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ITEM 6.1 CORPORATE PLAN 2009 – 2011 (see main agenda, page 9 - 34)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Fiona Colley
Seconded: Councillor Peter John

Delete all and **Insert:**

1. Council assembly notes that a great many key issues and service areas are omitted from the current draft of the Corporate Plan 2009-2011.

For example:

- The safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults
 - Any significant references to working towards reductions in poverty or economic inequality
 - A strategy or target towards meeting the Decent Homes target across the borough as a whole
 - Targets for improving road safety
 - Targets for economic development or business growth
 - Detailed strategy or targets on culture and libraries beyond a limited reference to Canada Water Library
 - Targets or milestones towards the regeneration of Peckham
 - Target date for rebuild of Michael Faraday School set for September 2009 in last plan
 - The scoping of increased primary school provision in North Dulwich, as proposed in the last corporate plan
 - A climate change strategy
 - Improving energy efficiency in existing homes
 - Any targets for refuse services, other than recycling rate, e.g. missed collections
 - Targets or strategy in regards to the council's human resources, such as the recruitment and development of BME staff
 - Explicit targets for increasing online transactions or the use of e-government.
2. Council assembly also notes that many of the promises made in the last corporate plan have not been kept and that in many cases the new plan proposes less challenging targets than previously agreed

Targets that have slipped or been missed include:

- The commencement of works on the first new homes on the Aylesbury Estate – now April 2009, was September 2008.
- Opening the new Aylesbury Resource Centre – now March 2011, was September 2010.
- The disposal of 7,500 square metres of land for regeneration at Bermondsey Spa – now March 2010, was December 2009.

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- The agreement of an area action plan for Canada Water – now March 2010, was September 2007.
 - The completion of construction of the new library at Canada Water – now December 2010, was December 2009.
 - The commencement of construction of the first-round housing at Elephant & Castle – now December 2009, was December 2007.
 - Target on the number of vacant private dwellings returned to occupation or demolished – 2009-10 target of 130, was 160. The target of 130 is below the council's actual 2005-06 performance.
 - Targets towards the completion of new affordable homes delivered is now measured as gross not net and is therefore no longer directly comparable. However, the 2009-10 target is now for 900 gross, having previously been 750 net.
 - Targets towards reducing teenage conception rates have been missed by a wide margin. The 2008-09 target was for 60 conceptions per 1000 females, with an actual performance of 76.2 per 1000.
 - The target for the percentage of household waste being recycled has been heavily watered down. The original 2009-10 target was 30%, with 24.2% now being proposed.
 - The target for council tax collection has been heavily watered down. The original 2009-10 target was 96%, with 93% now being proposed.
3. Council assembly therefore rejects the recommendation from the executive to adopt the Corporate Plan 2009-2011 and calls on the executive to review the plan with a view to correcting the omissions, where possible setting more challenging targets and ensuring that adequate performance management processes are in place to give council assembly the confidence that unlike the last corporate plan, the targets and milestones in this plan will be met.

ITEM 9.1 MOTION 1 – CROSS RIVER TRAM (see main agenda, page 43)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Seconded: Councillor Paul Bates

In paragraph 1, **delete** from “is unable to support” to the end of the paragraph and **insert:**

“has chosen not to support the project by removing a commitment to develop the project from the Transport for London business plan.”

After paragraph 3 **insert:**

“Council assembly welcomes the decision to kick-start the East London Line extension 2B, which with the cross river tram would transform transport options in Southwark.”

In paragraph 4, **delete** after “response” to the end of the paragraph and **insert:**

“said that the cross river tram does not currently qualify for money from the pre-budget report fiscal stimulus, where existing funding is brought forward, because spending on the project is not currently part of Transport for London’s business plan: It further notes, however, that the response also said: ‘Should the Mayor [of London] decide to fund the project, we would be happy to discuss with him the possibility of delivering it expediently.’

“Council assembly therefore calls on the executive to write to the Mayor of London asking him to make the cross river tram project part of Transport for London’s business plan.

“Council assembly calls on the executive to write to the Chancellor asking him to review the decision to only bring forward existing funding in the fiscal stimulus, and make provision for the funding of the tram as part of the fiscal stimulus package.

“Council assembly notes the executive member for regeneration’s assertion at the January council meeting that he would “continue [to seek] funding sources for the project, be they public or private, through a variety of forums such as Cross River Partnership.

“Council assembly calls on the executive member for regeneration to continue to seek such funding sources in his role as chair of the Cross River Partnership and update members on his current progress before council’s annual meeting.”

Delete paragraph 5.

ITEM 9.2 MOTION 2 – YOUTH PROVISION (see main agenda, page 43)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Lisa Rajan
Seconded: Councillor Michelle Holford

In paragraph 1, **delete** the sentence beginning “However” and **insert:**

“Council notes that in July 2007, the executive agreed a report entitled ‘Activities for Young People – Things to do, places to go, someone to talk to in Southwark’ which reported the results of the audit that had been undertaken.”

Insert new paragraph 2:

“Council assembly notes that the audit informed the creation of the Children and Young Peoples Partnership’s *Things to do* priority areas and resulted in a rebalancing of spending on youth services and facilities across Southwark, compensating for historic under-investment in parts of the borough.”

In paragraph 3, between “young people” and “residents”, **insert:**

“and significant capital investment in youth facilities by the council,”

In paragraph 3, **delete** the word “barely” and **insert** “not significantly”.

Delete paragraph 4.

Insert new paragraphs 4 and 5 as below:

4. “Council notes that as a result of the government’s failure to take account of the significant additional pressures placed on the council’s budget by the recession, the executive was forced to identify £17.3m of savings in the 2009/10 budget. Council notes that £381,000 (4.5%) of the savings were from the youth service budget, and that this amount equates to approximately 0.3% of the budget for 11-19 year old and youth services division.
5. “Council notes that the £381,000 savings identified from youth services will be generated from the modernisation and integration of the division and will not involve cuts in front-line services in the youth service. Council further notes that £150,000 of new funding was allocated to the youth service from the WNF programme for work-based learning sites.”

Delete paragraph 5 and **insert:**

“Council acknowledges that Southwark has unacceptably high levels of teenage conceptions and child obesity and recognises these are key shared strategic priority for Young Southwark, the primary care trust and the executive. Council

notes the coordinated activities undertaken by these agencies to address these problems, including:

- a) The roll out of a healthy schools accreditation which has seen 65% of Southwark Schools attain Health Schools status
- b) The recent "Team Around the Issue" event on March 11, where officers came together to discuss approaches to the 5 priority areas, including childhood obesity;
- c) The Teenage Pregnancy Summit on March 23 2009 which looked at new approaches to tackling this issue.

In paragraph 6, **delete** all from "2007" to end of sentence and **insert:**

"but notes that the number of Southwark young people NEET has fallen from 875 in 2004 to 395 (54.8% fall) as a result of coordinated work by the council, including:

- a) Targeted work with those with poor attendance at end of Year 11 (e.g. 5 hot spot schools targeted and being support); and
- b) Development of Foundation 2 Work programme in Southwark College where 40 young people NEET have been enrolled since Jan'09 and therefore off the NEET register."

In paragraph 7, **delete** sentence beginning "It notes that" and **insert:**

"It notes that at that meeting, the executive agreed to ensure that the findings of the review would be taken into account in the current review of youth services across the borough. Council notes that officers checked this course of action with the chair of children's scrutiny and agreed with him that the executive would report back as part of that review process in April 2009."

In paragraph 8, between "currently being" and "restructured", **insert** "reviewed and"

In paragraph 8, **delete** all from "restructured" to end of sentence and **insert:**

"with a view to meeting government demands for an integrated and targeted youth support service. Council notes that the restructure is aimed at streamlining management structures and will not affect front-line staff or services."

Delete paragraphs 9 and 10 and **insert:**

9. "Council assembly expresses concern that residents' satisfaction with youth facilities remains low and that teenage pregnancy, obesity and the number of young people not in education, employment or training remain serious challenges for the borough.
10. "Council therefore endorses the review of youth services offered by the council which is currently being undertaken and calls on the executive to report back to council assembly on the outcome of the review, given its overwhelming importance to all members."

ITEM 9.3 MOTION 3 – BUS ROUTE 42 (see main agenda, page 44)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Peter John
Seconded: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle

After paragraph 1 **insert** new paragraph:

“Council notes the cross party work over many years to promote the proposed new route.”

At the end of paragraph 2 **insert**:

“- providing a proper terminus for this route with facilities for drivers and standstill space for the buses as presently the buses terminating in Sunray Avenue causes noise and inconvenience to residents.”

At the end of paragraph 5 **insert**:

“and that the executive member for environment writes to London Mayor Boris Johnson requesting that the re-routing proposal be given high priority.”

ITEM 9.4 MOTION 4 – A BOROUGH WIDE FOOD STRATEGY (see main agenda, pages 44 - 45)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Mark Glover
Seconded: Councillor Andrew Pakes

After the paragraph 2 (and bullet points) **insert** new paragraph:

“That the council notes the value of allotments to the production of sustainable and healthy and local food in the borough, and asks the executive to adopt the following action:

- a) Improve the quality of information available to residents, by improving the council’s website.
- b) Look for ways to increase the borough’s allotments, as some of the allotments in the borough are on waiting lists only.
- c) Engage with the London Food Board to look at practical ways in which food can be grown sustainably.
- d) Provide an undertaking that the council will not close any allotments, and ensure rents are affordable by the many, not the few.”

ITEM 9.5 MOTION 5 – COUNCIL HOUSING FOR SOUTHWARK (see main agenda, pages 45 - 46)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Paul Bates

Seconded: Councillor Tayo Situ

Delete paragraph 3 and **insert:**

“Council notes the encouraging recent announcements by Housing Minister Margaret Beckett with regard to council house building.

“Council however further notes with concern the disappointing lack of any meaningful lobbying on the part of the current Southwark Liberal Democrat/Conservative executive with regard to support for the ‘fourth option’, whereas the Labour group has played an active role in lobbying ministers on the issue.”

Delete paragraph 5 and **insert:**

“Council calls on the executive to write to the Prime Minister with immediate effect seeking a clear and unequivocal guarantee that his January announcement will be followed by swift action to address the need for an accelerated council house building programme to address the housing shortage.”

ITEM 9.6 MOTION 6 – SURREY CANAL ROAD STATION (see main agenda, page 46)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor Paul Noblet
Seconded: Councillor Caroline Pidgeon

Insert new paragraph 4:

“Council assembly notes the strong support for a station at Surrey Canal Road from Millwall FC and calls on the leaders, in their letter to the Mayor, to request that TfL officers meet with Millwall representatives to discuss the proposals and ways to involve the club.”

ITEM 9.7 MOTION 7 – LOCAL INCOME TAX PROPOSALS (see main agenda, page 46)

AMENDMENT H

Moved: Councillor Tim McNally

Seconded: Councillor Nick Stanton

In paragraph 1, **delete** from “tax” to end of sentence, and **insert:**

“would make local taxation fairer, by ensuring that local taxation is based on the ability to pay, rather than the value of one’s home. Council assembly notes that council tax is regressive, with the poor forced to pay 4% of their income while the richest pay only 1.4%.”

Delete paragraph 2.

Insert new paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5:

2. “Council assembly notes that the Labour assertion that local income tax would cost a couple on a median income £1,475.86 more than council tax is a misrepresentation of the policy, based on:
 - a) Failure to account for 4% cut in the basic rate of income tax which is another key element of Liberal Democrat tax policies.
 - b) Failure to account for the redistribution in grant to local authorities of £3.15bn of council tax benefit which would no longer be needed as those on low incomes would not pay local income tax.
 - c) Failure to account for the rebalancing of government grant to local authorities which would follow the application of a new local taxation model.
 - d) Application of the model of local income tax proposed by the Lyon’s report, rather than the policy proposed by the Liberal Democrats, which would apply the tax to all currently taxable income, rather than simply basic rate income.
3. “Council assembly notes that as a result of these factors, the cost of local income tax for a couple earning a median income has been massively overstated.
4. “Council assembly further notes that the majority of Southwark residents would benefit from the implementation of a local income tax, that only a tiny proportion of people in Southwark are couples both earning the median income and that the tax would be of particular benefit to the poorest in society, who would pay nothing, as opposed to the 4% of their income currently given over to council tax.
5. “Council assembly notes that the ‘Under Scrutiny...The Liberal Democrats’ document, produced by the Labour party, contains a series of inaccurate statements about Liberal Democrat policies such as local income tax

designed to misrepresent the Liberal Democrats. Council notes that the central parts of the motion hereby amended are lifted directly from ‘Under Scrutiny’.”

In paragraph 3, between “assembly” and “therefore”, **insert:**

“expresses its dismay that members of the Labour group appear capable of nothing more than recycling erroneous briefings handed down by Central office and”

In paragraph 3, **delete** from “calls on the” to end of sentence and **insert:**

“Leader and Chief Whip of the Liberal Democrat group to meet with their opposites in the Labour group to offer them assistance in drafting motions which have some basis in fact.”

ITEM 9.8 MOTION 8 – FUEL POVERTY BILL (see main agenda, page 47)

AMENDMENT I

Moved: Councillor Nick Stanton
Seconded: Councillor James Barber

Delete paragraph 5

Insert new paragraphs 5, 6 and 7:

5. “Council is therefore disappointed to note that on Friday March 20, the bill failed to proceed beyond second reading as a result of a lack of support in parliament, with only 91 MPs voting for the bill to proceed to its next stage.
6. “Council notes that the Labour climate change minister, Joan Ruddock MP spoke against the bill, the Labour chief whip voted against the bill and that 58 Labour MPs who signed an EDM supporting the bill – including 4 with constituencies in London – failed to attend and support the bill.
7. “Council further notes that neither of the borough’s Labour MPs attended parliament to vote for the bill to proceed and therefore calls on the executive to write to the MP for Camberwell and Peckham, urging her to use her position as Leader of the House to make parliamentary time available to debate this crucial bill.”

AMENDMENT J

Moved: Councillor Martin Seaton
Seconded: Councillor Chris Page

Delete paragraph 4 and **insert:**

“Council therefore expresses its disappointment that David Heath MP’s Fuel Poverty Bill (introduced into Parliament with cross-party support on January 21 2009), which sought to reinstate the statutory duty to end fuel poverty and focus on increasing the energy efficiency of the housing stock of the fuel poor, failed by 2 votes in the House of Commons to proceed to the next stage (with 17 MPs absent from David Heath’s own party).

“Council acknowledges that according to the Office of National Statistics’ (ONS) figures in Southwark nearly 10,000 elderly people live in one room during winter to keep warm, over 7,000 stay in bed to keep warm and nearly 3,000 make the choice to forgo food to pay for heating. Council also acknowledges ONS estimates that nearly a thousand elderly people as a minimum could die over the next 10 years as a result of fuel poverty in Southwark.”

Delete paragraph 5 and **insert:**

“Council therefore resolves to call on the executive to write to Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Miliband urging him to support the smooth passage of the Fuel Poverty Bill to the committee stage at its resumed second reading on June 12 by negotiating with David Heath MP and calls on the executive to write to local MPs urging them to support the safe passage of the bill and work for the inclusion of its proposals in future government policy.”

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