

and therefore urges the council's cabinet to remove the threat to the school crossing patrols at the junctions of East Dulwich Grove with Townley Road/Greendale and with Dulwich Village/Red Post Hill/Village Way, and to secure the permanent funding of the existing patrols at those locations.

and therefore associates itself with the community council's request to cabinet.

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

2. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN** (Seconded by Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton)

### **Safer neighbourhood team sergeants**

1. Council regrets the loss of five safer neighbourhood team sergeants in Southwark.
2. Council notes that, in February 2011, the council's budget allocated £5.5 million in contingency funds and proposed a further £9 million to be allocated to contingency funds in February 2012. Council also notes £9.5 million currently in contingency funds has still not been touched.
3. Council assembly therefore:
  - 1) Calls on the Mayor of London to reinstate Southwark's safer neighbourhood team sergeants so that there is one dedicated sergeant per ward.
  - 2) Calls on the cabinet member for community safety to spend some of the £9 million he plans to put into contingency funds next year on a fund to maintain the extra five safer neighbourhood team sergeants needed in Southwark.

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

**3. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PATRICK DIAMOND** (Seconded by Councillor Mark Glover)

**Local government pension scheme**

1. Council assembly notes that the local government pension scheme is a sustainable, good quality pension scheme that benefits from being funded and locally managed. It is valuable to employers and employees alike.
2. Council assembly is concerned by proposals announced by the Chancellor in the last comprehensive spending review to impose an extra 3.2% contribution tax on scheme members, increasing scheme average member contributions from 6.6% to 9.8%.
3. Council assembly also notes that none of the additional revenue raised from this increase will go towards improving the financial security of the scheme and risks the sustainability of public sector pension schemes in the long term by encouraging people to opt out of occupational schemes because they cannot afford to pay this increase; ultimately costing the tax payer more in the future.
4. Council assembly welcomes the recent but limited change in position from the Government and hopes that this indicates, after months of grandstanding, a willingness to finally enter into proper negotiations with trade unions.
5. Council assembly believes that both private and public service workers have suffered as a result of the austerity measures of the Conservative/Liberal Democrat government and regrets the impact any industrial action will have on people in Southwark who rely on council services. We urge both the government and unions to explore every other possible course of action.

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

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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