

<b>Item No.</b> 6.2	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 16 July 2014	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Motions	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Proper Constitutional Officer	

## 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 CHARLIE SMITH** (Seconded by Councillor Helen Hayes)

**East Dulwich Secondary School**

Council assembly:

1. Notes that there is clear evidence of the need for a secondary school in the Dulwich area in order to meet local demand and that the Dulwich hospital site has been identified as the only suitable site in the local area.
2. Notes that two providers have put forward proposals for a new secondary school on this site and that both are backed by strong local parental campaigns and have the full backing of the council and local MPs.
3. Notes that the need for primary school places in this part of the borough is being met through a number of new local free school proposals and the expansion of existing primary schools, including Ivydale School, which is the preferred choice of local parents.
4. Supports the view of local parents that what is needed on the Dulwich hospital site is a new secondary school, not another primary school.
5. Believes that it is completely unacceptable for the coalition government to be progressing plans for a primary free school on the Dulwich hospital site without consulting local parents or the local authority.
6. Believes that blocking a new and much needed secondary school in this area would completely go against the coalition government's own policy of responding to local need and demand, as well as the free school aspiration of parent led schools with a diversity of providers.
7. Calls on cabinet to press the Education Secretary to be open and transparent about his plans for the Dulwich hospital site and to listen to the views of the local community and their elected representatives who have been campaigning for a secondary school on this site.
8. Calls on councillors from all parties to stand firmly with local people who want a secondary school in East Dulwich, rather than supporting another primary school, which would limit rather than increase parental choice, in an area where the council has worked hard with popular local schools to expand places and meet demand.

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

2. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER** (Seconded by Councillor Eliza Mann)

**Alternating the role of Mayor**

1. Council assembly recognises the democratic and civic case for rotating the position of Mayor between the different political groups represented at the council.
2. Council assembly therefore supports formal consideration of such a proposal through the constitutional steering panel.

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

3. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR LEO POLLAK** (Seconded by Councillor Sunny Lambe)

**Transport links in South Bermondsey**

Council assembly calls on the council to improve transport links in South Bermondsey to benefit local residents and boost footfall for local businesses, support the upcoming rejuvenation of the high street and help the Blue fulfil its potential as a major destination.

Council assembly calls on the council to:

1. Lobby TfL to deliver new bus connections from Southwark Park Road, to and from London Bridge, the West End and the City, to ensure all of South Bermondsey is fully connected with the rest of London.
2. Press the Mayor of London for an extension of the cycle hire scheme into all parts of South Bermondsey.
3. Work with Network Rail and Grosvenor Estates to ensure that a new garden and pedestrian link through the redeveloped Biscuit Factory and railway arches is fully realised, directly connecting Bermondsey tube station to the Blue.

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

4. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER** (Seconded by Councillor Damian O'Brien)

**Bakerloo line extension**

1. Council assembly supports the proposed extension of the Bakerloo line being split into two branches, with one running through Camberwell and Peckham, and the other through Old Kent Road.

2. Council assembly calls on cabinet to officially adopt this approach, and to push for a two-branch extension with Transport for London (TfL) and the Mayor of London.

**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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