

<b>Item No.</b> 3.2	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 11 July 2018	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Motion on the Theme: Stronger, Safer, More Resilient Communities	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Proper Constitutional Officer	

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The theme for this meeting is Stronger, Safer, More Resilient Communities.

The relevant cabinet member shall submit a motion on the theme. All other political groups on the council are allowed to submit one amendment to the motion. The cabinet member's motion and the amendments do not need to be seconded. The cabinet member will present the motion to the meeting, followed by the lead opposition spokesperson's response and moving of their amendment, if any. Following this, the subject matter of the theme will be open to debate. Amendment(s) from other opposition groups on the council can be moved during this part of the meeting.

### **MOTION FROM COUNCILLORS REBECCA LURY, DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITIES, AND EVELYN AKOTO, CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

Stronger, Safer, More Resilient Communities

1. Council assembly notes:
  - a. That Southwark's communities add great value to our borough, and make Southwark a place which we can all be proud of
  - b. That despite cuts from this Conservative government, Southwark Council continues to provide financial support to community groups, voluntary organisations and faith groups through the community capacity grants programme
  - c. The council's Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy which aims to deliver a thriving voluntary and community sector which meets the needs of our residents
  - d. The role played by faith groups in creating strong and resilient communities, and the development of a Faith Strategy which will be launched later this year
  - e. The zero-tolerance to hate crime approach taken by the council
  - f. That youth violence continues to be a problem in Southwark and across London
  - g. That the council is working with communities, the police, and other partners to tackle youth violence, violence against women and girls, and other issues which harm our communities
  - h. Southwark Labour's manifesto commitment to work with our communities to find local solutions that help young people stay away from knives and launch a Positive Futures Fund to support groups that provide inspiring opportunities for young people

2. Council assembly calls on cabinet to:
  - a. Build on the work done on the Women’s Safety Charter and develop and deliver a Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy to tackle all forms of gender-based violence in our communities
  - b. Fulfil Labour’s manifesto pledge and establish a Positive Futures Fund to empower communities to provide inspiring opportunities for young people which help them to stay away from knives and not become involved in youth violence
  - c. Continue to work with groups and partners in the community to tackle extremism and support those who may be at risk of radicalisation, recognising that the best solutions to these problems can often be found in the community
  - d. Continue to work with and for Southwark’s communities to ensure that they are strong, safe and resilient.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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## AUDIT TRAIL

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