



EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of the EXECUTIVE held on Wednesday May 7 2008 at 7.00pm at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Stanton, Leader of the Council
Councillor Kim Humphreys, Deputy Leader and Housing Management
Councillor Toby Eckersley, Resources
Councillor Jeff Hook, Community Safety
Councillor David Noakes, Health and Adult Care
Councillor Lisa Rajan, Environment
Councillor Paul Noblet, Regeneration
Councillor Lorraine Zuleta, Culture, Leisure and Sports

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Columba Blango and Caroline Pidgeon.

2. **NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS AS URGENT**

There were no late items.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None were declared.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the open minutes of the meetings held on March 31 and April 8 2008 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. **SUBMISSION OF THE LONDON COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT TO TRANSPORT FOR LONDON** (see pages 1-44)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That part one of the local implementation plan (Lip) annual progress report be approved, comprising the updated school travel plan strategy (as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report) and Lip funding application for 2009-2010, is duly submitted to Transport for London (TfL) by June 13 2008 in line with the following funding profile for the specified programme areas. This is considered the optimum profile for obtaining maximum funds for the council in accordance with TfL's criteria, past history and specific features of the borough.

	2009/2010		
	Level of funding sought £k	% of Southwark submission	% of Londonwide TfL Budget (for comparison)
Principal road renewal	1,232.5	14.5	12.5
Bus stop accessibility	127.5	1.5	1.4
Bus priority	850.0	10.0	13.9
Parallel initiatives	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bridge strengthening	425.0	5.0	5.6
Road safety	1,955.0	23.0	20.8
Area based schemes			
Town centres	0.0	0.0	4.9
Streets for people	850.0	10.0	5.6
Station access	297.5	3.5	2.8
Walking	297.5	3.5	3.5
LCN+	1,020.0	12.0	13.2
Cycling (non LCN)	297.5	3.5	3.5
Environment and accessibility	357.0	4.2	4.2
Travel demand management	238.0	2.8	2.8
School travel plans	552.5	6.5	5.6
	8,500.0	100	100

2. That in the event that Transport for London (TfL) issues significant changes to their guidance for the 09/10 bidding and/or postpones the deadlines for submissions, a further report is submitted to the executive.
3. That subject to 2 above, authority is delegated to the executive member for environment, in consultation with the community council chairs, to finalise the specific list of schemes to be included in the submission. This list will aim to match local aspirations with optimum levels of funding.
4. That authority be delegated to the executive member for environment to approve or reject any submission made by the partnerships for any of their schemes in Southwark.

5. That part two of the submission be approved by the strategic director of regeneration and neighbourhoods and is duly submitted by September 20 2008.
 6. That the introduction of the agreed measures in accordance with the level of funding that is obtained for the financial settlement from Transport for London (TfL) be agreed.
7. **EXTENDED SCHOOLS – REPORT FROM THE CHILDREN’S SERVICES AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE** (see pages 45-63)

Councillor John Friary, chair of the children’s services and education scrutiny sub-committee attended the meeting to present the report.

RESOLVED: The recommendations of the appended report from the children’s services and education scrutiny sub-committee were considered and it was agreed that a written response be provided to the sub-committee within two months.

8. **CUSTOMER SERVICES CENTRE – REPORT FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** (see pages 64-104)

Councillor Tim McNally attended the meeting to present the report on behalf of the overview and scrutiny committee.

RESOLVED: The recommendations of the appended report from the overview and scrutiny committee were considered, and it was agreed to provide a written response to the committee within two months.

9. **DIGITAL SWITCHOVER – REPORT FROM THE HOUSING SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE** (see pages 105-122)

Councillor Tim McNally, chair of the housing scrutiny sub-committee attended the meeting to present the report.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the report to scrutiny be welcomed. The overview and scrutiny committee have undertaken a comprehensive review of all the options available to the council in meeting the digital challenge. Officers will be bringing a gateway 1 report to the executive in June 2008 to commence procurement to meet the challenges posed by the switch off of analogue to meet the needs of tenants and leaseholders in the future, taking into account the context of the council’s liabilities. All of the choices pose significant and complex procurement issues, and some have very significant capital financial implications which would have to be met from the capital allocation for housing. The gateway report to the executive will set these out in detail. The choices in the overview and scrutiny report cannot necessarily be endorsed without a full consideration of these implications. There will need to be consultation with tenants and leaseholders to determine the best way forward.

10. **MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY – APRIL 2 2008** (see pages 123-135)

Youth crime prevention

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the growing concern about the level of crime involving young people and that young people are often the victims, as well as the perpetrators of crime be noted.
 2. That it be noted that over the last three years, the council, together with other members of the Safer Southwark Partnership, has taken a variety of steps to tackle this problem, including:
 - a) Creating the gangs disruption team, run by the council's youth offending team, which has engaged 1665 young people and 61 gang members in 1 to 1 sessions;
 - b) Tasking community wardens and safer neighbourhood teams to target transport hubs, schools after hours and other locations where youth crime is likely to occur; and,
 - c) Providing targeted intervention to reduce involvement in crime through six youth inclusion programmes, for 280 of the most at risk young people and 600 other young people;
 3. That it be noted that the success of Southwark's 'Lives not Knives' campaign which last year helped to raise young people's awareness of the problems of knife crime led to a 25% drop in knife crime compared to the same period in the previous year;
 4. That it be noted that as a result of these measures, youth crime in Southwark fell 14% between 2003 and 2007 and that violence against the person among young people reduced 20% between 2006 and 2007;
 5. That it is believed that it is essential that local, regional and national government work together to further reduce the level of youth crime;
 6. That it is believed that government support in reducing poverty, improving education and supporting enforcement is crucial in reducing levels of youth crime;
 7. That the executive write to the Home Secretary to seek assurances that the government will take steps to address youth crime, including specifically:
 - a) Taking action to reduce child poverty, one of the key factors leading to youth crime;
 - b) Taking steps to establish gang and violent crime awareness programmes, like Southwark's Lives not Knives campaign, as part of the national curriculum; and,
 - c) Supporting the campaign for 1,000 police officers dedicated to Southwark to increase the capacity of the police to tackle gang and violent crime.

Aircraft traffic and noise

- RESOLVED:**
1. That it is believed that it is essential to minimise the negative impact of increased noise, visual intrusion, degradation in local air quality and emissions caused by air flights over Southwark;
 2. That it be noted that the 'Adding Capacity at Heathrow Airport' consultation proposed the construction of a 3rd runway and 6th terminal at Heathrow Airport, will result in an increase in the number of early morning and late night flights and the overturning of the Cranford agreement.
 3. That these proposals are opposed and the submission made by the assistant executive member for the environment to this consultation on February 20 2008 which signalled this opposition be supported;
 4. That the new National Air Traffic Services (NATS) consultation, which proposes to re-design the airspace in the terminal control north area to avoid delays, reduce fuel usage and to reroute aircraft to avoid flying over as many towns and villages as possible, especially at lower levels be further noted.
 5. That the advice of the council's strategic director of environment and housing be noted that the current proposals made in the NATS consultation document are only affecting flights from London Heathrow Airport to the northeast and the north of London, which will not have an impact on this Borough. However, the proposals will have an impact on the flights arriving and departing the City Airport on Southwark residents. The other flight routes into Heathrow will be examined later this year.
 6. That the executive member for the environment be congratulated for joining the 2M group which is mainly concerned at the environmental impact of Heathrow expansion on their communities and which includes a number of London local authorities and Metropolitan boroughs.
 7. That the executive member for the environment respond to the NATS consultation, signalling the council's opposition to the proposals it contains and seeking further investigation of alternative options.

Publicising the cost of producing council publications

- RESOLVED:**
1. That it be noted that last year the Tax Payers' Alliance released figures showing that Southwark spends £5.05 million on a wide range of communications activities, including advertising required by statute and consultation documents distributed to residents affected by planning applications and major regeneration projects.
 2. That it be noted that while Southwark provided a figure for the total cost of all communications activity, other local authorities provided information relating only to specific parts of their communications spending.

3. That it be noted that at the last council meeting the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition was forced to make a series of difficult choices to bridge a £35 million funding shortfall resulting from below-inflation increases in Labour government grant funding.
4. That it be noted that the budget also made provision for a funding cut of over £1m from the communications budget, resulting from a wide-ranging review and restructure instituted by the executive.
5. That the executive investigate a new policy whereby the financial cost of all aspects of production and distribution (including officer time) of individual council publications are reported on the council's website on a quarterly basis.

Mayor of London candidate's stance on climate change

RESOLVED:

1. That the following be noted:
 - a) The London Borough of Southwark, along with many other local authorities, has set a borough wide target of 80% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2050 (over 2003 levels). This is higher than the current UK government levels.
 - b) The borough has set a challenging programme to cut emissions, including:
 - Establishing a MUSCo to provide sustainable energy and water services for the Elephant & Castle.
 - Operating one of the largest fleets of alternative fuelled vehicles.
 - Agreeing a new sustainability supplementary planning document.
 - Agreeing an office accommodation programme which will meet the highest environmental standards.
 - c) Many of the most groundbreaking initiatives for fighting climate change have recently come from local authorities, who are often best placed to lead grass roots change: "such local determination may turn out to be more powerful than windy rhetoric from central government". (Economist, February 21 2008).
2. That it further be noted that the mayoral candidates from all of the major political parties have set challenging carbon emission reduction targets.
3. That the level of cross party consensus that now exists around the issue of climate change be welcomed.
4. That the council will continue to lobby national and regional politicians whichever political parties they represent to respect this consensus, meet existing targets and adopt best practice from local authorities.

Development of Nunhead Community Centre as community hub/area based resource centre

- RESOLVED:**
1. That it be noted that:
 - a) It is council policy to develop and fund a 'community hub'/'area based resource centre' in each community council area.
 - b) No centre has been identified for the Nunhead and Peckham Rye area.
 - c) The Nunhead Community Centre would be an ideal location for that hub, but has been closed for almost a year.
 - d) The Nunhead Community Centre Campaign Group are developing proposals and a business plan for the centre which would meet the council's need for a community hub in Nunhead and Peckham Rye.
 - e) Most of the capital funding required for repairs and Disability Discrimination Act works at the centre has already been found via the Peckham Program and Cleaner, Greener, Safer fund.
 - f) The centre is expected to reopen shortly for temporary use by Dulwich based Gumboots Community Nursery which will also allow some limited use by the local community.
 2. That executive:
 - a) Prioritise the development of the Nunhead Community Centre as a community hub/area based resource centre for the Nunhead and Peckham Rye area.
 - b) Work with the Nunhead Community Centre Campaign Group to develop a long-term business plan for community management of the centre.
 - c) Ensure that the centre stays open and is restored to full local community use and management once Gumboots move back to their permanent base.

The 60th Anniversary of the Windrush's arrival in the UK

- RESOLVED:**
1. That it be noted that June 22 2008 marks the 60th anniversary of the day the Empire Windrush arrived in Tilbury, symbolising the beginning of Caribbean economic migration to the United Kingdom. It further notes that many of the early settlers made their homes in Southwark including former mayor, Sam King.
 2. That it is believed that the early Caribbean settlers made and continue to make a substantial contribution to social, economic and cultural vibrancy of Southwark and that the occasion should be commemorated accordingly.

3. That the executive arrange a public service of celebration to mark this important anniversary. (It was noted that the Mayor had announced that he had spoken to the mover of the motion about the possibility of holding a service of civic recognition at one of the borough's larger churches on June 22 2008.)

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved, seconded and,

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Southwark Constitution.

The following is a summary of the decisions taken in the closed section of the meeting.

1. **MINUTES**

The executive agreed as a correct record the closed minutes of the meetings held on March 31 and April 8 2008.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, THURSDAY MAY 15 2008.

THE ABOVE DECISIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE BE CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY, THEN THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION.