

<b>Item No.</b> 5.2	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 29 November 2017	<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 OCTAVIA LAMB** (Seconded by Councillor Damian O'Brien)

**Southwark's bid for London Borough of Culture**

1. Council assembly notes:

- In July 2017, the Mayor of London launched the London Borough of Culture - a new competition for the 32 London boroughs to apply for funding to lead a game changing cultural programme. Two winning boroughs will be named London Borough of Culture, one in 2019 and one in 2020, and up to six other boroughs will receive support to deliver bespoke cultural projects.
- As well as being named the London Borough of Culture, the winning boroughs will be awarded £1.1 million each. The Heritage Lottery Fund and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation will also work with the winning boroughs to help them secure extra funding for bespoke cultural projects.
- The creative industry is one of Southwark's fastest growing industries, with internationally acclaimed institutions matched by grassroots vibrancy across the borough.
- A recent report produced by the Creative Industry Federation found that 'For every pound invested in arts and culture, an additional £1.06 is generated in the economy'.
- The great reputation Southwark has as the home of cultural expression dating back to the completion of the Globe in the 16th Century.
- The recently published 'Creative Southwark', Southwark's Cultural Strategy leading up to 2022.
- Communities right across the borough have fed into process of putting Southwark's bid together, with multiple workshops over a number of weeks.

2. Council assembly believes:

- The arts and culture plays a significant role in bringing communities together in the borough.
- Cultural organisations across the borough have played a key part in addressing wellbeing issues, such as isolation, obesity and improving residents' mental health.
- Southwark is a diverse and culturally rich borough and if successful, the borough's year of culture will amongst other things seek to promote this.

3. Council assembly therefore resolves:

- To endorse Southwark's bid to be the London Borough of Culture.

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

**2. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS** (Seconded by Councillor David Hubber)

**Southwark response to moped crime**

1. Council assembly notes:

- The dramatic rise in ‘moped-enabled’ crime across London in the last year – from around 7,500 to 17,500 offences.
- That, in Southwark, the number of robberies on mopeds rose from 581 in 2015/16 to 777 in 2016/17.
- The numerous reports from residents who have witnessed or experienced these crimes in Southwark – and want to know how the council is going to respond.

2. Council assembly calls on Southwark Council to:

- Introduce urgent preventative measures before moped crime culture becomes entrenched in the borough.
- Establish an early intervention scheme, focused on areas where young people are most exposed to moped gangs.
- Establish an outcomes-based re-offending scheme for prison leavers, tailored to those convicted of moped-enabled crime.
- Install ‘moped hangars’ across Southwark to reduce theft – especially in high-risk areas.
- Create incentives for moped dealerships in the borough (through a responsible retailers list and business rate reduction) to:
  - Bundle locking devices (disc locks, grip locks, chain locks), alarms, immobilisers and tracking technology with moped sales
  - Mark bike parts with the vehicle identification number (VIN) number
  - Check and record driving licences and CBT (Compulsory Basic Training) certificates
  - Require additional details from buyers (name, address, contacts)
  - Not to accept cash payments for mopeds, scooters or accessories
- Recognise the work of Southwark Police on both thefts of mopeds and moped-enabled robberies and assaults – and work with the police to identify high-risk areas in Southwark.
- Fill gaps in CCTV coverage at moped-enabled crime hotspots and fund wider use of RDCs (Rapid Deployment Cameras).
- Introduce a ‘whistleblower’ policy for moped crime, signposting the Crimestoppers hotline and guaranteeing anonymity for residents who report on moped gangs.

3. Council assembly calls on the Mayor of London to:

- Lobby for a change in the law to require mopeds and motorbikes to display both a front and rear number plate.
- Create London-wide incentives for moped dealerships to:
  - Bundle locking devices (disc locks, grip locks, chain locks), alarms, immobilisers and tracking technology with moped sales
  - Mark bike parts with the vehicle identification number (VIN) number
  - Check and record driving licences and CBT (Compulsory Basic Training) certificates
  - Require additional details from buyers (name, address, contacts)
  - Not to accept cash payments for mopeds, scooters or accessories
- Introduce warning signs for mopeds and motorbikes using cycle lanes.

- Launch an awareness campaign at tourist spots, bus stops, tube stations and other target locations to warn the public about moped crime techniques, flag high-risk areas and discourage texting-and-walking.
- Press the Home Office for a full review of police powers on moped-enabled crime.

4. Council assembly further calls on the Mayor of London to:

- Reverse the decision to close front counters at Peckham and Southwark police stations.

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

**3. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN DENNIS** (Seconded by Councillor Gavin Edwards)

### **Local Government Pay Cap**

1. Council assembly notes that:

- For workers in local government and schools, pay and other terms and conditions are determined by a negotiating body; the National Joint Council (NJC) for local government services
- Local government basic pay has fallen by 21% since 2010 in real terms
- Local government workers had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012
- Local government pay is the lowest in the public sector
- The increased National Living Wage and the London Living Wage have led to pay scales being squeezed and distorted
- Local government has been hit hard by government cuts, with Southwark Council facing some of the harshest cuts losing £130m of funding since 2010 - a 44% cut.

2. Council assembly believes that:

- Local government workers provide essential public services and should be fairly remunerated for the work that they do
- Local government pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector
- The Government should provide additional funding to fund a decent pay rise for council and other NJC employees.

3. Council assembly therefore:

- Welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine
- Supports the 5% NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by the employee side on behalf of council and school workers
- Supports the immediate end of the public sector pay cap.

4. Council assembly calls on cabinet:

- To call immediately on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review and notify us of their action in this regard

- To write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking additional funding to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.

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

**4. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR HAMISH McCALLUM** (Seconded by Councillor Eliza Mann)

**Tideway**

1. Council assembly notes that:

- That the construction of the Thames Tideway Tunnel 'Super Sewer' is expected to last until 2023 and is the largest infrastructure project in London since Crossrail.
- The Tideway Site at Chambers Wharf is one of the most compacted across London with approximately residential 500 properties within 75m of the site boundary.
- That the planning inspectorate considered the impact on residents surrounding the Chambers Wharf site to be the most severe along the 25km route of the tunnel.
- Local residents at Chambers Wharf have repeatedly voiced their concerns about the ways that Tideway are carrying out works.
- Despite significant local opposition, earlier this year Southwark Council granted permission for Tideway to continue site operations until 10pm Monday-Friday.
- On occasion, construction works have continued well past this time, with floodlights, cement lorries and general work noise continuing until as late as 1:50am in the morning.
- In spite of their s106 requirement, Tideway have ceased to hold regular Chambers Wharf Community Liaison Working Group (CLWG) meetings. This has led to the near-total breakdown in community engagement.
- Residents remain concerned about the level of noise and dust. Enquiries and complaints about monitoring regularly go unanswered or unresolved.
- Late working is exacerbating the issue of light pollution from floodlights.
- Lorries delivering to site persistently breach the vehicle access agreements, either by parking on local streets or driving along prohibited roads.
- Tideway have failed to follow up or respond to the recent Mental Health and Wellbeing report, which highlights the severe impact on nearby residents.

2. Council assembly asserts that Tideway must now:

- Abide by the directives and limitations that have been agreed and set.
- Take seriously the issues of noise, dust and light pollution, including following up on the mental health and wellbeing impact report.
- Re-start the CLWG meetings and acknowledge its responsibilities to minimize disruption and inconvenience to local residents.

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

**5. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ROSE** (Seconded by Councillor Sarah King)

**Support for Dulwich Hamlet Football Club (DHFC)**

1. Council assembly notes:

- The leader of the council, Councillor Peter John's support for DHFC and his statement that "We are never going to let the club fail" is welcome support for the club.
- That Dulwich Hamlet has continuously occupied a site on the Green Dale site since 1902, first Freemans Field and finally settling on the adjacent plot its current location in 1931. This followed moving from sites in the Dulwich area; Woodward Road, College farm and Sunray Avenue. The 1931 Stadium was in use until 1991 until it fell into poor repair and foul of legislation that required football clubs to adopt modern safety standards.
- That the use of the site as a football stadium with its sporting facilities is a long established use and is one of the few remaining venues of those used in the 1948 London Olympics. The site, or an adjacent site, has been in continual use by the club since it moved to Green Dale and provides facilities for the local community, schools, charities and other professional football events.
- The significant contribution Dulwich Hamlet Football Club has made to the national, London and Southwark's sporting, cultural and social history to modern football. Rooted in working class communities organising themselves at the end of the 19th century, as a means of enriching the lives of those that played for and supported these clubs. The club shares its late Victorian origins with the Herne Hill Velodrome that was recently granted planning permission to improve its stadium and make better use of its site. The DHFC hosted the amateur football games of the 1948 Summer Olympics on Green Dale in the identical way as the Veldrome hosted cycling events during the same Olympics. Dulwich Hamlet Football Club is meshed into the fabric of our borough and the hearts of fans since 1893, when founded by Pa Wilson. A club established on the key principles of "not just how we play the game... but how we improve the game".
- That in the 20th century, club players lived up to the ideals of the amateur tradition; working gentlemen that contributed to their local communities and inspired others through loyalty, leadership, noble actions and sporting success. Men such as Charles Tyson, Hussein Hegazi, Edgar Kail, Reg Meritt, Tommy Jover and the current club President Jack Payne. This year, as we bid to become London Borough of Culture, these are true Southwark Pioneers.
- DHFC's popularity with residents in the borough, with over 2,800 supporters attending matches and recent league success.
- That Gavin Rose, DHFC's manager was recently awarded Isthmian League's Mitre Premier Division Manager of the month for October, and that award is recognition of not only recent league success, but of years of hard-work and effort that Gavin Rose, Junior Kadi, Kevin James and all the coaching and physio teams invest into both DHFC and Aspire Football Academy, week in week out. These men and women, together with the

current squad are the latest generation of dedicated of DHFC stars, who are forever pink and blue.

- That next year will be the Club's 125th anniversary.
- That the Club's contribution to the Isthmian League was recognised in both 2015 and 2017 through the award of the Barry East Trophy at the League's Annual Awards Ceremony for the Club's outstanding community work off the pitch.
- That the club received the accolade of "Football Foundation Community Club of the Year" at the National Game Awards last year.

2. Council assembly recognises:

- That since the relocation to the current stadium in 1991, the club has undertaken a number of attempts to improve its facilities, to build a more efficient building to manage, maintain and to use for sporting and community events.
- That the club has sought to improve the playing pitch to allow for greater use for playing and the community by replacing the grass pitch with a modern artificial, league compliant, playing surface.
- That the recent attempt to improve clubs facilities combined with a residential development undertaken by Meadow Residential LLP has stalled and as a consequence has put the financial future of the club at serious risk.
- That full disclosure of financial information to all those involved in the future of the club should happen as a matter of urgency to allow all stakeholders (Meadow, club owner, team management, club supporters, the council and any other interests that may be involved) to better understand the financial management and financial future of the club.
- That as a consequence of Meadow Residential LLP's stalled proposals, that DHFC is now crowd funding for the management costs and players' wages.

3. Council assembly resolves to:

- Thank the DHST and DHFC 12th Man, for their hard work, dedication and effort in supporting the DHFC Football Committee, including recent actions to meet management costs and players wages and to maintain the financial viability of the club.
- Commends and congratulates Gavin Rose, DHFC's manager, on his recent award and the ongoing commitment given to young people in this community and beyond through the Aspire Academy.
- To call on the leader of the council to use best endeavours for the council to work with DHFC; to provide practical support for the remainder of this season if needed; allowing the club to plan for the longer term.
- To call on the leader of the council to use best endeavours for the Council to work with DHFC to ensure that the fans can be at the heart of determining its future.
- To call on the leader of the council to write to Meadow Residential LLP to discuss how they may continue to support the club with the payment of management costs and players wages until such time as the future of any current proposals become clear; that for all involved demand that a clear timetable with key milestones for any future proposals for the renewal of the club facilities, the residential development and any continued financial support be drafted.

- To stand with The Rabble. Forward the Hamlet.

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

**6. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA LINFORTH-HALL** (Seconded by Councillor James Coldwell)

**The Latin American Community after BREXIT**

1. Council assembly reiterates its belief in the importance of Southwark's cultural, ethnic and religious diversity, and that this diversity helps to make our borough such an exciting and vibrant area to live in.
2. In particular, council assembly recognises the role played by Latin American residents in Southwark. Their presence has greatly enhanced the unique cultural character of our borough for many decades.
3. Council assembly notes its concern at reports from Latin Elephant, Teléfono de la Esperanza UK (TEUK), Latin American Disabled People's Project, Su Mano Amiga (SMA) and others, of an increase in mental health problems among Southwark's Latin American community following last year's Brexit vote. The widespread uncertainty brought about by the referendum result has led to higher anxiety and stress levels among many residents who have lived in Southwark all their lives. In addition to the higher costs everyone has faced because of a weaker pound, many of Southwark's Latin American community have for over a year been unsure as to their future status as citizens in this country. Hate crime has soared by 41% after the Brexit vote. This is a further factor facing the Latin community.
4. The psychological effects of Brexit are especially noticeable in the Latin community. The levels of anxiety fear and uncertainty caused by the Referendum and the daily news of the negotiations and possibility of a hard Brexit has created a further insecurity.
5. There is recent growing research that highlights the consequences for patient's physical and mental health, of being unable to resolve difficulties with problems like housing, welfare benefits, relationship breakdown, and immigration employment.
6. TEUK have experienced a fourfold increase in crisis intervention since Brexit. SMA has seen a similar rise, with many cases related to Brexit anxiety.
7. Council assembly resolves to ensure that Latin American residents are fully informed about the full range of mental health services on offer in Southwark. It is more important than ever, during this time of uncertainty, that all our residents know how to access council services when they need them most.
8. People who receive welfare advice experience lower anxiety, better general health, better relations and housing stability. The right advice at the right time helps people to manage their own lives and promotes better physical and mental health.
9. Council assembly fully acknowledges, however, that mental health and general well-being are not purely matters of individuals having access to the Council's

mental health services. Being included as part of a flourishing, closely-knit and strongly rooted community that provides mutual support, friendship and enjoyment is even more important. Southwark's Latin American community has taken generations to organically develop, as have the distinctive local traders and businesses that have emerged to serve and sustain it. They must be cherished and protected.

10. As plans to develop areas like the Elephant & Castle proceed, Council Assembly acknowledges the importance of ensuring that any temporary disruptions do not result in permanent dispersion of local communities, including the Latin American community, and welcomes the steps that the Council has already taken to ensure existing traders benefit from the investment in the area.
11. Council assembly again reaffirms its deeply-held and cross-party belief that the Latin American community is a cherished, embedded, and intrinsic part of Southwark. Furthermore, it wishes to reassure EU citizens and other ethnic and cultural minorities that despite Brexit, London remains open, London remains progressive, and London remains their home.

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

**7. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JAMILLE MOHAMMED** (Seconded by Councillor Leo Pollak)

**Adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism**

1. Council assembly notes:
  - That the committee on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial called on the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Plenary in Budapest in 2015 to adopt a working definition of antisemitism
  - That in December 2016, the UK Government formally adopted the IHRA working definition of antisemitism; and was the first EU country to do so
  - That antisemitism is a significant and growing problem in the UK
  - That the number of antisemitic incidents reported in the UK rose by more than a third in 2016 and reached the highest ever recorded levels
2. Council assembly believes:
  - That examples of antisemitism include, but are not limited to:
    - Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
    - Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
    - Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.

- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation, taking criticism further than would be expected and using Nazi comparisons when criticising Israel.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- That Southwark Council takes all incidents of antisemitism very seriously
- That adopting this definition would demonstrate the seriousness with which we take antisemitism

3. Council assembly resolves:

- To therefore adopt the IHRA's non legally binding working definition of antisemitism:  
 "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

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

**8. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES** (Seconded by Councillor Radha Burgess)

**Upholding a woman's right to a legal abortion**

Council assembly notes:

1. That 50 years ago the Abortion Act 1967, was introduced by Liberal MP David Steel as a Private Members Bill, and passed in a free vote, making abortion legal in Great Britain, although not Northern Ireland.
2. That this motion is not about the arguments for or against abortion but rather about a woman's legal right to go to a clinic without intimidation or harassment.
3. That members will have their own personal views about abortion and that these should be respected.

4. That anti-abortion protesters have been protesting outside Blackfriars Medical Centre in Colombo Street, SE1, which is an NHS GP practice, for at least 3 years where a British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) clinic is based.
5. That the anti-abortion protestors have emotional and distressing images and have body cameras, that they claim to have for their own protection, which can also capture those coming and going from the clinic.
6. The cross party campaign by a number of members of parliament, including Labour MPs Diane Abbott and Rupa Huq, to introduce “buffer zones” and notes a recent YouGov survey that showed that over half the MPs who responded supported a change in the law.
7. The motion passed by Ealing Council which “commits to fully explore every possible option” and “to take all necessary actions within its powers, utilising all necessary resources, to prevent anti-abortion protesters from intimidating and harassing women outside the Marie Stopes Clinic on Mattock Lane”.

Council assembly resolves:

8. That while the right to protest is an important right in a free society, the right to advice and a legal safe abortion without intimidation and harassment for women should not be compromised by these protests.
9. To engage with other interested parties including BPAS, Blackfriars Medical Centre, Southwark Police, Neil Coyle MP, Cathedrals ward councillors, Southwark CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) and local residents to consider whether similar action should be pursued outside the Blackfriars Medical Centre/BPAS clinic in Colombo Street and if necessary any other clinics in Southwark.

**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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