



Council Assembly (Ordinary Meeting)

MINUTES of the Council Assembly (Ordinary Meeting) held on Wednesday 22 January 2014 at 7.00 pm at The Charter School, Red Post Hill, SE24 9JH

PRESENT:

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

Councillor Kevin Ahern	Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai	Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor James Barber	Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Columba Blango	Councillor Catherine McDonald
Councillor Catherine Bowman	Councillor Tim McNally
Councillor Chris Brown	Councillor Darren Merrill
Councillor Michael Bukola	Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Denise Capstick	Councillor Jonathan Mitchell
Councillor Sunil Chopra	Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Poddy Clark	Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Fiona Colley	Councillor Graham Neale
Councillor Neil Coyle	Councillor Wilma Nelson
Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton	Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Rowenna Davis	Councillor Paul Noblet
Councillor Patrick Diamond	Councillor The Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle	Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor Toby Eckersley	Councillor Lewis Robinson
Councillor Dan Garfield	Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Mark Gettleson	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
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE	

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

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

The Mayor :

- Thanked Charter School for allowing council assembly to use their school.
- Announced that a list of people who worked or lived in the borough who had received an honour in the Queen's New Year's Honours list which had been circulated around the chamber.
- Announced that he encouraged all councillors and members of the public to join him for Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2014, from 10am, at The Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, and Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park. He advised that the Southwark memorial was now one of the largest gatherings in London and that the guest speakers would be Margaret Hodge MP, Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, and Susan Pollack, Holocaust Survivor.

Councillor Peter John, the leader of the council made an announcement regarding a meeting with local community groups Southwark Living Streets, SE1 Safer Roads and Borough Babies, who had been campaigning for pedestrian crossings on Borough High Street to make it safer to cross. The leader announced that funding would be found for the new pedestrian crossings at the earliest opportunity.

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

The Mayor announced that he had accepted the following items as late and urgent:

- Item 7.1, Council Tax and Base and National Non Domestic Rates Base 2014/15 (Revised Report)
- Item 7.1, the Council Tax and Base and National Non Domestic Rates Base 2014/15 (Addendum Report).

The Mayor informed the meeting 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. The other deputations listed on the agenda had been informed. It had also been agreed that there would be a single debate on the themed motions.

The Mayor advised that a revised Amendment K to Item 7.1: Council tax and national non domestic base for 2014/15, had been circulated around the chamber; and that notice had been received of a change in speakers on Motions 4 and 5 - Councillor Patrick Diamond would replace Councillor Gavin Edwards as the seconder of Motion 4: Safer Crossings on Borough High Street and Councillor Dan Garfield would replace Councillor Martin Seaton as the seconder of Motion 6: Billboard Advertisement at Elephant and Castle Roundabout.

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 (15) Alteration of an amendment
- CAPR 2.10 (4) Change to amendment – mover/seconded.

1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interests.

1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Nick Dolezal, Gavin Edwards, Paul Kyriacou and Linda Manchester.

1.5 MINUTES

(See supplemental agenda 2, pages 1 – 69)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 27 November 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

There were no public questions.

2.3 DEPUTATION REQUESTS ON THE THEME - ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND THE ELDERLY

(See pages 1 - 6 of the supplemental agenda 3)

Deputation from Connect

Council assembly considered whether to receive the deputation from Connect.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be received.

The deputation's spokesperson, Alan Hewitt, addressed the meeting.

The deputation asked a question of Councillor Catherine McDonald, cabinet member for health, adult social care and equalities. Councillor Catherine McDonald provided an oral response.

Councillors Graham Neale and David Noakes asked a question of the deputation.

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

Deputation from Stop killing cyclists campaign

Council assembly considered whether to receive the deputation from the Stop killing cyclists campaign.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be received.

The deputation's spokesperson, Donnachadh McCarthy, addressed the meeting.

The deputation asked a question of Councillor Peter John, leader of the council. Councillor Peter John provided an oral response.

Councillors Mark Glover, Mark Gettleson, Mark Williams and Stephen Govier asked a question of the deputation.

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

Deputation from the consortium of older peoples services in Southwark.

Council assembly considered whether to receive the deputation from the consortium of older peoples services in Southwark.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be received.

The deputation's spokesperson addressed the meeting.

The deputation asked a question of Councillor Catherine McDonald, cabinet member for health, adult social care and equalities. Councillor Catherine McDonald provided an oral response.

Councillors Veronica Ward and Poddy Clark asked a question of the deputation.

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

3. THEMED DEBATE - ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND THE ELDERLY

3.1 CABINET MEMBER STATEMENT

The cabinet member for health, equality and adult social care, Councillor Catherine McDonald, introduced the theme of the meeting.

Councillor David Noakes, opposition spokesperson for older people, health and adult social care responded to the cabinet member's statement.

3.2 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE THEME

There were no public questions on the theme.

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.

MOTION 1 – “NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS” *(see page 4 of the main agenda)*

Councillor Toby Eckersley, seconded by Councillor Michael Mitchell, moved the motion.

Councillor Sunil Chopra, seconded by Councillor Rowenna Davis, moved Amendment A.

MOTION 2 – HOUSING FOR OLDER RESIDENTS *(see page 5 of the main agenda)*

Councillor Adele Morris, seconded by Councillor Michael Bokola, moved the motion.

Councillor Michael Situ, seconded by Councillor Lorraine Lauder, moved Amendment B.

MOTION 3 – ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE *(see pages 5 - 7 of the main agenda)*

Councillor Rebecca Lury, seconded by Councillor Lorraine Lauder, moved the motion.

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai, seconded by Councillor Denise Capstick, moved Amendment C.

Following debate (Councillors Columba Blango, Fiona Colley and Catherine Bowman), the Mayor announced that the time allocated to the themed section of the meeting had expired. The clerk announced that the amendments and the substantive motions would be voted on separately.

Vote on Motion 1 – “No Recourse to Public Funds”

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 notes the increasing budgetary pressures caused by recourse to council funds by persons who, by virtue of their immigration status, have "no recourse to public funds", and in particular the advice in respect of adult services provided to cabinet on 19 November 2013 as follows:

"Clients with no recourse to public funds are 25% higher than the previous year"

2. That council assembly recognises that this is an important issue which does not stop at the borders of the borough. Council assembly therefore calls on cabinet to review Southwark's position and to look into what more government could do to address this on a London-wide basis.

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

Vote on Motion 2 – Housing for Older Residents

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:

That council assembly:

1. Notes that suitable housing for older people in London remains in serious short supply and that demand is only likely to increase as our borough's population ages.
2. Recognises that there is a growing need for housing for older people to offer a range of different tenures and support options, including mainstream, specialist and residential care housing.
3. Welcomes this administration's commitment to supporting older people to stay independent in their own homes for as long as possible, in line with what people tell us they want.
4. Recognises that there has been a collapse in house building of all types nationally due to Liberal Democrat/Tory government policies and welcomes the steps that Southwark Council is taking to combat the London housing crisis.
5. Notes that 61% of the older population in Southwark are tenants of social landlords and welcomes the commitment by this administration to build 11,000 new council homes in Southwark – representing the biggest home building programme of its kind in the country.
6. Welcomes the cabinet's commitment through the housing strategy vision to building lifetime homes, delivering extra care housing, exploring other specialist housing options for older people, and adapting properties to enable older and disabled

residents to live independently as long as possible in their communities.

7. Welcomes this administration's commitment to ensuring new homes are built to 'Lifetime Standards', making it easier to adapt homes to meet future changing needs.
8. Further welcomes the cabinet's allocation of £4.712 million for energy efficient measures in district heating, making the systems more energy efficient, reliable and contributing to a reduction in fuel bills for approximately 17,000 properties in the borough.
9. Welcomes the development of new 'extra care' homes at the site of the new Centre of Excellence, which will include specialist nurses on site, helping to keep people out of hospital or residential care unless necessary and giving residents access to first class services at the new dementia day centre.
10. Calls on the cabinet to continue to support older people who wish to downsize to smaller homes on the same estate. Council assembly welcomes the fact that older people are currently exempt from the government's bedroom tax and congratulates the Chartered Institute of Housing for pointing out the flaw in the government's policy, which would have meant pensioners living with someone of working age would be hit by the tax. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to press the government to continue to ensure older people are not hit by the bedroom tax in an attempt to force them to downsize.
11. Notes that whatever campaign they run, the Liberal Democrats consistently propose building something on the Dulwich Hospital site. The proposed retirement village set out in this motion adds to the growing list the Liberal Democrats have suggested for the site, which includes a medical centre, a primary school, a secondary school, private homes, a nursery, a police base, sports facilities, gardening facilities, indoor community space, council offices and space for voluntary organisations. Council assembly believes that people in East Dulwich deserve better than an uncosted and ill considered shopping list from the Liberal Democrats.

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

Vote on Motion 3 – Active Communities and Older People

Amendment C 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. Council assembly welcomes this administration's commitment to supporting people to live long, healthy lives, and to helping older people stay independent in their own homes and integrated in our communities for as long as possible – in line with what people tell us they want.
2. Council assembly recognises that the 22,000 older people in Southwark form a very diverse group, including people who are: in their sixties through to people over 100; retired or in employment; carers (for example, for elderly parents, a partner or

grandchildren); in full health, ill or frail; or disabled - as well as being diverse in terms of gender, ethnicity, sexuality and faith and belief.

3. Council assembly also recognises that almost all of the council's strategies and policies affect older people – including on the economy, environment, transport, regeneration, culture and leisure, community safety, housing, health and social care.

Helping older people have healthy, active lives in our community

4. Council assembly notes the good work that the administration, across all departments, does with older people to help them stay healthy, active and integrated in our communities, including, for example:

- (1) Providing employment support through Southwark Works and the independent living service.
- (2) Enabling volunteering opportunities through our volunteering strategy. We applaud the valuable Olympics and Paralympics contribution that Southwark volunteers of all ages made, including older people.
- (3) Offering reduced price or free access to physical activity for older people - including 60 pence swimming; free exercise classes; free group walks; and the 'Silver' programme in leisure centres.
- (4) Working with GPs and hospitals to provide community exercise referrals and supporting older people identified through the health check programme to access physical activity as a preventative measure.
- (5) Ensuring new homes are built to 'Lifetime Standards', making it easier to adapt homes to meet future changing needs.
- (6) Tackling health inequalities and the addressing the causes of the borough's health challenges – including cardio-vascular disease, stroke, lung diseases, liver diseases cancers, diabetes, and sexually transmitted diseases – to help people live longer, healthier lives.

5. Council assembly recognises the excellent work done by voluntary and community organisations across the borough to help older people stay active and integrated in our community.

Caring for vulnerable and frail older people in our community

6. Council assembly notes that government cuts since 2010 have taken over £1.2 billion out of social care for older people in the UK. Despite these cuts, this administration has prioritised looking after vulnerable and frail people in our community, aiming to treat every person as we would wish a member of our family to be treated.
7. Council assembly welcomes the steps this administration has taken to help older people stay living independently in their own homes and communities for as long as possible and delaying or avoiding the need for hospital or residential care - in line

with what people say they want, including:

- (1) Halving the price people pay for meals on wheels to £1.71, the lowest price in London – after the price was hiked under the previous administration.
- (2) Agreeing plans to create a ‘Centre of Excellence’ day centre for older people with dementia and other complex needs – due to open in 2015 with enhanced, specialist facilities and guaranteed places for everyone using the council’s existing day centres.
- (3) Working with partners - including Lambeth Council, hospitals, GPs and others – to integrate health and social care provision through the Southwark and Lambeth integrated care programme; helping people to avoid preventable hospital admissions.
- (4) Providing personal budgets to people who need social care, giving them choice and control over the support they have, to best fit their needs and aspirations. Southwark Council is in the top quartile of performance nationally for personal budgets.
- (5) Creating an ‘Innovation Fund’ to provide funding to voluntary sector providers, creating new services which give people real choice over how they allocate their personal budgets.
- (6) Creating a single social care phone line for people to get on-the-spot advice for themselves or their loved ones from social care experts.
- (7) Helping people stay living healthily and independently in their own homes and communities for longer, through home care; reablement; sheltered housing (where we recently reintroduced wardens); and an expansion of extra care housing – as well as our handyperson service.
- (8) Signing up to Unison’s Ethical Homecare Charter and ensuring that workers providing care services are paid the London Living Wage and that care visits are not as short as 15 minutes.
- (9) Creating a new carers’ strategy, to provide carers – many of them who are older people themselves - with support in their caring responsibilities and also support for themselves to stay healthy and pursue their other aspirations alongside caring.

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

4. OTHER DEPUTATION REQUESTS

(See supplemental agenda 3, pages 7 - 10)

RESOLVED:

That the following deputations be not received:

- Deputation request from Southwark Vegan and Vegetarian Society
- Deputation request from Zacchaeus 2000 Trust (Z2K)
- Deputation request relating to the council's constitution and related documents.

5. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

5.1 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

(See pages 9 - 16 of the main agenda and the green and yellow papers circulated at the meeting)

There was one urgent question to the leader, the written response to which was circulated on green paper at the meeting. Two supplemental questions were asked of the leader. All questions and written responses are attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes.

There were 55 members' questions, the written responses to which were circulated on yellow paper at the meeting. There were 15 supplemental questions. All questions and written responses are attached as Appendix 2 to the minutes.

5.2 MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Mayor reminded the meeting that it had agreed to the change of speakers on Motions 4 and 5. It had been agreed that Councillor Patrick Diamond would replace Councillor Gavin Edwards as the seconder of Motion 4: Safer Crossings on Borough High Street and Councillor Dan Garfield would replace Councillor Martin Seaton as the seconder of Motion 6: Billboard Advertisement at Elephant and Castle Roundabout.

MOTION 1 – COST OF CHILD CARE *(see page 18 of the main agenda)*

Councillor Rosie Shimell, seconded by Councillor Lisa Rajan, moved the motion.

Councillor Renata Hamvas, seconded by Councillor Cleo Soanes, moved Amendment D.

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

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai, seconded by Councillor James Barber, moved Amendment E.

Following debate (Councillors Fiona Colley, Rowenna Davis, Stephen Govier, Graham Neale and Toby Eckersley), Councillor Renata Hamvas exercised her right of reply.

At 10.03pm the Mayor announced that the guillotine had fallen and the meeting would move to the vote on the outstanding motions and amendments.

Amendment E 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. Recognises the significant cost of good quality childcare for families across the borough.
2. Therefore condemns the Liberal Democrat/Tory cuts to financial support available for working parents for childcare costs. Notes that in 2011 the government cut support within the tax credit system from 80% to 70% of eligible childcare costs, with a cap of fees at £175, meaning low income families faced a reduction in help towards childcare bills. Council assembly also condemns the Liberal Democrat/Tory government for failing to raise the £175 ceiling despite the rise in childcare costs.
3. Further condemns the Tory-Liberal Democrat coalition government's closure of over 500 Sure Start centres since the general election in 2010, resulting in 35,000 fewer childcare places, following government cuts of £430 from English local authority Sure Start budgets between 2010-11 and 2012-13.
4. Welcomes the previous Labour government's decision to extend childcare to 15 hours per week for 3 and 4 year olds and notes that in Southwark, 3,300 3 year olds and 3,670 4 year olds are benefitting from these funded early education places. Notes that the government has now extended this provision to 20% of two year olds in families on the lowest incomes. Council assembly welcomes this additional provision, but notes that this is against a backdrop of punishing families through the tax credit system and making it harder for parents who want to work and need support with childcare.
5. Calls on cabinet to help local parents by funding additional childcare hours on top of those already offered by the government.
6. Welcomes the commitment that a Labour government would increase this provision and provide 25 hours of free childcare a week for working parents with three and four-year-olds, worth £15,000, using a levy on banks.
7. Further welcomes Labour's commitment to offer "wraparound" provision between 8am and 6pm – from breakfast to after-school clubs – in primary schools.

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

MOTION 2 – LONDON HOUSING STRATEGY (see pages 18 - 19 of the main agenda)

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors Mark Williams and Helen Hayes formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Paul Noblet and Tim McNally 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 London is facing a housing crisis, as housing supply fails to match the city's growing population. Home ownership in London has fallen below 50 per cent for the first time since records began and the rise in house prices has outstripped the increase in household incomes. In 2013, the average rent for a three bedroom flat typically consumed 59 per cent of a London family's income. Londoners now experience the highest levels of overcrowding in the country and the capital has record levels of homeless households in temporary accommodation.
2. That council assembly notes the Mayor of London's draft Housing Strategy and welcomes the commitment to increase housing building in London. Council assembly notes the ambition to build at least 42,000 new homes in London per annum for the next ten years, approximately twice as many as are currently built per year, but expresses concern that this number may not be sufficient to solve London's current housing crisis, with recent research suggesting that more than 60,000 new homes a year are needed to meet growing demand in the capital.
3. That council assembly welcomes the fact that the Mayor of London has accepted Labour's argument about the importance of genuinely affordable housing and welcomes the move in the Mayor's Housing Strategy to recognise the continued need for new homes at social rent.
4. That, however, council assembly expresses concern about the balance between "discounted rents", which are set well above target rent levels for social housing but below market rents, and "capped rents" which are equivalent to the current social rent.
5. That of the 15,000 new affordable homes that the Mayor will seek to deliver each year:
 - Approximately 4,000 will be flexible low cost home ownership and 9,000 will be affordable rent.
 - Of the 9,000 affordable rent houses, only half of these homes will be "capped" at low affordable rents, with the remaining half set at "discounted" rents of up to 80% of market rent.
6. That this means that social rented housing makes up only 11% of the Mayor's annual housing target.
7. That council assembly expresses concern that the Mayor's decision to allow "affordable" rents to be set at up to 80% of market prices will make renting unaffordable for many residents in the borough. Southwark Council, along with other London boroughs, has initiated a judicial review of this decision, the implication of which would be that councils will have little power to make sure new affordable housing is genuinely affordable for local people.
8. That council assembly welcomes the commitment of Southwark Council to building more homes in the borough, having built 2,300 new homes over the last two years, including 1,230 affordable homes.

9. That it notes that Southwark is the fifth highest London borough in terms of house building over the last two years and also the fifth highest in building affordable housing.
10. That council assembly congratulates other Labour boroughs for their commitment to house building, making up seven of the top 10 London boroughs in terms of house building over the last two years, and nine out of the top 10 boroughs for building additional affordable housing in London.
11. That council assembly welcomes this administration's commitment to build 11,000 new council homes. Council assembly notes that since 2010 the council has already approved over 10,000 new homes in the borough, including almost 3,000 new affordable homes.
12. That council assembly notes the acknowledgement in the Mayor's draft London Housing Strategy that boroughs, the government, the Mayor and the public and private sectors must work together to achieve the 42,000 target for house building. However, council assembly also expresses concern that many London boroughs, particularly Conservative and Liberal Democrat boroughs, are likely to have significantly lower housing targets than Southwark.
13. That Southwark is playing its part in solving London's housing crisis; council assembly calls on other councils to do the same.

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

MOTION 3 – URGENT REVIEW OF CYCLE SAFETY (see page 20 of the main agenda)

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors Graham Neale and Geoffrey Thornton formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Darren Merrill and Chris Brown formally moved and seconded Amendment G.

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. Notes with sadness the loss of cyclists' lives on London's roads in recent months and years, including the tragic death in November of Walworth resident and community volunteer Richard Muzira.
2. Welcomes the steps Southwark Council has taken to improve cycling safety in the borough, including running a campaign to promote cycling and cycle safety, free cyclist training, Safer Urban Driver courses for drivers of HGVs, a programme of cycle parking on the highway and the 'Park to Park' mass cycle ride for children.

3. Applauds the commitment of the leader of the council in championing the issue of cycling safety, working on a cross-party basis with leaders across London. Council assembly welcomes the Mayor of London's agreement to hold a London-wide cycle summit following the proposal from the leader of the council.
4. Welcomes the cabinet's commitment to utilise the expertise of a cycling consultant to review cycling safety in the borough and to identify steps which can be taken to improve cycling safety and take up in Southwark.
5. Welcomes the work of the leader of the council in pressing for a comprehensive route of cycleways across Southwark and London, providing cyclists with effectively dedicated routes to minimize any interaction with motorised traffic. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to continue working with TfL to deliver dedicated cycle routes on Blackfriars Road.

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

MOTION 4 – SAFER CROSSINGS ON BOROUGH HIGH STREET (see pages 20 - 21 of the main agenda)

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors Claire Hickson and Patrick Diamond formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Poddy Clark and Geoffrey Thornton formally moved and seconded Amendment H.

Amendment H 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. Applauds the work of local campaigners, including Southwark Living Streets and Borough Babies, in organising the 'Safe Crossings on Borough High St Campaign'.
2. Notes that high numbers of people cross Borough High Street every day at its junctions at:
 - Great Dover Street and Marshalsea Road
 - Trinity Street and Great Suffolk Street.
3. Notes that many of the people who use these junctions are families who live to the east of Borough High Street and whose children go to schools on the west side of Borough High Street, including Charles Dickens Primary School, the Cathedral School and St Joseph's Primary School, Friars Primary School, the London Christian School, St Saviour's and St Olave's school, the Bright Horizons Nursery and The Arc Nursery.
4. Calls on cabinet to work with Transport for London to:

- Review crossing safety on Borough High Street
- Create pedestrian crossings at the junction with Great Dover Street and Marshalsea Road, and at the junction with Trinity Street and Great Suffolk Street.

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

MOTION 5 – EAST DULWICH POLICE STATION *(see page 21 of the main agenda)*

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors James Barber and Jonathan Mitchell formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Helen Hayes and Andy Simmons 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:

1. That council assembly condemns the closure of East Dulwich and Sydenham police stations and the reduction in opening hours at Gipsy Hill police station, leaving Dulwich residents without adequate access to police front counter facilities.
2. That council assembly calls upon the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) to ensure that as the East Dulwich police station site is developed for a new use, a police front counter facility is incorporated on the ground floor of the building, with a commitment to staff this facility throughout the week, and that MOPAC works with the council to assess the feasibility of the rest of the site being used for school provision.
3. That council assembly recognises the need for additional community services and facilities in Dulwich, particularly including school places and calls upon the Lambeth and Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Property Co to expedite the decision-making process in relation to the development of new health facilities on the Dulwich Hospital site, so that the remainder of the site can be used to develop new community facilities, including new school provision.
4. That council assembly also calls on any free school providers to work closely and cooperatively with the council on school place planning in the Dulwich area.

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

MOTION 6 – BILLBOARD ADVERTISEMENT AT ELEPHANT & CASTLE ROUNDABOUT *(see page 21 of the main agenda)*

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors Neil Coyle and Dan Garfield formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Lisa Rajan and Adele Morris formally moved and seconded Amendment J.

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

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

RESOLVED:

That council assembly:

1. Applauds work of local community activists Vijay Luthra, Claire Maugham and Karl Eastham, who succeeded in getting an offensive billboard advert removed from the Elephant & Castle roundabout following public complaints.
2. Recognises the negative effect of inappropriate adverts anywhere in the borough and notes the council's guidelines to contractors about the types of adverts they display on council sites.
3. Congratulates the council for acting immediately to have the offensive advert removed and notes that the advert was taken down by council officers the same day they were alerted to the issue.
4. Welcomes the swift action of Primesight, the billboard operator, in responding quickly to the council's request.

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

MOTION 7 – TRIBUTE TO GRACE JONES (*see pages 21 - 22 of the main agenda*)

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors Eliza Mann and Graham Neale formally moved and seconded the motion.

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

RESOLVED:

That council assembly:

1. Notes with sadness the passing of the UK's oldest resident, Grace Jones from Bermondsey, who died in November aged 113.
2. Acknowledges her remarkable life which spanned the whole of the 20th century and her contribution to the local community.
3. Calls on the cabinet to pay a lasting tribute to the life of Grace Jones by naming a new public building after her at the earliest opportunity.

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

6. REPORT FOR INFORMATION FROM THE CABINET

6.1 REPORT BACK ON MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY TO THE CABINET

(See pages 23 – 30 of the main agenda)

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

7. OTHER REPORTS

7.1 COUNCIL TAX BASE AND NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATES BASE 2014/15

(see pages 31 - 45 of the main agenda, supplemental agenda No.4, pages 1-16 and supplemental agenda No.5, pages 1-8)

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.

There was one question on the report the response to which was circulated on blue paper at the meeting. One supplemental question was asked of the cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety. The questions and written responses are attached as Appendix 3 to the minutes.

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

The Mayor reminded the meeting that a revised Amendment K to this item had been circulated around the chamber.

Councillor Tim McNally, seconded by Councillor Catherine Bowman, moved Revised Amendment K.

Following debate (Councillors Richard Livingstone and Stephen Govier), at 10.18pm the Mayor announced that the time allocated to this report had expired and the meeting would move to the vote on the amendments and the substantive.

Revised Amendment K was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

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

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

RESOLVED:

1. That council assembly note that in accordance with the decisions of council assembly about council tax on 28 November 2012:

- the local discretionary premium for homes counted as long-term empty (over 2 years) shall remain unchanged and be set at 150%
 - the discount for second homes shall remain unchanged and be set at 0%
 - the discount to replace Class A exemptions shall remain unchanged and be set at 0%
 - the discount to replace Class C exemptions shall remain unchanged and be set at 100% for a maximum of two months only.
2. That the council tax base for 2014/15 be set at 84,338.26 band D equivalent dwellings, as shown in paragraph 35.
 3. That the assumed council tax collection level should be increased to 96.5% noting the risks outlined in paragraph 27.
 4. That the council tax base for 2014/15 for St. Mary Newington be set at 10,690.01 band D equivalent dwellings.
 5. That the council tax base for 2014/15 for St. Saviour's be set at 1,075.43 band D equivalent dwellings.
 6. That the council tax reduction scheme (CTRS) for both working and pensionable age claimants shall remain unchanged in 2014/15, and note the consequential reduction in tax base of 19,496 band D equivalent dwellings as shown in paragraph 50.
 7. That any minor and consequential amendments to the CTRS written policy are to remain delegated to the strategic director of finance and corporate services, in consultation with the monitoring officer.
 8. That the net rate yield for national non domestic rates was not available when this report was finalised due to delays by the government in sending out guidance and submission document, and will be included as an addendum to this report.
 9. That the non-domestic rating income from rates retention scheme be set at £205,242,622.

8. AMENDMENTS

The amendments are set out in Supplemental Agenda No.5 and Revised Amendment K was circulated at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: