

Item No. 11.	Classification: Open	Date: November 4 2009	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Late Motion – Save the South London Line	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law and Governance	

LATE MOTION

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CAROLINE PIDGEON (seconded by Councillor Barrie Hargrove)

1. Council assembly notes the importance of the current South London Line rail service between London Bridge and London Victoria via four stations in Southwark to the residents, businesses and public services of Camberwell, Peckham and South Bermondsey.
2. Council assembly notes that under the current proposals to end the operation of the South London Line, Denmark Hill and Peckham Rye stations would lose half of their daytime services to London Victoria and have no service at all to Victoria at evenings or on Sundays. It further notes that Denmark Hill station will lose all direct services to London Bridge.
3. Council assembly further notes the vital importance of the service for helping some of the borough's most vulnerable residents access health services at Guy's Hospital, King's College hospital and The Maudsley.
4. Council assembly recognises that residents in areas such as Peckham Rye and East Dulwich continue to be poorly served by public transport despite the efforts of the council to secure the implementation of the Cross River Tram.
5. Council assembly notes and welcomes the fact that retention of a direct Victoria to London Bridge service will be considered as part of the Transport for London (TfL) / London Travelwatch study into the options for the future of the South London Line.
6. Council assembly notes that TfL and Department for Transport (DfT) agreed that £24m Department for Transport funding intended for a new London Victoria-Bellingham service be diverted to the provision of East London Line Extension Phase 2.
7. Council assembly strongly believes that this borough needs both the East London Line Extension and the South London Line. This is not an either or debate.
8. Council assembly calls on the Department for Transport to provide the funding necessary to provide platform capacity for the service at London Bridge station as part of its redevelopment.

9. Council assembly congratulates the community and cross-party campaign against the threat to the South London Line services on its high-profile and effective activities to date, and re-affirms its own commitment to the campaign.
10. Council assembly calls on the executive to seek a written assurance from TfL that the retention of direct Victoria-London Bridge services is being considered as part of the South London Line Options Study.
11. Council assembly calls on the responsible executive member to meet with Network Rail and the Department for Transport at the earliest opportunity to put the case for the revision of the plans for London Bridge station so that it is developed to its full capacity, including terminating platforms for the South London Line.
12. Council assembly requests that the executive works in conjunction with the leaders of all political groups on Southwark Council to ensure the strongest representations continue to be made to the DfT, London Mayor, Network Rail, the Minister of Transport and Minister for London to retain the South London Line service.

NOTES:

1. Following consultation between the group whips, motions 9.2 and 9.5 on the main agenda have been withdrawn and the above late motion has been submitted.
2. Prior to debating the late motion the following council assembly procedure rule would need to be suspended:
 - Notice for motions to be delivered (CAPR 2.9 (3)).
3. If the late motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the executive for consideration.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Member Motions	Town Hall Peckham Road London SE5 8UB	Constitutional Team 020 7525 7228

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