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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 1. This is a supplementary report to **item 7.2** in the Agenda. It sets out a summary of the revised proposals in the tenth London Local Authorities Bills, for members' information.
- 2. The list of proposals contained in this report are the same as those adopted by the Council Assembly at its meeting on 21 November 2007 minus the proposal to charge organisations providing free refreshment on highways and public places in London.
- 3. The original Bill has been split into three separate Bills, each of which contain a number of provisions regarding the regulation of certain Council activities. These are set out in detail at **Appendix B** and include:
  - Control of disposable shopping bags- the introduction of a local levy on the provision of disposable shopping bags and to introduce a prohibition on the supply of certain disposable shopping bags by retailers.
  - Litter measures/ regulating sale of chewing gums- introduction of a local levy on the sale of chewing gum to regulate nuisances caused by chewing gum litter on public amenities and the extension of the type of premises in respect of which a street litter control notice can be issued under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to include a wider range of non domestic premises.
  - To enable London Councils to take enforcement action to recover costs- in cases where there has been a failure to comply with duties imposed in relation to the management of houses in multiple occupations.
  - Control measures on feeding of wild birds- introduction of a power to deal with the feeding of wild birds. Local authorities will be given power to issue fixed penalty charges to those who breached this local law.
  - Power to delegate street trading functions under existing street trading legislation to other bodies/organisation.
  - Road traffic measures- introduction of charging point for electric vehicles.
  - Charging for damages caused by development- introduction of a power to enable local planning authorities to require that a deposit is

provided prior to the commencement of development, to offset against costs arising from making good any damage to the highway caused by the construction of the development.

- Traffic measures- introduction of a power to decriminalise enforcement power in respect of the use of mobile phones whilst driving, and a power to serve penalty charge notices by post for those drivers who drove off after committing a parking offence.
- **Technical amendments** to existing local legislation, these include amending provisions in respect of and charging for public urinals.
- **Decriminalisation of Environmental Fixed Penalties-** The proposal would partially decriminalise certain environmental offences by introducing a civil penalty regime with respect to offences for which fixed penalty notice can be issued, this includes littering, noise, waste, graffiti, fly posting offences and dog control orders.

#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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#### **LIST OF APPENDICES**

No.	Title
Appendix A	Draft confirming council Resolution (see main agenda)
Appendix B	Detailed Proposals contained in the Bills (attached)

#### **AUDIT TRAIL**

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#### List of proposals contained in the Bills

- to make provision about the decriminalisation of offences relating to public health, highways and road traffic and making contravention of the relevant legislation subject to a civil penalty charge regime;
- (ii) the introduction of a local levy, administrated by London borough councils, on the provision of certain disposable shopping bags by retailers, to introduce a prohibition on the provision of disposable shopping bags;
- (iii) the introduction of a local levy administrated by the London borough councils on the sale of chewing gum;
- (iv) an extension of the type of premises in respect of which a street litter control notice can be issued under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to include a wider range of non-domestic premises; to enable councils to better control the feeding of wild birds;
- (v) to enable borough councils to make charges for the use of urinals; to make further provision about the control of the placing of items on the highway; altering London borough councils' powers to fix signs and apparatus to buildings;
- (vi) amending London borough councils' powers to charge for the provision of amenities on highways under Part VIIA of the Highways Act 1980; controlling the placing of household waste in street litter bins;
- (vii) to enable London borough councils to recover costs incurred by them in rectifying damage caused by them when removing unlawful advertisements;
- (viii) to enable London borough councils, as local housing authorities, to take enforcement action and recover costs in cases where there has been a failure to comply with a duty imposed in relation to the management of houses in multiple occupation under regulations made under Section 234 of the Housing Act 2004;
- (ix) imposing a requirement in respect of food premises which are subject to inspection by London borough councils under the Food Safety Act 1990 to display copies of inspection notices or summaries thereof on the premises; to impose a new licensing regime for social clubs;
- (x) to alter the requirements relating to the service of documents under the City of Westminster Act 1996, which deals with sex establishments; to enable London borough councils to exert better control over the licensing of premises which, but for the Licensing Act 2003 would be required to be licensed as sex encounter establishments;
- (xi) to enable London borough councils to delegate their functions under existing street trading legislation and enable other bodies to manage street markets;
- (xii) to alter the street trading legislation in the City of Westminster so as to enable Westminster City Council, without a court order, to dispose of articles seized under the Act; to make further alterations to street trading legislation in London:
- (xiii) to enable the highway authority to provide charging points for electric vehicles in the highway;

- (xiv) to enable local planning authorities to require that a deposit is provided prior to commencement of development, to be offset against costs arising from making good damage to the highway caused by the construction of the development; to enable action to be taken against persons who interfere with gates placed in pursuance of powers under road traffic legislation;
- (xv) to enable councils to better control pedicabs; to enable councils to serve penalty charge notices by post where there has been a parking contravention, and where service was prevented by the vehicle driving away:
- (xvi) to allow decriminalised enforcement in respect of advanced stopping areas for cyclists at traffic lights; to allow decriminalised enforcement in respect of the use of mobile phones whilst driving;
- (xvii) to enable London borough councils to vary fixed penalty levels for cycling on the footway;
- (xviii) to enable the better control of the depositing of builders' skips on the highway; and to provide for a decriminalised regime of enforcement in relation to the driving of abnormal vehicles on the highway;
- (xix) to enact any additional, supplemental and consequential provisions that may appear to be necessary or convenient.

ITEM 7.1: THE COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2008/09 (see main agenda, pages 18 - 31)

#### **AMENDMENT A**

**MOVED:** Councillor Richard Livingstone

**SECONDED:** Councillor Fiona Colley

Paragraph 1: **delete** all after "set at" and **insert**:

	Number of band D equivalent properties
For the parish of St. Mary Newington	13,063.04
For the parish of St. Saviour's	1,155.54
For the whole of the borough excluding the parishes of St. Mary Newington and St. Saviour's	79,216.57

For the whole of the borough 93,435.15

#### **Insert** new recommendations 2 to 5 as follows:

- 2 Council notes that the proposed collection rate for 2008/09 set out in the report is the fourth lowest in inner London and believes that this is too low.
- 3 Council further notes that the report identifies that in-year collection rates for inner London averaged 94.1% in 2006/07 and that in Southwark we have on average collected a further 3.1% after year-end.
- 4 Council believes that it is unfair to penalise those who pay council tax and those that receive council services through being insufficiently rigorous in collecting council tax. We are also concerned to note that there have been cases where new residents in the borough have not been able to register for council tax, and have been slow to band new properties. We therefore believe that there is scope to make the collection contract work more effectively.
- 5 We therefore agree a collection rate of 97%, deriving the council tax base as set out in paragraph 1.

ITEM 7.3: PLANNING DECISION MAKING – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION (see main agenda, pages 36-40 and supplemental agenda 2, pages )

#### **AMENDMENT B**

**MOVED:** Councillor Chris Page **SECONDED:** Councillor Peter John

In Part 3F: Matters Reserved to the Planning Committee and Community Councils Exercising Planning Functions – pages 56 to 60 of the constitution.

#### Insert new (c)

(c) Every councillor shall on a routine weekly basis be kept informed of all planning applications which have completed the statutory consultation period and how many objections have been made to each.

**ITEM 8.1: MOTION 1 – PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN DULWICH** (see main agenda, pages 42 - 43)

#### **AMENDMENT C**

**MOVED:** Councillor Barrie Hargrove **SECONDED:** Councillor Fiona Colley

In paragraph 1, **delete** point ii)

In paragraph 2, **delete all** after "accessing local services"

#### After paragraph 2 insert:

"Council assembly welcomes the introduction of high capacity, wheelchair friendly, ecologically sound, bendy buses and believes that the reintroduction of dangerous, polluting, Route Master buses would be a step backwards

Council fully supports the proposed extension of the hours of use of the freedom pass"

In paragraph 3 replace "requests" with "calls on"

And after paragraph 3, point i) **insert:** 

"raise concerns about the safety of bendy buses on individual bus routes with Transport for London and notes that TfL is yet to receive such notice about the safety of buses on Barry Road."

At the end of paragraph 3, point ii) **insert:** 

"and to publish the TfL response at the next ordinary meeting of council assembly. Council assembly also requests the executive to lobby TfL for the 484 bus to include in its route the new bus-stop at Sainsburys, East Dulwich."

At the end of paragraph 3, point iii) **insert:** 

"and to publish the TfL response at the next ordinary meeting of council assembly."

#### And after point iii) insert:

"Commission a cost-benefit analysis of the introduction of a new service to the Kingswood Estate and to report back the results to council assembly in not less than six months time."

#### and after point iv) insert:

"To write to candidates seeking election to the Greater London Assembly to ascertain what their stance is on extending to the freedom pass to a 24 hour service.

"To write to candidates seeking election to the Greater London Assembly to ascertain what they have previously done to improve public transport in the borough."

#### The amended motion reads as follows

- 1. Council assembly notes the continuing poor public transport links in the south of the borough. In particular:
  - i) The reduction in the frequency of the No.3 bus service which provides the only partial link from the Kingswood Estate to vital local services in Dulwich.
  - ii) The unsatisfactory No.12 route terminus at the junction of Friern Road/Lane, widely opposed by local residents when the service could be run onto Forest Hill.
  - iii) Transport for London's (TfL) lack of progress in extending the No.42 route from Red Post Hill to Dog Kennel Hill Sainsburys via Dulwich Hospital.
- 2. Council assembly believes many of these routes provide a vital lifeline for local residents who have no other way of accessing local services.

Council assembly welcomes the introduction of high capacity, wheelchair friendly, ecologically sound, bendy buses and believes that the reintroduction of dangerous, polluting, Route Master buses would be a step backwards

Council fully supports the proposed extension of the hours of use of the freedom pass.

- 3. Council assembly calls on the executive to:
  - i) Raise the concerns regarding the terminus of the No.12 in the forthcoming review of this route and lobby for consideration of a route extension.
  - ii) raise concerns about the safety of bendy buses on individual bus routes with Transport for London and notes that TfL is yet to receive such notice about the safety of buses on Barry Road
  - iii) To lobby TfL for progress on the No.42 route extension and to publish the TfL response at the next ordinary meeting of council assembly. Council assembly also requests the executive to lobby TfL for the 484 bus to include in its route the new bus-stop at Sainsburys, East Dulwich.
  - iv) To lobby TfL to review transport links to the Kingswood Estate and how they could be improved and to publish the TfL response at the next ordinary meeting of council assembly
  - v) Commission a cost-benefit analysis of the introduction of a new service to the Kingswood Estate and to report back the results to council assembly in not less than six months time
  - vi) To write to candidates seeking election to the Greater London Assembly to ascertain what their stance is on public transport issues raised in the motion.
  - vii) To write to candidates seeking election to the Greater London Assembly to ascertain what their stance is on extending to the freedom pass to a 24 hour service
  - viii) To write to candidates seeking election to the Greater London Assembly to ascertain what they have previously done to improve public transport in the borough

**ITEM 8.2: MOTION 2 – DECENT HOMES STANDARD** (see main agenda, page 43 and supplemental agenda 1, pages 1 - 2)

#### **AMENDMENT D**

**MOVED:** Councillor Kim Humphreys **SECONDED:** Councillor Tim McNally

#### **Delete** paragraphs 3 and 4 and **insert**:

"Council notes that this government has only made three funding options available to local authorities to fund decent homes improvements and that none of these options reflect the wishes or priorities of local people.

"Council does not believe that funding for improvements to council housing should be based on acceptance of forced stock transfer."

#### **Delete** paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 and **insert:**

"Council notes that the current decent homes standards are insufficient to meet a wide range of residents' aspirations, including those regarding outdoor space, energy efficiency, security and insulation.

"Council notes the continuing programme of investment in improving existing housing stock, the ambitious plans to regenerate estates across the borough and the plans to construct 815 new homes each year, all of which have been undertaken by this administration.

"Council assembly calls on the executive to continue these programmes and to continue to work with tenants and leaseholders on meeting the decent homes standard, in particular through the decent homes review working group.

"Council assembly acknowledges the important role which the housing scrutiny sub-committee plays in providing a forum for a cross-party group of councillors, tenant and leaseholder representatives to examine all matters concerning housing provision in the borough, including plans to achieve the decent homes standard, and calls upon the sub-committee to continue to scrutinise the standard."

# ITEM 8.3: LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT SETTLEMENT AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES (see main agenda, pages 44 - 45 and supplemental agenda 1, page 2)

#### **AMENDMENT E**

MOVED: Councillor Martin Seaton SECONDED: Councillor Susan Elan Jones

In paragraph 1 after "real terms decrease" insert "in the grant"

In paragraph 1 delete:

"in contrast to the government's assertion of an average 1% increase per year over the period;"

#### and insert:

"It further notes the 5% efficiency savings targets to compensate for the cuts;"

In paragraph 2 after "council assembly" delete "further"

In paragraph 3 after "efficiency savings across" insert "other"

At the end of paragraph 3 insert:

"but that health and social care has consistently overspent in recent years and is forecast to overspend by £1.3 million this year;"

#### After paragraph 3 insert:

"Council assembly calls on the executive member for health and adult care to account for the overspend and report on how he intends to curtail it at the next ordinary meeting;"

In paragraph 5 after "Southwark is one of" **delete** "only"

And after "Richmond and Sutton – which" replace "still provides" with "provide"

And after "needs; and that" **replace** with:

"all but Southwark currently have no plans to stop providing this service"

In paragraph 6 after "supported and the complexity" insert "of their needs"

In paragraph 7 after "these increased costs" replace with:

"in combination with the need for ambitious efficiency savings present a real challenge for the council"

#### Delete paragraph 8

#### **Delete** paragraph 9 and **insert**:

"Council assembly calls upon the executive member for health and adult care to provide a full account of his efforts to secure the required finance for the future

provision of social care for those with a moderate need to council assembly at the next ordinary meeting;"

In paragraph 10 after "ministers to discuss" replace with:

"the increasing costs associated with providing social care in Southwark and new funding options"

#### Add new paragraph at end:

"Council assembly believes that if the executive is unsuccessful in securing an increased grant it must explore every avenue of possibility to continue providing social care to those with a moderate need."

#### The amended motion reads as follows:

Council assembly notes that the three year grant settlement for local government announced on December 6 amounts to a real-terms cut of 0.5% and 0.7% in the second and third years – an average real terms decrease in the grant of 0.3% per year. It further notes the 5% efficiency savings targets to compensate for the cuts;

Council assembly notes that London Councils has described the settlement as 'devastating' and has said that councils in London will be the 'hardest hit';

Council assembly notes that Southwark was rated 3 out of 4 by the independent Audit Commission for 'use of resources' and has managed to secure significant efficiency savings across other service areas but that health and social care has consistently overspent in recent years and is forecast to overspend by £1.3 million this year;

Council assembly calls on the executive member for health and adult care to account for the overspend and report on how he intends to curtail it at the next ordinary meeting;

Council assembly notes that the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) has awarded Southwark Council the highest rating of 'excellent' for adult social care services, something achieved by only 12% of councils in the country;

Council assembly notes that Southwark is one of 8 boroughs in London – together with Islington, City of London, Westminster, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, Richmond and Sutton – which provide social care to those with "moderate" needs; and that all but Southwark currently have no plans to stop providing this service

Council assembly notes the increasing costs of supporting people with learning, physical disabilities and mental health problems. These increases reflect both increasing numbers of people supported and the complexity of their needs. The number of people with learning disabilities receiving services has increased from 652 in 2004/05 to over 800 in 2006/07- with a consequent increase in the pooled budget from £24m to £28.5m;

Council assembly believes that these increased costs in combination with the need for ambitious efficiency savings present a real challenge for the council

Council assembly calls upon the executive member for health and adult care to provide a full account of his efforts to secure the required finance for the future provision of social care for those with a moderate need to council assembly at the next ordinary meeting;

Council assembly calls upon the leader of the council and the executive member for health and adult care to seek a meeting with health ministers to discuss the increasing costs associated with providing social care in Southwark and new funding options.

Council assembly believes that if the executive is unsuccessful in securing an increased grant it must explore every avenue of possibility to continue providing social care to those with a moderate need.

**ITEM 8.4: MOTION 4 – CLIMATE CHANGE** (see main agenda, pages 45 – 46 and supplemental agenda 2, pages 1 - 3)

#### **AMENDMENT F**

MOVED: Councillor Paul Noblet SECONDED: Councillor Adele Morris

#### Delete paragraph 2 and insert:

"Council further notes the letter of congratulation which the council received from DEFRA in response to the submission of the council's 10<sup>th</sup> Home Energy Conservation Act progress report, which commends the authority "on the progress of its HECA strategy."

#### **Insert** after paragraph 2:

"Council assembly notes the role that Southwark council has taken a variety of steps to help residents combat climate change, including:

- working with external bodies to provide advice to residents on energy saving, access to alternative technologies and quick and easy ways to tackle climate change;
- 2) distributing £103,908 in grants under the Warmfront scheme and £158,794 in grants under the Coldbusters scheme to help with energy-saving home improvements;
- 3) adopting a bulk buy scheme for renewable technologies in order to decrease the cost of the installation of alternative technologies."

#### In paragraph 3 **delete** from "the unique position" and **insert**:

"the report's statement that '...government needs to set a national lead by adopting a three year carbon budget for the domestic sector under the Climate Change Bill'."

#### **Insert** new paragraphs after paragraph 3:

"Council assembly notes that under the low carbon buildings programme, the government have only provided 222 grants for households in London for the installation of renewable technologies, while Southwark Council has assisted 387 households and landlords to improve energy efficiency in the last two years

"Council assembly further notes that since the replacement of the clear skies programme by the low carbon buildings programme, funding to households, businesses and voluntary organisations has declined by £15 million and that the maximum grant has declined from £15,000 to £2,500."

#### **Delete** paragraphs 5 and 6 and **insert**:

"Council assembly notes the actions taken by the executive to promote energy conservation in Southwark, including:

 Increasing the take up of grants available, including the community energy efficient fund, Coldbusters and Warmfront, through mail-outs

- and systematic door to door campaigns, in particular targeting the most vulnerable residents;
- Distributing £103,908 in grants under the Warmfront scheme and £158,794 in grants under the Coldbusters scheme to help with energysaving home improvements;
- Continuing to work with the Energy Saving Trust and promoting the London-wide Energy Saving Trust Advice Service;
- Implementing the supplementary planning document on residential design standards and continuing to ensure that all new builds remain above the minimum energy efficiency standards;
- Setting clear energy efficiency/carbon-based standards for procurement of council equipment, services and buildings and asking officers to investigate ways of improving energy efficiency in departmental council buildings through the 'greening the council' programme.

"Council assembly calls on the executive to ensure that the actions already taken to promote energy conservation in Southwark are continued in the future and that performance on this issue is reported to members and residents every quarter."

**ITEM 8.5: MOTION 5 – VISIBLE POLICING TO TACKLE CRIME** (see main agenda, pages 46 - 47 and supplemental agenda 1, pages 2 - 3)

#### **AMENDMENT G**

**MOVED:** Councillor John Friary **SECONDED:** Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle

#### After paragraph 3 insert:

"Council assembly notes that due in part to the significant increase in the numbers of police officers and staff in the last ten years (128 new officers, 100 new PCSOs since 2000) the existing police stations are not currently fit for purpose."

In paragraph 4, replace "executive member to continue his" with:

"cross-party Southwark 1000 campaign, led by Harriet Harman MP and Val Shawcross AM, to continue in its"

In paragraph 5, line 1, **delete** "further" and after "that in" **insert:** 

"March last year the Metropolitan Police Authority published property for policing and that in"

#### and after "November" insert:

"this was followed by a consultation document called asset management plan Southwark"

#### and delete:

"the Metropolitan Police Authority published its asset management plan for Southwark,"

#### In paragraph 7 delete:

"with dismay that with only a matter of weeks to go before"

#### and delete:

"nothing has been done by the Metropolitan Police Authority and the Mayor of London to explain their asset management plan to the public, and how it will affect the future of police stations and other buildings and bases in Southwark:"

In paragraph 9 after "has taken place" **delete** and **replace** with:

"and urges the MPA to look into all possible plans for retention of existing police stations, including co-habitation with other services."

#### In paragraph 10, delete:

"creation of safer neighbourhood team bases which will not provide the"

#### And after "Rotherhithe" insert

", which are not open on a 24/7 basis."

#### After paragraph 11 insert:

"Council assembly believes that existing public buildings in the council estate should be maintained for use by the local community, and not be sold off to private developers"

In paragraph 12 after "explore ways" **delete** and **replace** with:

"of engaging local people in the consultation process."

In paragraph 13 after "community safety" **delete** and **replace** with:

"to make a public and open formal response to the Area Management Plan for Southwark.

#### The amended motion reads as follows:

Council assembly believes that one of the primary roles of the police is to provide a visible and reassuring presence to the communities in Southwark in their task of tackling crime and anti-social behaviour;

Council assembly also believes that this reassurance to the public of their safety is achieved not just by high visibility policing on the streets but by the range of services that the police provide from well-known and strategically placed police stations;

Council assembly notes that at present, Southwark's 890 police officers, 156 police staff and 100 PCSOs are located in facilities in a number of key locations across the borough in Camberwell, East Dulwich, Peckham, Southwark, Walworth, Rotherhithe;

Council assembly notes that due in part to the significant increase in the numbers of police officers and staff in the last ten years (128 new officers, 100 new PCSOs since 2000) the existing police stations are not currently fit for purpose;

Council assembly calls upon the cross-party Southwark 1000 campaign, led by Harriet Harman MP and Val Shawcross AM, to continue in its efforts to campaign for 1,000 police officers dedicated to serving Southwark;

Council assembly notes that in March last year the Metropolitan Police Authority published property for policing and that in November this was followed by a consultation document called asset management plan Southwark which sets out the authority's proposals for changes to the Southwark police estate to provide buildings and facilities which meet the needs of the police;

Council assembly notes that the asset plan envisages "...a review of the future of East Dulwich New, Camberwell and Rotherhithe police stations with the reprovision of all the facilities currently housed there in more specialised and more appropriate facilities...";

Council assembly notes the end of the consultation period on the asset management plan on 6 March 2008;

Council assembly believes that the borough's police stations play a vital role in highvisibility policing and that the stations in East Dulwich, Camberwell and Rotherhithe are central to tackling crime in their respective areas;

Council assembly reaffirms its commitment to modernisation of the police estate but believes that no police station in Southwark should be closed until a full and open consultation has taken place and urges the MPA to look into all possible plans for retention of existing police stations, including co-habitation with other services;

Council assembly believes that the re-provision of existing services must mean more than the level of public access currently available at the stations in East Dulwich, Camberwell and Rotherhithe, which are not open on a 24/7 basis.;

Council assembly further believes that existing parts of the police estate should be maintained for use by the local community, and not be sold off to private developers;

Council assembly believes that existing public buildings in the council estate should be maintained for use by the local community, and not be sold off to private developers;

Council assembly calls upon the executive member for community safety to work with Southwark Police to explore ways of engaging local people in the consultation process;

Council assembly calls upon the executive member for community safety to make a public and open formal response to the area management plan for Southwark.

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