

COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

(ORDINARY MEETING)

25 NOVEMBER 2020

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR HAMISH McCALLUM

In 2014, Labour promised to build 11,000 council homes by 2043. However after 10 years we have just 682 built. Please could the Leader provide a table showing annually to 2043, the plan for how many new build council houses he intends to deliver by number of bedrooms by ward, and the projected annual cost?

RESPONSE

Over 20,000 residents are waiting for a new council home. As part of our commitment to tackle the housing crisis, we are exploring unlocking new and innovative ways of building new council homes, with a special focus on thinking about land resource and capacity in new ways.

Southwark has one of the most ambitious council house building programs in the country. Building up the capacity to deliver new council homes at this scale, identifying the sites, consulting with residents, securing planning permission and building the homes takes time. In that context I'm delighted to say 1,251 new council homes are completed or are on site and that we are on track to have 2,500 on completed or on site by 2022. A table outlining the forecast delivery for these new homes up to 2022, broken down by ward, is included below.

Looking beyond 2022 the council already has a programme with an estimated opportunity for 4,326 new homes, with further sites being added on a regular basis. Cabinet approved a 'Routes to 11,000: A New Council Homes Strategy for Southwark' in March:

<http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?Id=7057>

which outlines plans to increase the pipeline as well as outlining the financial challenge in delivering new homes. We are taking steps to increase capacity for home building, including buying land for new homes sites, particularly around opportunity areas, purchasing homes required by s106 agreements, and pushing government to ensure local authorities have the necessary funding and powers to be able to build the homes our residents need.

Delivering the number of new homes Southwark needs will require national support, including further grant funding for council homes, greater flexibility on use of funding including Right to Buy receipts, and reform of land compensation. That is why we continue to work with fellow councils and leading housing charities to call for the changes needed, building on the

success of the campaign to remove the Housing Revenue Account borrowing cap that we and others successfully called for.

As with any long-term homebuilding programme of this scale and timeframe, it is not possible to set out in detail the precise details of delivery for every future year of the programme. However, the council remains committed to doing everything in our power to build the new council homes our residents need. It is beholden on all parties to continue to push government to make the national changes necessary to enable the delivery of our ambitious homebuilding plans.

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2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS

Can the Leader confirm Southwark's allocation of the £170 million Covid 19 Winter Grant Scheme announced by the Government on 8 November 2020 following the campaign led by the footballer Marcus Rashford?

RESPONSE

Southwark Council is absolutely committed to the fight against holiday hunger. While we welcome the new scheme from the Government, it is a decision that should have been made much earlier. I am proud to say that as a Council we stepped up to ensure that no child went hungry over the last half term in October and we will continue to support Marcus Rashford's inspiring campaign against child poverty.

The Southwark's provisional allocation of the Winter Grant Scheme is £1,111,657.80. The council will receive the funding in instalments starting in December with the specific date to be confirmed. The funding is ring-fenced and at least 80% of it must be spent on families with children - specifically to help with food, energy and water bills.

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN

With the cancellation of the RV1 hydrogen bus, the cancellation of the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf pedestrian and cycle bridge, the delay in funding of the Bakerloo Line Extension and cancellation of Crossrail2, what steps is the Council taking to mitigate the failure of the Mayor to take transport infrastructure and air pollution seriously? And although cycling and walking is a vital part of the strategy, how does he see the Council achieving reductions in

road transport in Southwark as promised in the Movement Plan without these infrastructures?

RESPONSE

Covid-19 has had a huge impact on transport in London and in these unprecedented times, Transport for London (TfL) and the Mayor are having to respond to current challenges and secure the immediate investment to ensure the safety of Londoners. It is disappointing that the government has chosen to play politics with TfL's finances rather than acknowledging the huge impact Covid has had on their budget. As a first result of the terms of the government bailout package for TfL, some projects have been brought forward, and others have been cancelled, paused or delayed.

The current state of TfL's finances is not just as a result of Covid-19 it has also suffered substantial cuts from Liberal Democrat and Conservative national government. The Mayor of London's operating budget has been slashed by 37% compared to that of his predecessor.

In spite of these difficulties, the council is by working closely with TfL and partners to ensure the long-term investment in transport infrastructure within the borough. It is welcome that the Mayor has committed to continuing safeguarding work to deliver the Bakerloo line extension and the council is continuing to work with the Mayor and TfL to push forward this vital transport project. Although it may take longer, the Bakerloo line extension is still very much part of TfL's business plan and the borough's regeneration programme for the Old Kent Road area.

While transport infrastructure projects such as the Bakerloo Line Extension provide a step change in approach, the pandemic has seen a greater focus on local trips, which are less likely to be focussed on underground and rail trips. We are continuing to invest in projects that improve local trips and local places to ensure we are meeting the needs of people.

This is why, along with making the case for substantial long-term improvements to major transport infrastructure, we are developing a low traffic strategy for the borough, to help achieve the aims of the Movement Plan and provide local benefit to communities.

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS

The publication of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) Report on 29 October 2020 was a shameful day for the Labour Party. Can the Leader of the Council commit to doing everything he can to work with the Mayor of London, Southwark MPs and councillors to stamp out anti-Semitism in Southwark and ensure our borough is one where the Jewish community is always welcome and feels safe, secure and supported?

RESPONSE

Labour is and must always be an anti-racist party. So the EHRC's report on antisemitism in our party is deeply upsetting and demands urgent and comprehensive actions. It is absolutely right that the Labour Party has committed to implement the recommendations in the report in full at the earliest opportunity.

The report is a difficult read, setting out serious failings and examples of unlawful harassment and unlawful indirect discrimination within our party, but for those reasons it is also an important read. I urge everyone in our party to read the report for themselves, reflect on its contents and consider how we can all play our part in implement all of the recommendations in full, and in tackling anti-Semitism.

For my part as Leader of this borough, I will work closely with colleagues across the party, the council and our communities to ensure that anti-Jewish racism has no place in our society. Through our work to embed equalities into everything we do, we will work together with the Jewish community, listen carefully to their concerns and act wherever we can to ensure our borough remains a safe, welcoming and supportive space for Jewish residents.

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR NICK JOHNSON

Following the continued rise in anti social behaviour in Bermondsey, Rotherhithe and Canada Water, climaxing in kids shooting fireworks at people every night around Canada Water station and the Metropolitan Police Service's decision to deploy the territorial Support Group to the area, does the council agree that as part of its 10 year old Fairer Future promise, it needs to do more to help these kids find other activities to get involved with? And will the leader provide the concrete steps, timescales and investment he intends to ensure the council are taking to achieve this?

RESPONSE

While Southwark has seen an increase in firework related anti social behaviour (ASB) reports in the Bermondsey, Rotherhithe and Canada Water area concerning young people, this is a trend seen across the country at this time of year. I would like to reassure residents that as in previous years, we have set up a comprehensive intelligence led partnership plan to tackle firework related incidents across the borough.

On key nights over the fireworks period, including Halloween, officers from the Southwark Anti Social Behaviour Unit (SASBU), Residents Officers from Housing, Community Wardens and Park Liaison Officers patrolled across the borough identifying incidents of concern and linked with police colleagues where appropriate.

As part of this, officers had a focus on engaging with the young people in a positive way through diversionary work. Dedicated ward officers, schools

officers and Youth Offending Team officers worked to promote positive messaging around fireworks and to warn of the dangers inherent in becoming involved in firework related ASB.

Southwark's Young Advisors prepared a short film warning of the risks and appealing to young people not to put themselves in danger. This was promoted on Instagram, Facebook and other social media to reach young people. They also offered mentoring and ongoing support for the young people involved.

Officers across all teams continue to deal with these issues and work to engage positively with those young people involved.

The Council recognises the need to engage young people in positive activities and is taking concrete steps to improve access to many activities. This is why in 2019 we launched the Positive Futures Fund, with the aim of supporting community and voluntary groups, and to provide inspiring opportunities for young people and divert them away from crime.

The Positive Futures Fund creates innovative work with partners to support a more direct community response to not only engage directly with our most vulnerable and hard to reach young people, but also develop local solutions and responses to youth violence and knife crime.

The total fund made available was £750,000 of which £604,005 has been awarded to date in three separate phases. We anticipate mainstreaming the Positive Futures Fund from 2021 onwards. In addition, the council provides grants to the voluntary sector for the provision of activities for children and young people at an annual cost of £500,000.

Furthermore, in 2020 the council completed a strategic review of youth services across the borough completing an extensive engagement with young people and their families as part of the review. This has resulted in the series of recommendations and an action plan, which will be considered by the council's Cabinet in December.

The plan will be delivered over a three-year period and a key part of the plan will be the provision of activities and services that young people want, where and when they want them.

The research completed as part of the review identified that there is extensive and wide ranging provision of activities for young people across the borough but there is lack of knowledge of these. A priority going forward is to ensure that a digital platform, co-produced with young people, is developed to bring all of this information together in an easily accessible way.

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR HUMAIRA ALI

The recent petition presented at October Cabinet from residents had nearly 2500 signatures asking for the road closure changes to be reversed. Does the Leader believe that adequate consultation has taken place with residents

BEFORE implementing these changes and that the Strategic Director's response in the cabinet report to the residents' petition was adequate and respected the administration's Fairer Future value of "treating residents as if they were a valued member of our own family"? Can the Leader elaborate on how he intends to ensure the new values being added through the 'Southwark Stands Together' recommendations are equally followed by the council leadership team under his control?

RESPONSE

This council is absolutely committed to tackling the climate emergency, cleaning up our air, expanding walking and cycling and making our streets safer and more enjoyable to spend time in for all our residents. In order to do this we must take seriously any and all opportunities to explore new ways of organising our roads and infrastructure where it might help us meet these goals. In addition this year, in response to Covid-19, we have needed to move very quickly to create more space for people to social distance and to enable more people to walk and cycle to help create space for social distancing on public transport.

We are committed to working with residents to get these changes right. The emergency situation we have been in this year, as a result of the pandemic, has meant we have had to move much quicker than we normally would to introduce some low traffic changes. This was further compounded by the narrow window of implementation imposed on us by central government. That has meant that in some cases it has not been possible to undertake consultation on schemes in the way we normally would before they are put in. Where that has been the case we have made these new traffic arrangements temporary to enable us to make changes and even remove the schemes if they do not work. This is the right balance between taking the urgent action that was needed, while enabling us to respond to and engage with our residents. We will continue to keep all of the schemes under careful review, monitoring them and engaging with residents on their implementation.

7. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND ROADS FROM COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'BRIEN

Making the case for low traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs) and other traffic-calming initiatives must be backed up by proof that such interventions improve the air quality for residents. What methods are in place, or will be put in place, to collect before-and-after data on CO₂, NO_x and particulates emissions so that objectors can be presented with evidence of the effectiveness of these interventions?

RESPONSE

Southwark Council is committed to doing our part to clean up London's air and protect Londoners from this ongoing health risk. We know that before Sadiq Khan was elected Mayor of London, 10,000 premature deaths each year across the capital could be linked to poor air and this is entirely unacceptable in a modern and progressive city like ours.

We know that road traffic currently accounts for around half of most types of measured pollution and so reducing the number of vehicles will have a significant impact on our efforts to clean up our air – which is why we are committed to a Low Traffic Southwark.

In order to measure this, air quality data is collected from various sources. There is a reference network of six formal air quality monitoring stations across the borough measuring nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter (and ozone at one site). There is also a network of diffusion tubes measuring nitrogen dioxide. This is a flexible network of indicative chemical sensors, measuring nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter. Indicative chemical sensors are deployed where available to collect additional diurnal fluctuation data in advance of Highways changes, including Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.

However, there are many factors that influence the quality of our air alongside the number of vehicles on our roads, including; changes to public transport and the bus fleet, the extension of the Ultra-Low Emission Zone, improvements to engine technology and changes in patterns of transport behaviour following measures introduced to address the Covid-19 epidemic. In addition, the number and size of construction sites, regional air movements and variations in seasonal temperature and cloud cover will have an impact on the actual and measured levels of air pollution.

This does make directly monitoring emissions very difficult as they are subject to so many other sources. In order to ensure a scientific approach we must isolate what we are measuring from other factors. The answer to this is simple; less road traffic equals less pollution. The council is working to achieve a net reduction in the numbers of vehicles on our roads and this is the primary measure that we will judge schemes against. Obviously, there will be some displaced traffic, and we recognise that we will need to monitor the area around these schemes too to ensure there is a true net decrease, not just displacement.

Public health and environmental justice is the central driving principal behind our vision for a Low Traffic Southwark. Low Traffic measures are just one part of that and we will constantly monitor, and be ready to adapt and adjust measures we put in place to ensure that that end is never compromised.

8. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND ROADS FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

In the Labour amendment to our Busking on Bankside motion in March 2018 the administration committed the cabinet “To look at the recommendations coming forward from the ‘Bankside Busking Working Group’ and the multi-agency Buskers group, which includes representatives from the council’s noise team, Southwark anti social behaviour unit (SASBU), environmental protection team (EPT), street enforcement teams and the police, with a view to adopting a solution which protects the amenity of local residents and reduces problematic and nuisance busking.”

Between July and August 2018 the Council's Regulatory Service carried out a project to monitor and respond to the issues of busking on Bankside. A report on the Busking Project was finally produced and circulated in June 2019. The Better Bankside Busking Working Group met in September 2019 to consider the recommendations in the report and fed back our views. When is the Cabinet going to consider the recommendations submitted by the Bankside Busking Working Group last year? When will they adopt and implement a solution that protects the amenity of local residents and reduces problematic and nuisance busking?

RESPONSE

In response to requests from the Better Bankside Busking Group and local members, Southwark Council commissioned a project team of noise and nuisance enforcement officers to investigate reports of nuisance busking in the Bankside area. The team monitored busking between 2 July 2018 and 26 August 2018. Officers provided regular patrols and a rapid response to reports of loud busking in the area on the south bank of the Thames from London Bridge Station in the east to Blackfriars Station in the west.

The project found that the vast majority of the complaints of busking noise were from a very small number of households with 73% of complaints coming from four individuals. Noise officers who conducted the investigation assessed that the noise generated by buskers was not sufficiently loud or intrusive for enforcement action to be taken.

Nevertheless, officers were keen to look at ways of alleviating any nuisance to residents. Officers quickly identified that other factors such as reflected noise from buildings did impact on noise levels for local residents. This was particularly relevant as the majority of complaints were about the busking pitch outside the Tate Modern. The buskers using this pitch were asked to turn through 180 degrees and face the river. This resulted in a great reduction in complaints made to the Council. Buskers continue to keep to this arrangement and complaints have remained much reduced. There have however been some complaints from residents in the City of London as the sound can travel across the Thames and is on occasion audible on the north bank.

There were other recommendations from the report including relocating the pitch at Tate Modern, revised signage along the river front and the production of a busking best practice leaflet to be distributed to buskers in the area. Although Bankside Wardens continue to intervene and give advice to buskers, those members of the public experiencing noise nuisance are advised to contact the Southwark Noise and Nuisance Team.

At present, the footfall in the area is reduced and although buskers are present the number and frequency is much reduced. Officers working weekends on Covid-19 compliance have been asked to visit the location and noise officers have also on occasion moved buskers along.

Officers are keen to work with the Better Busking Bankside Group to take forward the other recommendations made in the monitoring report though, at

present, Covid-related work streams remain a priority for Regulatory Services and it is hoped to take this area of work forward in early 2021.

9. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND ROADS FROM COUNCILLOR VICTORIA OLISA

Low Traffic Southwark is a new strategy which is currently in development; how does it differ from conventional approaches to tackling traffic?

RESPONSE

The Low Traffic Southwark strategy supports the ambitions for a better borough, where we all play our part to reduce vehicular traffic. The strategy will guide the approach to reducing vehicular traffic levels in the borough, building on the ambitions, initiatives and strengths of current policies. Low Traffic Southwark seeks to lower air pollution from traffic for everyone in the borough, enable active, healthy travel and to reinvigorate local communities.

The strategy is in the initial stages of development, and will draw from expertise across whole council. We will be learning from pieces of work such as the Movement Plan and our developing Equity Framework. These pieces of work will inform our approach and be imbedded in the measures we go on to implement.

The strategy is being prepared in the context of the climate emergency, a changing borough, post Covid and an uncertain economic future.

We know that pollution has serious physical health consequences, especially for the most vulnerable. We are now learning it can have adverse impacts on mental health too - so it is right to have a strong public health approach as we develop the Low Traffic Southwark strategy.

The basis of the strategy development is the need for the ongoing monitoring of the delivery of the plan to ensure it remains impactful and delivers progressive outcomes.

10. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND ROADS FROM COUNCILLOR VIKKI MILLS

Young people have suffered in a range of different ways during the Covid pandemic including the loss of fun, competition and comradeship of team sports, and OFSTED's Autumn Visits Reports (published 10 November 2020) have confirmed the huge loss of physical fitness of young people. With this in mind the £3m capital commitment made in April 2020 to create a 'Southwark Community Sports Legacy Fund' seems even more vital and timely.

Can the Cabinet Member confirm that planning is taking place to set up an advisory board to oversee the fund and make awards, and that preparations are being made for £2m of the funding to be made available to local clubs and residents to invest in sports facilities in the borough? Can the Cabinet Member confirm when the first round of applications will open so that grants can be

made by Summer 2021 and young people and local clubs are able to make the most of a summer of sport if Covid and other circumstances allow?

RESPONSE

I can confirm that, as the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Environment and Roads, I'm committed to swiftly progressing the determination of the funding formulation for applications to this Legacy Fund.

I have set up a workshop with local sports clubs and organisations to assess the issues facing sports clubs during the pandemic and what their needs and requirement might be moving forward. This took place on 19 November 2020. One of the aims of the workshop was to use the feedback from clubs to help inform how the capital funding might best be used.

The framework and governance process for the fund is being worked on. There will be a panel which will make recommendations about which applications should be funded against an agreed set of criteria in an open, robust and transparent way. Officers are currently considering the make up of this panel and are considering whether this could include external representatives alongside council officers.

It is hoped that this process will be concluded by Spring 2021, with the intention that it will be available to clubs to apply by Summer 2021.

11. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND ROADS FROM COUNCILLOR SARAH KING

Adventurous play is a vital part of childhood development and our Adventure Playgrounds provide brilliant opportunities for Southwark's young people. Can the Cabinet Member confirm what planning has already taken place to spend the £3 million capital investment in our Adventure Playgrounds which was announced in February 2019 (£500,000) and April 2020 (a further £2.5 million) with the commitment this would deliver new and improved facilities at Dog Kennel Hill, Fredericks, Ellen Brown and Bethwin adventure playgrounds? Can the Cabinet Member also confirm what planning has taken place to ensure our adventure playgrounds can reopen in a Covid-safe way as we emerge from lockdown and infection levels hopefully reduce?

RESPONSE

The Council is undertaking a review of the current conditions of and a needs assessment of Adventure Playground provision in the borough in order to identify priority improvements for the £3m available for capital investment.

This has included surveying the ground conditions, play equipment and ancillary buildings at Adventure Playground sites.

Ground investigations have been completed at Fredericks and play inspections are underway at Dog Kennel Hill and Bethwin Playgrounds. Project officers are liaising with the council's Play Service Manager and external play providers at

Dog Kennel Hill and Bethwin Adventure playgrounds to develop an outline play investment strategy for Southwark that will ensure there is a coherent cross borough approach to upgrading adventure playground infrastructure and enhancing service provision with this investment.

Council officers are working on reopening plans in accordance with the council's renewal processes. Centres will only reopen once all the requirements to deliver a Covid-safe environment for both staff and visitors have been met, and legislation and guidance permits.

12. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

On 28 March 2018, the then Cabinet Member for Housing quoted in Southwark News article - "...we cannot tolerate the use of our properties as short term lets..." (ref <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/news/2017/mar/southwark-cracks-down-on-short-term-holiday-lets-with-warnings-to-local-leaseholders>) –

Regarding the Labour administration's success in closing down short-term letting on our housing estates in the three and a half years since this statement: Please could I have a ward by ward breakdown by year including and since 2017, of the number of cases and complaints the council has received? And what legal action the council has taken (apart from sending generic leaflets) to ensure these homes are used for housing, not businesses?

RESPONSE

Short-term letting is a breach of the tenancy or lease in council properties, and every complaint or report is investigated. The majority of complaints are investigated initially by the Resident Services Officer for that particular property, and are referred to the Special Investigations team if necessary.

If any evidence of short-term letting is found, the resident is informed that it is a breach and told to stop immediately. In many cases, this has proved sufficient to stop any re-occurrence. If there is evidence that the short-term letting is continuing, then either a warning letter (tenancy) or breach notice (lease) is served. Further action through the courts is taken if the behaviour continues.

Because each complaint is investigated by the Resident Services Officer as part of their standard casework, any details of the case are indexed on the Housing document management system, and there is no separate database specifically for short-term lettings. As a result, it is not currently possible to obtain exact, detailed statistics on the number and location of short term let complaints or cases. (The only way to do this would be to manually look through all 55,000 property files, which is not viable.) However, it has been possible to obtain approximate figures for the number of cases where action has been taken.

North Area – 7

Central Area – 10

South Area – 3

A procedure is currently being finalised which will enable all complaints of short-term letting to be recorded on the council's iworld system. Once completed, this would enable reports to be run which would give accurate figures of all such complaints, and the corresponding actions, broken down by specific areas.

13. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR WILLIAM HOUNGBO

Residents have raised concerns about the constant Section 20 notices for Devon Mansions and the cost and impact this is having on their lives. Work scheduled for a few years ago now costs 13% more to deliver and there are concerns raised over the quality of the work already performed – especially the roof. Will the Cabinet Member commit to intervening, to cover the cost differential as well as hold suppliers to account on their works; and to what timescales will he commit to putting this right?

RESPONSE

Unfortunately, additional works to ensure fire safety in the block have been identified in recent Fire Risk Assessments carried out by the Council's Fire Safety Team on the estate. This has meant additional s20 notices have had to be served for these works.

The works being undertaken at Devon Mansions are external refurbishment works. This includes scaffold erection, brick and stone cleaning and repairs, roof repairs (especially gutters), fire safety measures (additional emergency works currently being considered by Southwark Council including installation of a fire alarm outside of this contract) plus associated external redecoration.

To confirm, internal redecoration of common parts does not form part of this package of works as Fair Street Tenant Management Organisation (TMO) are to commission this once these Quality Homes Investment Programme (QHIP) works are complete. The contract does however allow for making good structural cracking to specific concrete stair structures, in particular some top floor half landings.

Roofing works are included in the current QHIP contract and queries regarding the costs of works and previous works were dealt with as part of the responses to s20s for the QHIP contract. There have been no identified outstanding issues with any previous major works carried out on the roof and current works were priced through a tendering process.

14. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

What progress is the council making on building new council homes against the target of 2,500 new council homes delivered or on site by 2022?

RESPONSE

The Council Plan commits to be building at least 2,500 council homes by 2022, 1,251 of which have been completed or on site (including Aylesbury package A) leaving a balance of 1,249, left to deliver. The programme is currently forecasting to exceed the target of 2,500 new council homes delivered or on site by 2022 by over 500.

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15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

What is the council doing to promote diversity in the architecture profession?

RESPONSE

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) states that: "BAME architects remain under-represented in the UK profession, which does not reflect the ethnic make-up of the general UK population. This phenomenon affects all BAME groups and is particularly marked amongst black students. There is a notable, relative, lack of black, Asian and minority ethnic owned practices and BAME staff on practice leadership teams.

Southwark is committed to tackling ingrained structural inequality and providing leadership to bring about real and positive change.

While Southwark's own framework, developed in partnership with the London Housing Consortium, featured over 400 black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) architects in the awarded practices, it did not address the discrepancy of diversity of leadership positions in the architecture profession, and given the wide-ranging use of the framework across London the council announced it would tender an expansion round of the framework to remedy this. This new tender has now been issued with the ambition of offering a representative, rounded and comprehensive panel of architects from a range of ethnicities, socio-economic backgrounds and experience that reflects Southwark and the wider London demographic to all London contracting authorities.

The council will be seeking practices who understand this and who live and breathe diversity and inclusion in their organisation, which in turn will influence how they design and deliver our schemes. We will be looking for:

- A diverse leadership

- Employee model that represents the diversity of London
- Lived experience of disadvantaged communities
- A background of having overcome adversity or disadvantage
- Success and ambition to bring under-privileged and BAME architects/interns through their business (i.e. sponsorship and paid work)
- A well established and demonstrable equality, diversity & inclusion approach in how they run their business and how they design their schemes
- The ability to relate to under-represented and hidden communities
- The ability to reach out to young people in disadvantaged communities, such that young people look up to them as inspirational role models they can relate to.

We are also tackling the problem of under-representation of black, Asian and other minority ethnic architects further upstream by funding a 400% increase in Southwark placements in Open City Accelerate programme, under the banner of the 'Dare to Design' programme. This programme will target Southwark teenagers from under-represented backgrounds to take part in a course covering workshops study tours mentoring university application advice and ongoing mentoring, with the Southwark section drawing on our existing architect and contractor networks and tailored to borough-specific design challenges.

Further we will progress with other complementary initiatives to address inequality inviting local under-represented suppliers to bid for future contracts outside of frameworks. Schemes for consideration include Mission Place, CLT Southwark (Old James St), and Peckham Square scheme, as well as advancing discussions with development partners to bring a greater diversity of architectural talent into their schemes, including for phase 2 of the Aylesbury estate regeneration.

This sits alongside and is aligned with the Southwark Stands Together initiatives to help improve the lives of BAME people. In particular the council has committed under this initiative in its report to Cabinet of 20 October 2020 to a long term programme which includes positive action to tackle racism and inequality in all that we do.

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Could the cabinet member please confirm how many fast charge and slow charge electric vehicle charging points have been installed by ward by year since 2010 in Southwark against the planned target for that year, specifying how many are for cars and how many are for motorbikes? Also how many of these are sited on our housing estates?

RESPONSE

The council has made great strides in increasing the number of electric vehicle charging points. Since 2010 our lamppost column charging point programme

has delivered 80 charging points installed in 2018/19, 30 charging points installed in 2019/20 and 71 installed to date with an additional 29 planned till the end 2020/21 financial year.

Alongside our lamppost column charging points, 34 rapid and 16 fast charge points were installed in 2019/20, 17 fast charge points installed in 2016/17 and 3 fast charging points installed in 2011/12. Further to this, we have a bold commitment in our council plan to install another 200 by the end of 2021/22.

We are also working with owners and operators of large car parks within the borough to increase the number of private charging points that are also available.

The geographical locations of the charging points installed has been linked to where electric cars are owned. However, as part of our commitment to install more charging points, the council will be installing the charging points across the borough. In addition, all parking that goes through the planning process has to meet active or passive provision so all parking bays on new developments can be fitted with charging points, but as so many developments are car free, there is not enormous demand.

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR PETER BABUDU

Can the cabinet member tell us where we are with development of Peckham Town Centre? Can you reassure us that the community will have a say in line with the development consultation charter?

RESPONSE

The council is committed to ensuring the local community in Peckham are at the heart of plans for the area. I am proud to say construction is underway on the former Copeland Road Car Park to develop 24 new council homes, 18 shared ownership homes and 25 homes for sale. In the spring, construction will start on 102 new council homes, 27 shared ownership homes and 58 for sale homes on the Flaxyards site. In addition, the council is working with Network Rail to bring forward significant investment in Peckham Rye Station to address overcrowding, increase capacity and enhance the building; construction is underway on Phase 1 of the Peckham Rye Station Square scheme.

Our development plan also ensures private led development provides key local benefits and that it supports local business. Working with organisations such as the Mountview Academy, we have improved access to educational opportunities and created a range of business and events space. These are just some of the ways we have been successful in ensuring that development maximises the social and economic opportunities for the local area.

The Aylesham Centre redevelopment being taken forward by Blackrock is proposed to bring forward retail space, housing and improvements to public transport. The council is clear that any scheme brought forward must place the local community at its heart. We are also clear that genuine community

engagement must be in line with the council's Development Consultation Charter. I welcome the work of local community organisation Peckham Citizens and other key local stakeholders to ensure that the consultation on the proposals is successful in engaging local residents and businesses and that the resultant development is a development Peckham can be proud of.

The council has actively supported local business throughout the Covid-19 pandemic through financial support and introducing measures to support social distancing, we have also been working in partnership with Southern Gas Network to mitigate the impact of important gas works on the local economy. We will continue to support local traders and champion council initiatives like Peckham Palms and Peckham Levels. Following the work of Southwark Stands Together, the council seeks to work with the community and all organisations to strengthen Peckham's unique character, its diversity and reduce inequality.

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR KATH WHITTAM

What action is the council taking around anti-social behaviour and the misuse of fireworks?

RESPONSE

I can assure you that the council is taking the recent anti-social behaviour around the misuse of fireworks very seriously.

As in previous years, Southwark set up a comprehensive partnership plan to tackle firework related incidents across the borough, which was activated on 15 October 2020 when fireworks went on sale.

On key nights over the fireworks period, including Halloween, officers from the Southwark Anti Social Behaviour Unit (SASBU), Residents Officers from Housing, Community Wardens and Park Liaison Officers patrolled across the borough identifying incidents of concern and linked with police colleagues where appropriate.

This year, a dedicated Resident Services Manager and a Police Officer were based in the CCTV Control Room on key nights over the Bonfire night and Halloween period.

CCTV closely monitored hot spot locations and provided intelligence and evidence to assist officers on the ground. The divisional analytical business team tracked and mapped reports made to the Council and the Police around firework misuse and anti-social behaviour. This intelligence was shared daily with all key partners. This enabled quick-time decision-making, resource planning and deployment of Police, Wardens and SASBU officer assets to emerging areas of concern.

The Council's Trading Standard officers also monitored reports of anti social behaviour (ASB) by fireworks misuse and based on intelligence, visited

premises unlawfully selling fireworks to minors or to adults who were suspected of passing onto minors.

As part of the diversionary work, dedicated ward officers, schools officers and Youth Offending Team officers worked to promote positive messaging around fireworks and to warn of the dangers inherent in becoming involved in firework related ASB. Southwark's Young Advisors prepared a short film warning of the risks and appealing to young people not to put themselves in danger. This was promoted on Instagram, Facebook and other social media in order to reach young people. Waste teams, working with Resident Services, removed waste and wood that was being stockpiled for community bonfires, to reduce the risks of fire, injury and impromptu gatherings during the pandemic.

The Noise and Nuisance Team were also given a direct link to the Police Control room to enable the reporting of any unauthorised music events that might have been set up as part of firework celebrations.

Through the 'Autumn Nights' partnership plan period, SASBU worked closely with the Police sending warning letters, visiting individuals and issuing Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to those identified as being involved in firework related ASB. This work continues as the Police continue to identify and pursue those involved in some of the ASB that occurred in locations such as Canada Water. Where proportionate, the Council will look to take further enforcement actions which could include the issuing of Notices of Seeking Possession against households who may be Council tenants.

A review of the Autumn Nights partnership plan will be undertaken, to look at the successes as well as lessons learned from 2020. This will include information from agencies across the partnership, including the London Fire Brigade, and will be produced in January 2021.