

Item No. 3.2	Classification: Open	Date: 17 July 2019	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Motion on the Theme: Delivering the transport infrastructure for Southwark's future	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The theme for this meeting is Delivering the transport infrastructure for Southwark's future.

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 Johnson Situ, Cabinet Member for Growth, Development and Planning, and Richard Livingstone, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency

Delivering the transport infrastructure for Southwark's future

1. Council assembly notes:
 - a. The Southwark Labour manifesto and council plan commitment to creating a fairer future for Southwark, where every resident has the chance to thrive, and make the most of the opportunities being created in the borough.
 - b. That we want a borough where growth works for all, with high quality employment, healthcare, schools, park and libraries for residents.
 - c. That in order for our residents to be able to access these opportunities being created in Southwark, there needs to be an accessible, sustainable transport network, right across the whole borough.
 - d. That the Southwark Labour manifesto committed to delivering the transport infrastructure needed for Southwark's future by pledging to:
 - i) Campaign to re-open Camberwell train station
 - ii) Make cycling accessible for all, increase cycle hangers where people want them, boost access to cycle hire and double the proportion of journeys in Southwark done by bike
 - iii) Campaign for three new tube stations on the Old Kent Road, including one at the Bricklayers Arms
 - iv) Work with the Mayor of London to build a new pedestrian and cycling bridge from Canada Water to Canary Wharf
 - v) Develop a green walking network
 - vi) Adapt lamp posts to charge electric cars so that every home is within walking distance of a charging point
 - vii) Campaign to reinstate the frequency of the RV1 bus service.

- e. The progress made against these commitments, including:
 - i) Making cycling safer and easier by delivering 7.8 kilometres of cycle ways, and providing bikeability training to 3,484 children and 1,359 adults
 - ii) Creating the 'Back the Bakerloo' campaign, in partnership with Lewisham Council, to which nearly 17,500 local residents and businesses have pledged their support
 - iii) Improving accessibility at Peckham Rye station, as, thanks to the council's lobbying, the government has committed funds to installing a lift in the station
 - iv) Adapting 81 lamp posts into electric charging points, with many more in the pipeline, enabling residents to move away from greenhouse gas emitting petrol or diesel cars
 - v) Working with Network Rail to redevelop London Bridge station, making it a station fit for the future and accessible to all.
2. Council assembly further notes:
- a. That at the March 2019 council assembly, council assembly declared a climate emergency.
 - b. That for the council to play its part in addressing the recently announced climate emergency, it will need to continue to promote the shift from driving to walking, cycling and public transport.
 - c. That in April cabinet agreed the Movement Plan, committing the council to transport policies that promote walking and cycling, improve air quality and safety, and reduce carbon.
 - d. That wherever possible, the council has worked closely with Transport for London (TfL) to enable them to deliver schemes that benefit the borough.
 - e. That thanks to Conservative austerity, TfL's budget has been dramatically reduced by £700m a year.
 - f. That despite the council's close partnership working with TfL, they have made a number of disappointing decisions, such as the withdrawal of the RV1 bus service, the decision not to include a third station at Bricklayers Arms in their proposals for the Bakerloo line extension, and the recent decision to halt work on the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf pedestrian bridge, despite widespread community and cross-party support for each of these.
 - g. That TfL's decisions make it harder for the council to promote walking, cycling and public transport, improve air quality, and tackle the climate emergency.
 - h. That although TfL's decisions are understandably based on their reduced budget, council assembly remains disappointed that they have not done more to work with the council to deliver the transport infrastructure needed for Southwark's future.
3. Council assembly resolves to call on cabinet to:
- a. Campaign for better transport links in Southwark's transport 'not spots', where residents are not within a short walk of a train, overground or tube station (see map).
 - b. Campaign for better accessibility to Southwark's transport, including:
 - i) Calling on the government to continue the work that will be done at Denmark Hill and Peckham Rye stations and ensure lifts and step free access in all stations in the borough
 - ii) Support the improvement of the Canada Water station interchange
 - iii) Calling on TfL to ensure accessible, step free access along bus routes and reinstate the RV1 bus

- iv) Call on TfL to ensure adequate support available at underground and overground stations for those who need it by keeping ticket offices open.
- c. Continue to work to ensure that transport in the borough is sustainable, including promoting active travel, in particular, walking and cycling, and continue to work with TfL to deliver the extension of the Santander Cycle scheme in Southwark.
- d. Continue to lobby TfL to rethink their decision to pause work on the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf bridge.
- e. Review planning policy in the light of the climate emergency to ensure the planning process promotes sustainable, environmentally friendly transport options for the borough.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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