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ITEM 8.1A QUESTIONS ON REPORT BACK ON MOTIONS REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY (see pages 30-37)

QUESTION ON MOTION RELATING TO FREE TRAVEL ON BUSES FROM COUNCILLOR BARRIE HARGROVE

Will the relevant executive member report back to council assembly on what has been done since the executive meeting of April 24 to write to all London Assembly Members expressing Southwark's support, as agreed unanimously at council assembly on February 21, for free bus travel for under 18s in full time education and under-16s?

QUESTION ON MOTION RELATING TO SOUTHWARK SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE FROM COUNCILLOR VERONICA WARD

Is the executive member confident that the communication and consultation processes with local parents and residents are sufficiently developed such that they will have maximum confidence in the plans as they affect them? Put simply, how are you ensuring that you take people with you on this very complex project?

ITEM 11A QUESTIONS ON AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULES RELATING TO MAJOR PROJECT BOARD REPORT (see supplemental agenda 2, pages 17-21)

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR MARY FOULKES

Why is there no provision in the constitutional amendments to have ward councillors who represent the areas covered by the Major Project Board (MPB) on the committee, and will the executive undertake to include ward councillors?

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR KIRSTY McNEILL

Why are no steps being taken to ensure that BME councillors and BME groups are represented on the MPB and whether there are plans to change this to ensure that all sections of Southwark's diverse community is represented?

ITEM 9.1 MOTION 1 : THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANNING WHITE PAPER (see supplemental agenda 2, pages 3-4)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Gordon Nardell

Seconded: Councillor Mary Foulkes

Under "Council assembly notes": **delete** paragraph 3 and **insert**:

"3. That government proposals to simplify the process of approving small-scale home improvements by reforming permitted development rights, including proposals for new rights for renewable energy installations, are welcome but require further consideration in the light of doubts about the proportion of improvements that would still require planning permission."

Under "Council assembly notes," **insert** new paragraph 4:

"4. That excessively lengthy inquiries into major development proposals deter rather than encourage community involvement in the planning system, and the government's recognition of the need for new structures is welcome."

Under "Council assembly believes", **insert** at end of paragraph:

"Council assembly also believes that any new structures for dealing with major development of national significance must preserve public accountability and involvement in both policy-making and decision-taking."

Delete final paragraph and **insert**:

"Council assembly calls upon the planning committee to provide comments to the executive on the government's white paper on planning to the executive and the executive to formulate a detailed response urging the government to retain local democratic control over the planning system".

ITEM 9.2 MOTION 2 : THE FREEDOM PASS (see supplemental agenda. 2, pages 4-6)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Caroline Pidgeon

Seconded: Councillor Denise Capstick

Delete all and insert:

Council assembly notes:

- The Freedom Pass provides for free travel for over 60s on the tube, DLR, bus, and tram after 9.00am Monday to Friday, weekends and Bank Holidays and for the disabled at any time;
- That the Mayor of London has sought to make the Freedom Pass a political football and made untrue allegations concerning the position of Southwark Council and the political groups forming the administration;
- That the Mayor has the ability to set the level of charges which boroughs must pay to TfL for administering the Freedom Pass scheme and that he acts as judge and jury in cases where there is disagreement as to charges.

Council assembly reiterates its support for the continuation of the Freedom Pass in its current form and calls upon the executive to write to the Mayor of London making clear the council's support and condemning him for seeking to make political capital.

Council assembly believes that it is unjust that the Mayor is able to act as judge and jury in cases of disagreements as to charges and calls upon the executive to write to the relevant government minister urging them to find a fairer way of resolving disagreements without threatening the continued existence of the Freedom Pass.

ITEM 9.3 MOTION 3 : EAST LONDON LINE EXTENSION (see supplemental agenda 2, page 6)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Richard Thomas

Seconded: Councillor Paul Noblet

At end of first paragraph **insert:**

“but regrets that initial plans to include a connection to Dulwich were not progressed.”

Delete second paragraph and **insert:**

“Council assembly notes that it resolved in June 2006 to support this scheme and called upon the Mayor of London to prioritise transport links to Peckham and Camberwell by means of the East London line extension and Cross River tram, but notes that he has failed to prioritise these projects and the plans for Phase 2 of the East London line extension remain unfunded.”

ITEM 9.4 MOTION 4 : PECKHAM RYE STATION (see supplemental agenda 2, page 7)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Lisa Rajan
Seconded: Councillor Toby Eckersley

Delete all and replace with:

Council assembly notes the strong support of the local community for the regeneration of Peckham Rye Station and its surroundings.

Council assembly notes that the station buildings and surrounding areas, the property of Network Rail, have repeatedly been found to be in a severely dilapidated state and that there have been considerable problems with litter. That the council has, after a period of negotiation with Network Rail, taken on a contract to keep the station approach litter free.

Council assembly believes that the Cross River tram is a vital part of the regeneration of Southwark, including the areas of Camberwell and Peckham, and calls upon the executive to lobby the Mayor of London for it to be built before 2012.

Council assembly calls on the executive to support the refurbishment of the station buildings and reclamation of the former station approach as high quality public realm, fitting the current and future role of the station as a gateway to the area and with the arrival of the London over-ground and Cross River tram, as a major public transport hub.

Council assembly therefore calls on the executive to work with Network Rail, London Assembly members and Transport for London and other key partners on the development of the site and to ensure that the council's own planning and transport policies (including the Peckham area action plan and the council's response to the Cross River tram route consultation) promote and safeguard the regeneration of the site.

ITEM 9.5 MOTION 5 : FOUR SQUARES DISPERSAL ZONE (see supplemental agenda 2, pages 7-9)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Jeff Hook
Seconded: Councillor Eliza Mann

Delete all and replace with:

Council assembly welcomes the decision by the executive, in consultation with local residents and the police, to respond to the problems of anti-social behaviour on the Four Squares estate and surrounding areas by instituting a dispersal zone.

Council assembly notes that improvement works in this area include:

- upgraded lighting across the whole of the Four Squares estate and new lighting installed in central courtyards;
- a new door entry system, CCTV and additional garage security in New Place Square with plans to extend this installation across the whole estate by the end of 2008;
- investment of £1.7 million in the Salmon Youth centre which will become the largest in Europe;
- agreement to refurbish a nearby football pitch and securing of Section 106 funding to pay for the refurbishment of the other.

Council assembly notes the refusal by the Mayor of London and government to provide sufficient funding to allow for the permanent stationing of 1000 police officers in Southwark and reiterates the council's support for the Southwark 1000 campaign, which it believes is vital to provide effective means for combating anti-social behaviour on the Four Squares estate as well as elsewhere in the borough.

Council assembly notes that the government's decent homes programme does not include a requirement for community facilities or facilities for young people and that it therefore fails to live up to the promise of being tough on the causes of crime. Council assembly believes that decent community facilities, including facilities for young people, are vital in the battle against anti-social behaviour.

Council assembly notes that the government and Mayor of London have been forced to back down on their threat to close three of the borough's police stations as they had not been able to provide plans for adequate replacement facilities. Council assembly believes that the loss of Rotherhithe police station would have had a detrimental effect on the ability to combat crime and anti-social behaviour on the Four Squares and elsewhere in the north of the borough.

Council assembly therefore reiterates its support for community led solutions to crime problems and congratulates the executive for its action in this case.

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Althea Smith

Seconded: Councillor Paul Bates

Delete all from paragraph 2 “Council assembly notes that the local police...” to paragraph 3 “...Four Squares and Kirby estates”.

And **insert**:

Council assembly welcomes the decision by the council to introduce a dispersal zone in the Four Squares and Kirby estates three months after it was called for by Val Shawcross AM and local police and after local residents had twice made deputations to the council in recent years.

Council assembly notes that the executive did not act on those calls until Valerie Shawcross AM submitted a deputation to council assembly on behalf of the Four Squares tenants and residents association.

Council assembly believes that the executive's change of heart on this matter just days before the deputation was due to be seen by council further represents the executive's unwillingness to see members of the public entering the council chamber and speaking to councillors directly.

Council assembly nevertheless welcomes this u-turn by the executive and the new powers it gives to the police to deal with anti-social behaviour in the area.

Council assembly congratulates the tenants and residents who have made those deputations and regrets the fact that they and other groups will now find it very difficult to do so in the future.

Council assembly further regrets that the leading activists of the Four Squares tenants and residents association have decided to resign due to their belief that this council has not responded sufficiently quickly to their concerns and asks them to reconsider this course of action.

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