

Fairer future

Delivering our promises

Southwark Council

A Fairer Future for All 2018-2022

Reporting back – 2018/19

Our vision is that Southwark is a great place to live and work. Every child should have the best start in life and every resident should be able to live a healthy and long life, have the skills and opportunities to find work and live in a safe and secure home. None of this should be determined by your background and everyone should benefit from the growth and successes that the borough has to offer.

In May 2018 we made clear promises to every resident and set out a four year plan for how we will deliver a fairer future for all. At the end of the first year, we have made great progress but still have more to do. We have set out here the key challenges for next year and beyond.



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A place to call home

Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Council housing repairs have been brought back in-house to improve standards.
- Council housing maintenance schedules are online.
- Tackled the historic backlog of void properties so people can move in sooner. The average turnaround time of major voids has reduced by a third.
- Installed 1,160 new kitchens and/or bathrooms into council homes.

But more to do...

- Build on the consultation we have completed and introduce a housing gold standard to improve the quality of privately rented homes.
- Make it possible to request housing repairs online.



A place to belong



Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Opened a new and larger Cherry Garden Special School so that our children with profound disabilities and special educational needs are now learning in a state-of-the-art building.
- During the year 183 new council homes have either been completed or are on site.
- Over 17,000 people joined our campaign to Back the Bakerloo Line.

But more to do...

- On track to deliver 2,383 new council homes by 2022 against a target of 2,500. Now the challenge is to streamline the process to get more homes delivered in a shorter timeframe.
- Work to commence on the new Aylesbury library in Winter 2019.

A greener borough

Top Year 1 successes ✓

- We have already cut council carbon emissions by 36.7%, declared a climate emergency and committed to being carbon neutral by 2030.
- Installed 81 lamp post charging points for electric vehicles, with more to come.
- Cracked down on fly-tipping taking enforcement action against over 1000 people.
- Achieved the best recycling rate in inner-London, with less than 5% of waste going to landfill.

But more to do...

- Disappointed that TfL have paused the walking and cycling bridge from Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf. We will keep campaigning for the bridge and for TfL to reverse this decision.



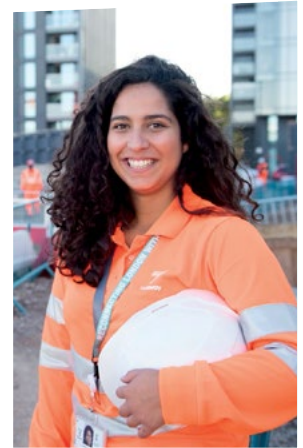
A full employment borough

Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Helped 1,595 residents into work and over 700 apprenticeships have been created.
- 23 new Southwark employers have committed to pay the London Living Wage.
- Over 100 new affordable business spaces delivered.
- Pilot of the Routeways Project has started helping residents get better paid or quality jobs.

But more to do...

- Launch our paid internship scheme so that 500 Southwark young people from low income backgrounds get paid internships with London's best employers.



A healthier life



Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Built nearly 8km of new accessible cycle routes across the borough.
- Delivered bikeability training for nearly 5,000 children and adults.
- Nearly 2,800 people were supported in the community by the Southwark Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub.
- Construction of new extra care housing is underway in Peckham.

But more to do...

- Start training at least 100 staff to be 'mental health first aiders'.
- Get more residents from our BAME communities to engage with our 'Testing Faith' programme to help tackle the stigma of HIV.
- We are behind schedule in our roll out of cycle hangers so will clear the backlog and get back on track.
- Launch a new scheme to deliver free swimming lessons for Southwark residents this summer.

A great start in life

Top Year 1 successes ✓

- 9 out of 10 Southwark schools are good or outstanding.
- Committed an additional £2million funding to improve the mental health of our children and young people.
- Delivered the first phase of the new Charter East Dulwich school buildings and work is underway on a new secondary school in Borough.
- Closed roads around some primary schools and already seeing a reduction in children being driven to these schools improving health and air quality.

But more to do...

- Started to pilot free healthy school meals in our council nursery schools but will now roll them out across all our school nurseries.
- Increase the number of our care leavers who are getting apprenticeships.



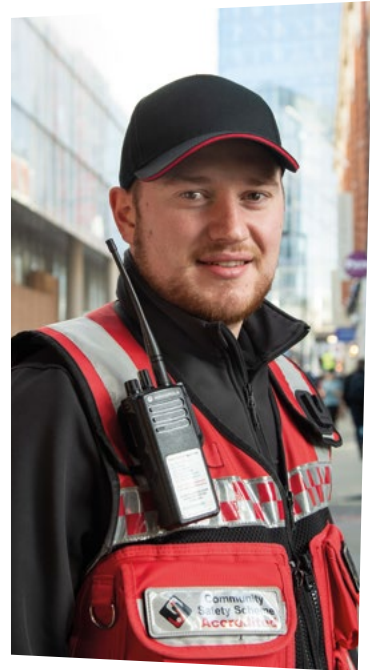
A safer community

Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Launched the Positive Futures Fund to support young people to get involved with positive activities and already agreed over £150,000 of grants with more to be made next year
- 31 new pedestrian crossings on the borough's roads.
- Brought together young people, communities and others to find a new approach to tackling knife crime and serious youth violence.
- Trained over 2,300 staff across 80 schools and education settings on tackling extremism and preventing radicalisation.

But more to do...

- A new violence against women and girls strategy is nearly complete.
- Re-open the Blue Youth Club in Bermondsey.
- We have delivered Hate Crime awareness training and workshops with staff but our 'Stronger Southwark' community project fund has been delayed. We will ensure that grants begin to be awarded this year.



A vibrant Southwark



Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Opened a new library at Grove Vale in East Dulwich.
- Secured a site for the new Walworth Library and Southwark Heritage Centre. We are currently consulting with the local community on the design with the new library due to open by April 2020.
- Supported nearly 1,500 cultural events across the borough.
- Started work to improve high speed internet access across the borough with over a third of homes having full fibre to premises internet.



But more to do...

- Complete the essential building works at Kingswood House and work with local residents to ensure it remains a community asset with a secure and sustainable future.
- Launch a new scheme which will mean every primary school child gets a free visit to the theatre every year.
- Complete digital inclusion training for more digital champions across Southwark who will then train other residents.