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Report title:		Members' Motions	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		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 minutes¹.

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.

¹ Council assembly procedure rule 1.14 (9)

1. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR HUMAIRA ALI (Seconded by Councillor Alice Macdonald)

Promoting Equality and Valuing Diversity

1. Council assembly:
 - a. Asserts its pride in Southwark as one of the most diverse and vibrant parts of London, the UK and indeed Europe.
 - b. Recognises the contributions that all communities, classes and cultures have made to Southwark in the past and will continue to make in future.
 - c. Welcomes the promotion and integration of equality and diversity in all that the council undertakes; and in its work undertaken with partners.
 - d. Welcomes its community leadership role and commits to working towards being a borough where all feel safe, included, valued and respected, as well as helping to promote good community relations in the borough so that all feel a common sense of belonging to one Southwark – a borough that welcomes and celebrates its great diversity.

2. Council assembly acknowledges that:
 - a. The level of hate crime in Southwark is still too high, with 788 incidents in 2018.
 - b. The levels of hate crime and hate incidents in Southwark and across London have risen in recent years. Race-hate crime across London has increased from 8,000 incidents a year in 2012 to almost 18,000 this year. Sexual orientation hate crime across London has almost doubled in five years, from 1,092 incidents in 2014 to 2,048 incidents this year
 - c. People from minority groups feel less safe as verbal and physical attacks driven by misogyny, homophobia and racism have become more frequent.
 - d. A complacent assumption that hateful attitudes and discrimination will inevitably decline over time has been disproved and needs to be rejected.

3. Council assembly notes:
 - a. That in November 2017, council assembly voted unanimously to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.
 - b. That both the Liberal Democrats and the Labour party have accepted the All-Party Parliamentary Group working definition of Islamophobia, defined as being ‘rooted in racism and [is] a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.’
 - c. The recent acceptance of Conservative party leadership candidates to support an independent inquiry into Islamophobia within the Conservative party, and hopes that the independent inquiry will take place promptly rather than being postponed to an unspecified date.

4. Council assembly also notes the work that the council already does to promote diversity and tackle hate crime, including:
 - a. Promoting and taking part in National Hate Crime Awareness Week.
 - b. Providing Hate Crime Awareness materials and resources to community, voluntary, and faith groups across the borough.
 - c. Engaging more than 1,400 young people across over 30 primary and secondary schools with in-school workshops on diversity, tolerance, equalities and tackling prejudice.
 - d. Funding interactive Hate Crime awareness raising workshops in five primary schools in the borough for over 400 primary school children, and

- securing funding for the “Free to Be” programme which will help 1,900 young people across four schools to tackle homophobic and transphobic bullying and hatred.
- e. Supporting celebrations of diversity, including Black History Month, the annual interfaith walk, council staff equality forums and networks, as well as community and voluntary organisations in Southwark that promote diversity.
5. Council assembly asserts that:
- a. Discrimination, harassment and abuse in all its forms and manifestations is not only wrong in itself but also corrodes the core pillars of society and undermines attempts to build a secure, prosperous, and decent society that we all want to live in.
 - b. There has been a lack of leadership across Parliament in developing effective strategies to confront discrimination and the causes of these prejudices.
 - c. There has been a generational failure to clearly acknowledge and celebrate the rewards we have reaped from people who have moved to the UK to build their lives here and contribute to our societies and communities as well as those rewards we will reap from people who will choose to move to the UK in the future.
 - d. Southwark should be a leader and serve as a beacon to others in demonstrating how to create the tolerant, open and mutually supportive society we want to see.
6. Council assembly:
- a. Adopts the All-Party Parliamentary Group working definition of Islamophobia.
 - b. Affirms its previous adoption of the IHRA definition on antisemitism.
 - c. Commits to standing up against hate and to challenging Islamophobia, antisemitism and all other forms of racism and discrimination, in our own organisations and parties as well as outside them.
 - d. Calls on the civic awards sub committee to create a specific award for those who have made an outstanding contribution to making Southwark a more integrated, plural and tolerant place for us all, as part of the borough’s Civic Awards.
7. Council assembly calls on cabinet to:
- a. Actively ensure that activities and events in Southwark acknowledge and reflect the diversity of life and society in our borough.
 - b. Continue to work with schools to:
 - i. celebrate diversity
 - ii. ensure that young people are educated about hate crime, including how to tackle the spread of hate speech online
 - iii. make all Southwark schools inclusive places for all children and young people.
 - c. Call on the government to make misogyny-driven attacks a hate crime and to commit additional resources to tackling the spread of hate crime.
 - d. Establish diversity champions, drawn on a cross-party or non-party basis, to act as additional focal points for enabling greater integration and strengthening community bonds of belonging, solidarity, tolerance and mutual support.
 - e. Launch an updated equality and diversity standard for Southwark Council.

- f. Specifically and additionally include those who have made an outstanding contribution to making Southwark a more integrated, plural and tolerant place for us all in the borough's Civic Awards.
- g. Work with Transport for London on how to make public transport a safe place for all users.
- h. Promote and protect spaces in the Borough where people from minority groups feel safe, particularly LGBT+ spaces that have declined by 60% in Southwark over the last decade.
- i. Commit to making Southwark a borough that stands out for its integration, tolerance and mutual cross-community support, which can serve as a model for others to follow.

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

2. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR KATH WHITTAM (Seconded by Councillor Bill Williams)

Supporting the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf Bridge

- 1. Council assembly notes:
 - a. The 2016 transport motion, in which council assembly called on Transport for London (TfL) to bring forward plans for a bridge linking Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf.
 - b. That since then the Rotherhithe Bridge proposal has received widespread support, with over 90% of local residents backing the plans.
 - c. That local councillors have led the push for the bridge, and that the council has recognised the importance of delivering the bridge in the most recent Council Plan.
 - d. The Southwark Labour manifesto pledge to work with the Mayor of London to build a new pedestrian and cycling bridge from Canada Water to Canary Wharf.
 - e. The Mayor of London's 2016 commitment to "work to break down some of the city's physical barriers, such as by backing the Rotherhithe-Canary Wharf cycle and pedestrian bridge".
 - f. That the Mayor of London had previously expressed his support for the bridge, including by filming a video with local councillors supporting its construction.
 - g. That current river crossings in the area are seriously overcrowded, with serious traffic issues in the approach to the Rotherhithe Tunnel, and Canada Water station having to be closed during rush hour as a result of safety concerns.
 - h. That the current ferry service across the river is both expensive and has a very low capacity.
 - i. That if the cost of ferry tickets were to be subsidised by TfL, or even made free, its limited capacity would not solve the overcrowding issues which the bridge would address.
 - j. That there is no segregated cycle lane across Tower Bridge, making it harder for cyclists to safely cross the river.
 - k. The council's plans to clean up the air and help people make healthy choices of walking and cycling are much more challenging if the bridge is cancelled.
 - l. That the whole of east and southeast London stand to gain from this bridge being built.

2. Council assembly further recognises:
 - a. That the significant growth planned in the Canada Water area, including an increase in new homes and job opportunities, will require a significant investment in transport infrastructure.
 - b. That the current plans for the area anticipate the bridge being built.
 - c. That TfL's budget has been cut as a result of Conservative austerity, and that the decision to pause work on the bridge has been made as a result of financial pressures, rather than because TfL consider the bridge to be unnecessary.
 - d. That TfL are continuing to press ahead with the Silvertown Tunnel scheme, despite the significant cost of this scheme, and the concerns that have been raised about its negative impact on the local area and environment.
 - e. That the council has previously publicly stated its support for the bridge, including financial support through the Community Infrastructure Levy.
3. Council assembly believes:
 - a. That the recent TfL decision to 'pause' progress on plans to deliver the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf Bridge is the wrong one and condemns the decision.
4. Council assembly therefore calls on cabinet to:
 - a. Continue to lobby TfL to reconsider their decision not to progress with plans for the bridge.
 - b. To ask TfL to share details of the increase in cost with the council and commit to jointly review the cost for the bridge.
 - c. Seek an urgent meeting with Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor of London for Transport to relay the strength of feeling within the local community and urge TfL to reconsider, as well as seek assurances on other major transport infrastructure commitments in the borough, including committing to extending Santander Cycles to Canada Water.
 - d. Call on TfL to address in a full and proper manner the concerns and recommendations raised by the council in relation to the proposals for the new Silvertown Tunnel, which will impact negatively on the quality of life of a vast number of people who live and work in the borough.

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

3. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN** (Seconded by Councillor William Hougbo)

A permanent memorial to remember the terrorist attacks in London Bridge and Borough Market

1. Council assembly notes that:
 - a. 3 June 2019 marks the second anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks which took place on London Bridge and in Borough Market.
 - b. Eight people lost their lives and a further forty-eight people were injured in the attacks.
 - c. In addition to those directly involved, many in the local communities in Borough, Bankside and London Bridge are still affected by the traumatic events.
2. Council assembly praises:

- a. The swiftness of those who responded to the attack, who in their speed and bravery saved the lives of many.
 - b. The spirit of solidarity and social cohesion that flourished following the attacks, showing to the world that Southwark stood together against hate.
 - c. The continued support that has been offered to victims, witnesses and those affected.
3. Council assembly calls for:
- a. A permanent memorial to be established to commemorate those who were killed and injured, recognise the impact the attacks had on the local community and the strength of the community response, and praise the support of all those who responded and have helped the community to recover.
 - b. Survivors, families of the victims, community representatives and elected representatives from the affected communities, representatives from local religious communities and professionals involved in responding to the attacks as well as those who have supported the recovery of the area to decide on the design, location and nature of the permanent memorial.

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4. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DARREN MERRILL (Seconded by Councillor Jason Ochere)

Adult Social Care

1. Council assembly notes:
 - a. That social care is in crisis, which puts at risk tens of thousands of older and disabled people who could end up being denied even the most basic personal support such as help with washing or dressing. Yet despite this, the Conservative government has no strategy or plan to deal with this.
 - b. Southwark Council continues to do the very best for our residents by delivering our commitments for a fairer future for all. The council is doing this despite the malign neglect of central government.
 - c. Southwark is having to continually find new ways to ensure that we support people with profound and increasingly complex needs as well as work to transform lives for the better.
 - d. That the coalition government and now the Conservative government have no sustainable plan and are failing to deliver adequate funds to local authorities which risks putting Southwark's current high standard of social care under threat.
2. Council assembly further notes:
 - a. That across the country local council spending on social care has dropped in real terms and is now £700 million below what it was in 2010/11. That this is despite an ageing population and a 2 per cent rise in new requests for adult social care since 2015/16, which reached 1.84 million requests in 2018.
 - b. That a recent study from the King's Fund warns that fewer people are receiving care, with almost 13,000 fewer granted help over the same period
 - c. That the study found it is not just older people who are requesting help, with a rise in the number of adults of working age seeking support as levels of disability rise. Since 2015/16, there has been a rise from 1.31 million to

- 1.32 million older people requesting help, while among working-age people requests have gone up from just over 500,000 to nearly 524,000.
- d. That more than 7,000 working-age people are receiving long-term support compared with 2015/16, but there more than 20,000 fewer older people receiving it.
 - e. That failure to address a systematic undervaluing of autistic people, dementia sufferers and disabled people in general make the sort of abuse uncovered by Panorama at Whorlton Hall more likely to occur again in the future.
3. Council assembly recognises:
- a. That in Southwark, members of our community can access high quality information, advice and coordinated community services that prevent, reduce and delay their needs for social care support.
 - b. That adults with eligible support needs and their carers have access to services which maximise independence and choice, and enable them to live healthy, safe and fulfilling lives in their community.
 - c. That the council's vision and priorities for the period April 2018 to March 2020 flows from the council's vision first developed in 2015. This vision and priorities are driven by the belief that the council should be "*Empowering and enabling people to live fulfilled and independent lives with dignity and respect*".
 - d. That Southwark council has put these values into practice, and taken a number of important steps to improve adult social care services, including by:
 - i) Implementing the Southwark Ethical Care Charter, which has significantly increased satisfaction rates in the service, meaning the satisfaction rates are now well above the national average
 - ii) Establishing a Reablement Service that works with the NHS to successfully support 82% of adult care service users in their own homes following hospital discharge
 - iii) Protecting funding for adult mental health services.
 - iv) Agreeing plans to open two new nursing homes, one in Burgess Park and one in Camberwell
 - v) Making it easier for people to access mental health services, disability services and older people services through our hub and satellite
 - vi) Working with the NHS, the voluntary sector to create a sustainable, high quality integrated care system locally
 - vii) Developing a Residential Care Charter that will recognise the importance of demonstrating the value of workers in the care system.
4. Council assembly resolves to call on cabinet to:
- a. Condemn this Conservative government for shamefully abandoning older people and young adults with care needs.
 - b. Call on the government to publish a 10 year social care plan, in line with the 10 year NHS plan, publish a Green Paper on adult social care, and reverse cuts to adult social care funding and expand provision by restoring local government funding.

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

5. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR SUNNY LAMBE** (Seconded by Councillor Radha Burgess)

Monthly Leave Your Car At Home Days

1. Council assembly welcomes:
 - a. The Mayor of London's and the council's commitment to take part in international car free day on Sunday 22 September 2019.
 - b. Southwark's role in the Mayor's centrepiece of this year's event with the closure to traffic of Tower Bridge and most of Tooley Street on that day, along with non-bus traffic across London Bridge, as part of a car free zone that also includes much of the City of London.
2. Council assembly recognises:
 - a. That in addition to the impact on air quality in cities like London, cars are a major contributor to carbon emissions and long term climate change.
 - b. The role that the Fizz Free Feb campaign has had in highlighting the public health risk posed by sugar and to encourage people to make personal pledges to change their behaviour.
3. Council assembly believes that a similar public health approach to car use is important in changing behaviour.
4. Council assembly reaffirms its commitment to take action to tackle the climate emergency and welcomes international car free day as a positive step towards this.
5. Council assembly therefore calls on cabinet to:
 - a. Develop proposals to introduce a Leave Your Car At Home day every month on all Southwark roads, where the council will encourage road users to leave their car at home, and use alternative ways to travel.
 - b. Work with community groups, schools, businesses and our residents to build support across the borough which change habits and get more people out of their cars.
 - c. Work with councils across London and the Mayor of London to follow Southwark's lead to build support for a monthly Leave Your Car At Home days across London.
 - d. Encourage more people to make use of the council's play streets scheme so that more streets are enjoyed by local children and communities.

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

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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