



# Council Assembly Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES of the Council Assembly (Ordinary Meeting) held on Wednesday November 4 2009 at 7.00 pm at Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

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## **PRESENT:**

The Worshipful the Mayor for 2009-10, Councillor Jeff Hook (Chair)

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai	Councillor Alison McGovern
Councillor James Barber	Councillor Tim McNally
Councillor Paul Bates	Councillor Kirsty McNeill
Councillor Columba Blango	Councillor Jonathan Mitchell
Councillor Fiona Colley	Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle	Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Toby Eckersley	Councillor Gordon Nardell
Councillor Mary Foulkes OBE	Councillor Wilma Nelson
Councillor John Friary	Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Mark Glover	Councillor Paul Noblet
Councillor Aubyn Graham	Councillor Chris Page
Councillor James Gurling	Councillor Andrew Pakes
Councillor Barrie Hargrove	Councillor Caroline Pidgeon
Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton	Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor Michelle Holford	Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor David Hubber	Councillor Lewis Robinson
Councillor Kim Humphreys	Councillor Jane Salmon
Councillor Helen Jardine-Brown	Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Peter John	Councillor Mackie Sheik
Councillor Jenny Jones	Councillor Tayo Situ
Councillor Susan Elan Jones	Councillor Bob Skelly
Councillor Paul Kyriacou	Councillor Robert Smeath
Councillor Jelil Ladipo	Councillor Althea Smith
Councillor Adedokun Lasaki	Councillor Nick Stanton
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE	Councillor Richard Thomas
Councillor Evrim Laws	Councillor Dominic Thorncroft
Councillor Richard Livingstone	Councillor Nick Vineall
Councillor Linda Manchester	Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Eliza Mann	Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor Danny McCarthy	Councillor Lorraine Zuleta

## **1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

## **1.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Mayor reminded members of the following events:

- Remembrance Sunday – Sunday November 8 at the Walworth Road memorial, 10.30am for 10.45am start.
- Armistice and opening of memorial gardens – Wednesday 11 November at the West Lane memorial, 10.30am for 10.45am start.
- Quiz Night at 7.00pm on Friday November 13 at Tooley Street. Teams of 6 welcomed at £30 per team.
- Stephen Flannery memorial on November 16 2009.
- Masquerade Ball on Saturday December 19 2009.

A number of other Mayoral event dates were circulated around the chamber on a separate sheet.

The Mayor announced that Alf Wallis, who ran Good Neighbours House, had passed away last Wednesday after a long illness. The Mayor sent the council's condolences to Mr Wallis' family.

The executive member for health and adult care, Councillor David Noakes, introduced his written statement on the funding of the concessionary fares.

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

The Mayor agreed to accept the following as urgent business for the reasons set out in the reports:

- Core Strategy Submission/Publication report
- An addendum report to the Core Strategy.

The Mayor agreed to circulate:

- Revised amendment A6 and A11 on the Core Strategy
- Late amendment to Motion 9.4 – Freedom Pass Cuts.

He also informed the meeting that following the circulation of a late motion on Save the South London Line, motions 2 and 5 on the agenda had been withdrawn.

The Mayor announced that parts A5 and A10 of Amendment A had been withdrawn.

At this juncture Councillor James Barber, seconded by Councillor Paul Bates, moved that under council assembly procedure rule 1.1(m), the following rules be suspended in order that the late amendment and late motion could be debated.

- Council assembly procedure rule 2.9(3) – Notice for motions to be delivered.

- Council assembly procedure rule 2.9(4) – Notice for amendment to be delivered.

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

### **1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Members made the following declarations:

#### **Item 8.2 – Licensing Act 2003 – Proposed extension of the Peckham Saturation Policy dealing with the “cumulative impact” of licensed premises**

Councillors John Friary and Althea Smith declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in this item as they live in or near the saturation zone.

#### **Item 8.3 - Licensing Act 2003 – Consideration of local Saturation Policy dealing with the “cumulative impact” of licensed premises – Borough and Bankside**

Councillors Mark Glover, Anood Al-Samerai, Adele Morris and Mackie Sheik declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in this item as they live in or near the saturation zone.

#### **Item 9.3 – Southwark’s Housing Crisis**

As council house tenants the following members declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in this item:

1. Councillor Althea Smith
2. Councillor Martin Seaton
3. Councillor Lorraine Lauder
4. Councillor Ade Lasaki
5. Councillor Jelil Ladipo

As council leaseholders the following members declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in this item:

1. Councillor Linda Manchester
2. Councillor Jane Salmon
3. Councillor Eliza Mann
4. Councillor Helen Jardine-Brown
5. Councillor Tayo Situ
6. Councillor Richard Thomas

#### **Motion 9.4 – Freedom Pass Cuts**

As freedom pass holders the following members declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in this item:

1. Councillor Aubyn Graham
2. Councillor Linda Manchester
3. Councillor Ade Lasaki
4. Councillor Veronica Ward
5. Councillor Lorraine Zuleta

6. Councillor Danny McCarthy
7. Councillor Helen Jardine-Brown
8. Councillor David Hubber
9. Councillor Bob Skelly
10. Councillor Toby Eckersley

### **Late Motion – Save the South London Line**

Councillor Barrie Hargrove declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in this item as he undertakes occasional advice surgery work for Tessa Jowell MP.

### **1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Denise Capstick and Ola Oyewunmi. Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillors Helen Jardine-Brown and Jelil Ladipo.

### **2. MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

The open minutes of the meeting held on July 8 2009 be agreed as a correct record of the proceedings.

### **3. PETITIONS**

There were none.

### **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*Report: See page 1 of the main agenda*

One member of the public submitted a written question, the answer to which was circulated at the meeting. The public questioner was not in attendance at the meeting. The question and answer is attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes.

### **5. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME**

*Report: See page 1 of the blue paper, pages 1-24 of the yellow pages circulated at the meeting and pages 2-8 of the main agenda)*

There was one urgent question to the leader, the answer to which was circulated on blue paper at the meeting. There was no supplemental question. The question and answer are attached as Appendix 2 to the minutes.

There were 42 members' questions, the written responses to which were circulated on yellow paper. There were 20 supplementary questions, the answers to all questions are attached as Appendix 3 to the minutes.

### **6. REPORT(S) FOR DECISION FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

## 6.1 CORE STRATEGY

*Report: See supplemental agenda 2, pages 1-45*

The report had not been circulated seven clear days in advance of the meeting. The report was accepted by the Mayor as late and urgent for the reasons set out in the item, that is, to ensure that the council met the consultation and adoption timetable of its local development scheme, which required the core strategy to be published from November 2009 until February 2010 in order to invite representations prior to submission to the Secretary of State in March 2010.

The executive member for regeneration, Councillor Paul Noblet, presented the report.

The Mayor announced that there were three amendments to the report. He drew members attention to revised versions of Amendment A6 and Amendment A11, and also a late amendment; copies of which had been circulated around the chamber. The Mayor also stated that Amendments A5 and A10 had been withdrawn.

Councillor Paul Bates, seconded by Councillor Chris Page, moved that the following parts of Revised Amendment A be voted on in two separate votes:

- A1, A2, A3, A6 (revised version), A7, A9, A11 (revised version), A12 and A13
- A4 and A8.

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

Councillor Chirs Page, seconded by Councillor Gordon Nardell, moved Revised Amendment A.

Following debate (Councillors Kim Humphreys, Nick Stanton and Richard Thomas), Councillor Paul Noblet exercised his right of reply.

Revised Amendment A parts A1, A2, A3, A6 (revised version), A7, A9, A11 (revised version), A12 and A13, were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Revised Amendment A parts A4 and A8, were put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Councillor Ian Wingfield, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved Amendment B.

Following debate (Councillors Kim Humphreys, Nick Stanton, Paul Noblet, James Gurling, Gordon Nardell and John Friary), Councillor Chris Page exercised his right of reply.

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

With the consent of the meeting Councillor James Barber changed the following in the late amendment:

- Page 43 - London Bridge Vision - in the first line between 'London Bridge station' and 'where' **insert** "services stations in Southwark".

- Page 52 - New East Dulwich vision – in second paragraph, second sentence **delete** 'Herne Hill' and **insert** 'East Dulwich'.

Thereafter Councillor James Barber moved the revised late amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Richard Thomas.

Following debate (Councillor Toby Eckersley), the revised late amendment was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Following Councillor James Barbers' right of reply the substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The clerk advised that in accordance with the budget and policy framework procedure rule 2 (g), the executive recommendation had been amended and would be treated as an in-principle decision. The in-principle decision would be implemented after 7 working days unless the leader provides written notice that he objected within 5 working days of the decision.

The leader informed the meeting that he did not object to the decision. Therefore the decision was declared to be implementable with immediate effect.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the comments of the planning committee, the Government Office for London and the Greater London Authority on the Core Strategy publication/submission version (appendix A) and the executive's response to these comments as set out in the report be noted.
2. That the Core Strategy publication/submission version (appendix A as amended by paragraphs 3 and 4, consultation plan (appendix B), consultation report (appendix C), sustainability appraisal (appendix D), equalities impact assessment (appendix E) and appropriate assessment (appendix F) be agreed.
3. That the officer changes on the Core Strategy publication/submission version set out in the addendum report (See supplemental agenda 4) in relation to the issues below, be agreed:
  - Policy 10 - Jobs and businesses, (see supplemental agenda no. 4, paragraphs 4-6)
  - Policy 4.3 - page 97 of appendix G 'Saved Southwark Plan policies' (see supplemental agenda no. 4, paragraphs 7-15 )
  - Strategic Policy 6 - Homes for people on different incomes (see supplemental agenda no. 4, paragraph 15)
  - Strategic Policy 5 – Providing new homes (see supplemental agenda no. 4, paragraph 15)
  - Camberwell action area plan (see supplemental agenda no. 4, paragraph 16).
4. That the following changes be made to the Core Strategy publication/submission version (page numbers below refer to Appendix A):

### **A1: Page 37 – Improving places through sustainable development**

Final paragraph, **delete** “We are not planning any large scale growth...” to the end.

**Insert:**

“We will improve our other unique areas to strengthen their local characteristics (Bermondsey, Nunhead, East Dulwich, Camberwell, Herne Hill, Lordship Lane and Dulwich Village/West Dulwich). This will include new schools, community facilities, open spaces, leisure, arts and culture, sports, health centres, youth facilities and tourist activities.”

### **A2: Page 50 - Herne Hill**

**Delete** final paragraph and **insert:**

“We are focusing on further improving Herne Hill with local shops and services for the surrounding residents and businesses. As there are few development sites in Herne Hill there is little capacity for growth. However, the Dulwich supplementary planning document will set out guidance on how to further improve Herne Hill. The Mayor does not set us targets for Herne Hill.”

### **A3: Page 51 - Camberwell**

**Delete** final paragraph and **insert:**

“We are focusing on improving current businesses rather than retail growth. This may change in the future if resources become available to develop West Camberwell. We will prepare an area action plan providing as many homes as possible, improving current businesses to create a more successful place that could have more leisure, arts and culture, sports and health centres. The Mayor does not set us targets for Camberwell.”

### **A6 (revised version): Page 58 - The Tram**

(New text underlined, deletions shown with a strikethrough)

**Delete** first bullet point, and **insert:**

“We would like the Cross River Tram to come to Southwark. We would like this to provide a corridor where public transport improvements are needed ~~has been identified~~ running from the Elephant and Castle through the Aylesbury area and north Peckham. This ~~was identified as a possible route for the~~ We will work with Transport for London to bring the Cross River Tram or an alternative providing public transport for to Southwark linking the area with Waterloo, the West End, Kings Cross and Camden. This ~~proposal is no longer supported by the Mayor’s Transport Strategy but Southwark will continue to work with the Transport for London on identifying alternative public transport improvements to improve accessibility in these areas.~~ We will consider the need for safeguarding land for any such project in the Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan.”

**A7: Page 59 - The Bakerloo line**

**Delete** bullet point and **insert:**

“Our ambition is that the Bakerloo Line will be extended to considerably improve accessibility in Camberwell and Peckham. We will support any forthcoming proposals by making appropriate land available when required. Southwark will continue to seek additional improvements to accessibility in these areas such as the proposed new station on the Thameslink line at Camberwell.”

**A9: Page 76 - Strategic Policy 6 – Homes for people on different incomes, figure 22**

In figure 22, change the Nunhead ward to denote "(10 units or more) At least 35% of new homes must be affordable. At least 35% of new homes must be private" so that at least 35% of new homes would be private to reflect the high level of social housing and the high number of permissions that are for just affordable/social housing.

**A11 (Revised): Page 120 – Implementation and delivery**

In the phasing column of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th entries on page 120 **insert** (underlined text):

Target	Delivery and infrastructure	Phasing	Who will be involved
	Working with landowners and developers to bring sites forward.	<u>We will work with developers and registered social landlords to encourage them to bring forward the sites that provide the most sustainable development first. This will be in line with strategic policy 1 considering issues such as developing brown-field land before green spaces.</u>	
	Working with registered social landlords to bring forward new housing developments such as through SOUHAG and our joint programme board with the Homes and Communities Agency.		
	Bringing our own land forward for development.	<u>We will bring forward our developments on sites that will deliver the most sustainable development possible. This will be in line with strategic policy 1 considering issues such as developing brown-field land before green spaces.</u>	
	Developing council owned land.		

**A12: Proposals map amendment**

**Insert:**

New other open space: Brayards Green (See supplemental agenda 3, page 4 for



map).

**Insert:**

New protected shopping frontage: 6 - 8 evens Nunhead Green, 60 - 66 evens Nunhead Lane (See supplemental agenda 3, page 5 for map).

**A13: Change to the Proposals map**

Southwark Plan OS98 Surrey Canal Walk including Bonar Road allotments.

**Page 14 – Inequalities within Southwark**

**Insert** as indicated (deletion shown with a strikethrough and new text underlined):

The level of wealth is ~~very~~ relatively high in areas such as Herne Hill, Dulwich, London Bridge and Bankside.

**Page 43 – London Bridge Vision**

**Insert** as shown below (new text underlined):

Development will be mainly focused in the area around London Bridge station which serves stations in Southwark, where Transport for London, Network Rail, the Primary Care Trust, King's College and major land owners will help deliver large scale change. This will include major development of the station to improve capacity and links between transport types as well as provide more shops and offices. These station improvements should prioritise links to buses and train stations within Southwark. This will improve the transport accessibility to Bermondsey, Rotherhithe and Elephant and Castle in the north, Camberwell, Peckham and Nunhead in the centre and Lordship Lane, Herne Hill, East, West Dulwich and Dulwich in the south.

**Page 46 – Aylesbury Action Area**

Figure 15: Aylesbury - **insert** an additional link (indicated on map below):



**Page 52 - New East Dulwich vision**

**Insert** new section:

**East Dulwich Vision**

“We are working with the local community to further improve East Dulwich as a pleasant and popular place to live. The area is mostly residential with lots of Victorian terraced housing. Local residents have good access to local shops along Northcross Road and Grove Vale and a wider variety of shops on Lordship Lane. There is plenty of access to surrounding attractive open spaces including Goose Green, Dulwich Park and Peckham Rye Common. East Dulwich Station provides train services to London Bridge which are well used by the many East Dulwich residents. Current improvements to Dulwich Leisure Centre will improve the facility for local residents.

“The Mayor does not set us targets for East Dulwich. There will be very little growth, with the focus on improving what is already there and protecting its suburban character. The Dulwich supplementary planning document will set out guidance on how to further improve East Dulwich.”

**Page 68 – Places to learn and enjoy**

In “we will do this”, **insert** underlined text:

Protecting schools where there is a long-term local need.

## **Pages 110 – Infrastructure**

In first paragraph **insert** underlined word:

New development in the borough needs to be supported by adequate infrastructure. This includes social infrastructure such as schools, health and other community facilities, transport infrastructure, green infrastructure such as parks and open spaces, and energy, telecoms and utilities infrastructure.

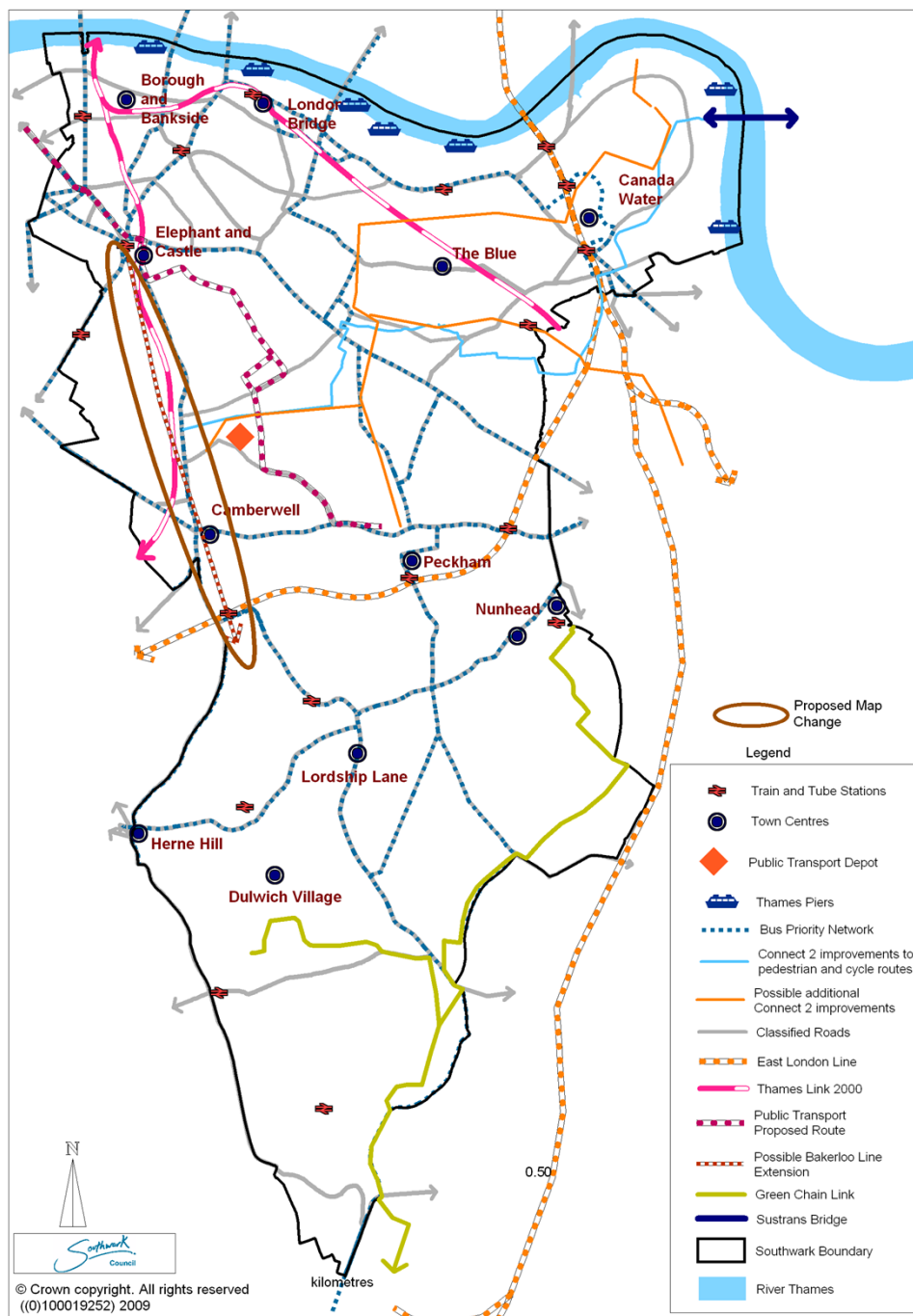
## **Page 111 - Community Infrastructure Levy**

In third paragraph **insert** underlined text:

CIL should be used to fund the infrastructure needs of development. Development can be unlocked and made sustainable by the provision of very different types of infrastructure, such as transport, schools and health centres, flood defences, energy, telecoms and utilities, play areas, parks and other green spaces, many of which are already funded in part by the existing system of developer contributions.

## **Page 56 – Strategic Policy 2 – Sustainable Transport**

Figure 17: How this will look. **Insert** the possible route for the Bakerloo line extension as shown in the map below:



5. That the publication and submission of the core strategy publication/submission version (appendix A as amended) to the Secretary of State in March 2010 together with any representations received be agreed.
6. That the preparation of a summary of representations received and approval of any minor amendments to the wording of the Core Strategy publication/submission version, be delegated to the strategic director for regeneration and neighbourhoods in consultation with the executive member for regeneration before submission to Secretary of State.

7. That the Southwark plan policies as set out in appendix G of the report be 'saved'.

**Note:** In accordance with the budget and policy framework procedure rule 2 (g), the executive recommendation had been amended and should be treated as an in-principle decision. The leader informed the meeting that he did not object to the decision. Therefore the decision can be implemented with immediate affect.

## **7. REPORT(S) FOR INFORMATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

### **7.1 REPORT BACK ON MOTIONS REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**

*Report: See pages 9-20 of the main agenda*

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the content of the report be noted.

## **8. OTHER REPORTS**

### **8.1 CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS - REVIEW OF THRESHOLDS**

*Report: See pages 21-25 of the main agenda*

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.10(2) the Mayor formally moved the recommendations contained within the report.

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

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the recommendations of the constitutional steering panel relating to the lower threshold at which officers are required to obtain three written quotes be agreed:
  - a) That the lower threshold at which officers are required to seek to obtain three written quotes remain unchanged at £5,000.
  - b) That contract standing orders be amended to reflect a new requirement where three written quotes are sought to take all reasonable steps to include within the quotes obtained at least one quote from a local supplier, as set out in paragraph 26 of the report.
2. That section 5.12 of contract standing orders be amended as follows (new text underlined):

"For all contracts where the estimated contract value is from £5,000 to £75,000, there is a requirement to take all reasonable steps to obtain at

least three written quotes, including one from a local supplier where this is possible, unless the LC) decides that this will not secure value for money. In such cases, a Gateway 1 report must be completed to explain what alternative action is being taken and why. In addition, if the contract is for works or works-related services, those invited to submit quotes must be selected from the council's work approved list unless permission is obtained to do otherwise through a Gateway 1 report; such a report must include supplementary procurement advice from the finance director or his delegated officers, without which the approval cannot be granted."

## **8.2 THE LICENSING ACT 2003 - PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE PECKHAM SATURATION POLICY DEALING WITH THE "CUMULATIVE IMPACT" OF LICENSED PREMISES**

*Report: See pages 26-90 of the main agenda*

The chair of the licensing committee, Councillor David Hubber, moved the report.

Councillor Richard Livingstone moved Amendment C which was formally seconded by Councillor Fiona Colley

Following Councillor David Hubber's right of reply Amendment C 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 the recommendation of the licensing committee be approved on the basis of:
  - a) The partnership analytical report on both alcohol related violence against the person and crime and disorder in the areas of Peckham; and
  - b) Responses from the local consultation exercise carried out with both residents and businesses,

it is appropriate and necessary, in order to deal with the cumulative effects of licensed premises, to extend the current saturation policy.

2. That the boundary of the proposed extended area for the local saturation policy area be:

Commencing on Peckham High Street at the junction with Kelly Avenue progressing to Gattonby Street / Sumner Road / Jocelyn Street / cross Peckham Hill Street / Goldsmith Road / Meeting House Lane / Consort Road / Heaton Road / Sternhall Lane / McDermott Road / Maxted Road / Bellenden Road / Chadwick Road / Lyndhurst Way / Peckham Road to junction with Talfourd Road and back to start.

A map of the area is shown as Appendix 5 to the report.

3. That the classes of premises within the area to which the policy shall apply will be:  
Night-clubs; public houses / bars; off-licences, grocers, supermarkets, convenience stores and other similar premises.
4. That having approved the introduction of the extension of the local saturation policy for Peckham, council assembly requests the licensing committee to consider whether to further extend the boundary to cover the entirety of Meeting House Lane.

**Note:** Resolution 4 will be referred as a recommendation to the licensing committee for consideration.

### **8.3 THE LICENSING ACT 2003 - CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL SATURATION POLICIES DEALING WITH THE "CUMULATIVE IMPACT" OF LICENSED PREMISES - BOROUGH AND BANKSIDE AREA**

*Report: See pages 91-113 of the main agenda*

The chair of the licensing committee, Councillor David Hubber, formally moved the report.

Councillor David Noakes, seconded by Councillor Adele Morris, moved Amendment D.

Following debate (Councillor Linda Manchester), Councillor David Hubber exercised his right of reply.

Amendment D 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 the recommendation of the licensing committee be approved on the basis of:
  - a) The partnership analytical report on both alcohol related violence against the person and crime and disorder; and
  - b) Responses from the local consultation exercise carried out with both residents and businesses,

it is appropriate and necessary, in order to deal with the cumulative effects of licensed premises, to introduce a special saturation policy in the Borough and Bankside area.

2. That the boundary of the special saturation policy area in Borough and Bankside area be:

Blackfriars Bridge / Blackfriars Road / Borough Road / Borough High Street / Long Lane / Crosby Row / Snowfields / Bermondsey Street directly north to the river frontage and then westward back to Blackfriars Bridge.

A map of the area is shown as Appendix 2 of the report.

3. That the classes of premises within the area to which the policy shall apply will be:  

Night-clubs / public houses & bars / restaurants & cafes / off-licences, supermarkets and grocers.
4. That having approved the introduction of a local saturation policy for Borough and Bankside, council assembly requests the licensing committee to consider whether to extend the western boundary of the Borough and Bankside saturation zone, and in doing so look at the possibility of including The Cut and Isabella Street.

**Note:** Resolution 4 will be referred as a recommendation to the licensing committee for consideration.

#### **8.4 REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR CIVIC AWARDS**

*Report: See pages 114-116 of the main agenda*

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.10(2) the Mayor formally moved the recommendations contained within the report.

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

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the constitutional changes set out in paragraph 11 of the report to provide clarity on the role of standards committee in relation to granting awards and the relationship with the Civic Association's recommendations be agreed:

Paragraph 12 of Part 3M: Standards committee currently reads 'To grant civic awards'.

The amendment is to delete all and insert:

'To consider recommendations for civic awards from the Civic Association or other nominating body and decide whether to grant an award and the appropriate level of any award.'

2. That the creation of a new discretionary award decided on merit by the Mayor be agreed.

#### **9. MOTIONS**

*Report: See pages 117-122 of the main agenda*

##### **9.1 MOTION 1: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT JUNCTION OF LORDSHIP LANE AND DULWICH COMMON**

Councillor Lewis Robinson, seconded by Councillor Kim Humphreys, moved the motion.



Following debate (Councillors Richard Thomas, Paul Kyriacou and Caroline Pidgeon), Councillor Lewis Robinson exercised his right of reply.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That council assembly notes:

1. The long standing calls by College Ward councillors and local residents, particularly the elderly of the Lordship Lane Estate, for the introduction of a “pedestrian phasing” of the traffic lights at the junction of the South Circular with Lordship Lane at Dulwich Common.
2. The council traffic survey commissioned by College Ward councillors through cleaner, greener, safer funding which concluded that the most effective way to improve pedestrian safety and reduce car collisions at this junction was the introduction of “pedestrian phasing” amongst other measures.
3. Following the survey the description of this junction in local newspapers as “Is this the most dangerous junction in Southwark?” (Southwark News).

That council assembly welcomes:

4. The commitment now given by Transport for London (TfL) under the new London Mayor that a “pedestrian phasing” will now be introduced at this junction in the next 12 months.
5. The recent petition of local residents organised by College Ward councillors which calls on TfL to recognise the importance of making this junction as safe as possible and to bring forward the “pedestrian phasing” forward in their work programme at the earliest opportunity.

That council assembly requests the executive to:

6. Make the appropriate representations to TfL in support of ward councillors to ensure that these works are brought forward at the earliest opportunity in the next 12 months and coincide with upgrading the lights to ease any potential traffic congestion.

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

**9.2 MOTION 2: SAVE THE SOUTH LONDON LINE**

Following consultation between group whips, motions 9.2 and 9.5 on the main agenda was withdrawn and a late motion was submitted.

**9.3 MOTION 3: SOUTHWARK'S COUNCIL HOUSING CRISIS**

At 8.50pm Councillor Jelil Ladipo declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest as a council leaseholder.

Councillor Ian Wingfield, seconded by Councillor Martin Seaton, moved the motion.

Councillor Alison McGovern, seconded by Councillor Lorraine Lauder, moved Amendment E.

Following debate (Councillors Peter John, Kim Humphreys, Nick Stanton, Paul Bates, Veronica Ward, David Noakes, Richard Livingstone, Mary Foulkes, Tim McNally, Barrie Hargrove, Anood Al-Samerai, Dora Dixon-Fyle and Aubyn Graham), Councillor Ian Wingfield exercised his right of reply.

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

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.13(5) the following members requested that their vote in favour of Amendment E be recorded in the minutes: Councillors Paul Bates, Fiona Colley, Mark Glover, Mary Foulkes, John Friary, Dora Dixon-Fyle, Aubyn Graham, Peter John, Barrie Hargrove, Susan Elan Jones, Lorraine Lauder, Evrim Laws, Richard Livingstone, Alison McGovern, Kirsty McNeill, Abdul Mohamed, Gordon Nardell, Chris Page, Andrew Pakes, Sandra Rhule, Martin Seaton, Tayo Situ, Robert Smeath, Althea Smith, Dominic Thorncroft, Veronica Ward and Ian Wingfield.

Councillor Kim Humphreys moved Amendment F, following which Councillor Ian Wingfield made a point of personal explanation. Thereafter Councillor Nick Stanton seconded Amendment F.

Following debate (Councillors Peter John, Paul Noblet, John Friary, Richard Thomas and Fiona Colley), the gullotine fell at 10.05pm.

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 council assembly notes in a draft of the housing strategy a £700 million gap in the funding for the executive's Southwark decent homes programme was reported. It notes the omission of this figure in the housing strategy agreed by the executive as further work is still being carried out as part of the stock condition survey.
2. That council assembly regrets the large number of homes classified as non-decent in Southwark and notes that the housing strategy recognises this is a problem across all sectors with more than a third of housing association homes classified as such. Council assembly further notes that Southwark has far more council housing than any other London borough.
3. That council assembly reaffirms its support for settled view of Southwark tenants that:
  - a) they wish to remain as tenants of the council
  - b) that the government's so-called decent homes standard is an inadequate and insufficient standard for Southwark's homes

- c) when refurbishment takes place the work should be comprehensive and take into account landlord obligations, decent homes and other improvements, rather than simply reflect artificial, piecemeal and partial government targets.
4. That council assembly regrets the continued restrictions imposed on the council by government that prevent it meeting the legitimate aspirations of tenants and leaseholders and its failure to provide any additional funding for fire safety work.
5. That council assembly welcomes the review of the housing revenue account (HRA) by the Communities and Local Government department, particularly over suggestions that power will be returned to local government over rent incomes and capital receipts and supports London Councils in its view that “where an exceptional need to spend is identified, certain local authorities should have their level of debt reduced so as to create additional headroom for local prudential borrowing” but awaits detailed proposals with concern given the government’s recent record on housing finance.
6. That in addition council assembly calls on the executive to launch a campaign to persuade the government to recognise Southwark’s unique position and look at other solutions, excluded from the HRA review, and allow the council to invest in its homes through a combination of:
  - a) Writing off historic debt – particularly for estates that have been demolished or redeveloped
  - b) Allowing the council to remortgage parcels of its debt at the current competitive rates
  - c) Allowing the council a temporary “debt holiday”
  - d) Lifting the restrictions on the use of receipts from planning gain
  - e) Giving councils full control over their rent and other income.

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

#### **9.4 MOTION 4: FREEDOM PASS CUTS**

The Mayor announced that a late amendment had been received to the motion.

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors David Noakes and Tim McNally, formally moved and seconded the motion.

The Mayor stated that Amendment G had been withdrawn.

Councillors Caroline Pidgeon and Adele Morris formally moved and seconded the late amendment.

The late amendment 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 Labour government review of the last year of the 3-year special grant for concessionary fares to support the introduction of the English national concession which has resulted in London losing £28.6 million from the funding it had already been promised.
2. That council assembly condemns this decision for the following reasons:
  - a) It means the council is likely to lose around £1,000,000 of already promised central government funding in 2010-11.
  - b) It goes against sensible financial planning as the government is proposing unilateral changes to the final year of a three year funding settlement.
  - c) The announcement is very late and creates huge uncertainty for London boroughs in dealing with Transport for London (TfL) by the end of December.
3. That council assembly notes with anger that every other urban area in the country will receive a 100% subsidy from the Labour government for the cost of elderly and disabled travel, while London council taxpayers will have to contribute between one half and a third of the cost of the scheme in the capital.
4. That council assembly supports the view of London Councils' Chairman, Councillor Merrick Cockell, who said earlier today: "The government's decision at this late stage to renege on the deal they had already agreed is absolutely stunning and will be met with anger across the capital."
5. That council assembly calls on the executive members for resources and health and adult care to write to the Minister for London and the Junior Transport Minister, Sadiq Khan, in the strongest possible terms, to express its anger and demand that London boroughs get a fair deal.
6. That council assembly calls on the executive to use all appropriate means to publicise this funding withdrawal, particularly among Southwark residents applying for freedom passes.

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

#### **9.5 MOTION 5: SAVE THE SOUTH LONDON LINE**

Following consultation between the group whips, motions 9.2 and 9.5 on the main agenda were withdrawn and a late motion was submitted.

#### **10. AMENDMENTS REPORT**

The amendments were considered with the relevant agenda item.

#### **11. LATE MOTION - SAVE THE SOUTH LONDON LINE**

The guillotine having fallen Councillors Caroline Pidgeon and Barrie Hargrove, formally moved and seconded the late motion.

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

## RESOLVED:

1. That 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. That 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. That 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. That 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. That 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. That 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. That 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. That 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. That 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. That 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. That 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. That 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 Department for Transport, London Mayor, Network Rail, the Minister of Transport and Minister for London to retain the South London Line service.

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

The meeting closed at 10.08 pm.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**