

Item No. 5.2	Classification: Open	Date: 26 th November 2003	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Report Back on Consideration of Motions Referred from Council Assembly In Accordance With Council Procedure Rule 3.6 And 3.9	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Executive	

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.9 – 356 BUS ROUTE

At the meeting of the Executive held on 4th November 2003 we considered the following motion referred from Council Assembly on 17th September 2003, which had been moved by Councillor William Rowe, seconded by Councillor Kim Humphreys and referred to the Executive for consideration:-

“That Council notes with disappointment that Transport for London (TfL) has failed to consult properly with residents affected by the re-routing of the 356 Bus Route and has ignored representations made by residents, councillors and officers requesting a delay to the scheme to allow proper consultation.

That the Executive is requested to instruct officers to take whatever steps are possible to persuade TfL to reconsider the re-routing of the 356 bus so that it can be more useful to residents.”

We noted the comments of the Strategic Director of Regeneration on the issue, in particular that the Council is continuing to lobby London Buses to find an alternative solution to the current re-routing of bus 356 along Crescent Wood Road so the amended route can be more acceptable to residents.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.9 – ALTERNATIVE FUEL

At the meeting of the Executive held on 4th November 2003 we considered the following motion referred from Council Assembly on 17th September 2003, which had been moved by Councillor Barrie Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Dermot McInerney, subsequently amended and referred to the Executive for consideration:-

“Council Assembly notes:

1. The positive impact of moving from conventional to alternative fuel “green” vehicles.

2. Southwark's pioneering lead in introducing such vehicles for Council use.
3. Requests the Executive to receive a report laying out clear policy on the exclusive use of alternative fuelled vehicles by both the council itself and the council's main contractors in the future and the possibility of establishing a biodiesel manufacturing plan within Southwark. Council asks that the report should look at all alternatives to petrol and diesel powered cars with the aim of reducing the emission of climate changing gases, particulates, SO₂, NO_x and other poisons."

We noted the comments of the Strategic Director of Environment & Leisure on the issue, in particular that a full detailed report will be provided to the Executive outlining the current policy for the Council, an analysis on various fuels available together with a summary of current contractual arrangements with external partners.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.9 – POST OFFICES

At the meeting of the Executive held on 4th November 2003 we considered the following motion referred from Council Assembly on 17th September 2003, which had been moved by Councillor Graham Neale, seconded by Councillor Caroline Pidgeon, subsequently amended and referred to the Executive for consideration:-

1. "Council condemns Post Office Limited for its moves to close up to 3000 urban post offices - one in three offices. Council notes with disappointment that Elephant & Castle and East Dulwich have already been casualties of this closure programme and Cheltenham Road, Nunhead is under consideration.
2. Council shares the concerns that Post Watch have expressed about two post offices (Cheltenham Road and St Norbetts Road) closing in the same area and the gap that this will leave in post office provision for local residents.
3. Council notes with concern that the proposed closures will come on top of the closure of over 4000 post offices since 1990 and that rural offices are not included in this scheme.
4. Council believes that post offices provide an indispensable service for every local community across the UK, and that they especially support people who are most vulnerable, this is borne out by the decision to protect rural post offices.
5. Council welcomes campaigning by local people to protect Southwark's post offices - such as the bilingual centre proposal at Elephant & Castle - and supports the recent community bid to save the Nunhead Post Office.
6. Council notes the recent changes in consultation on post office closure proposals which extend the consultation period from 4 to 6 weeks and introduces an approach to reviewing the future of post office provisions based on parliamentary constituency areas as opposed to individual post offices.

7. Council calls upon Post Office Limited not to proceed with further closures and produce a report on plans for post offices in the three Southwark parliamentary constituency areas.
8. This Council is also concerned about the potential effect that Direct Payments of benefits into bank accounts will have on the long term future of the Post Office and calls upon Government to simplify the process of opening a Post Office Card Account so that this can be done over the Post Office Counter and to urge major Banks to sign up to Universal Banking by making all current accounts accessible at Post Offices
9. This Council further calls upon the Executive to actively participate in any future consultation on the future of post offices closures reporting into both the financial and social implications of any proposed closures and also to work with local Councillors, local Members of Parliament, Post Office Ltd and Post Watch to find creative ways to ensure a vibrant and successful future for all post offices at the heart of the community.”

We noted the comments of the Chief Executive on the issue.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.9 – BUSES ALONG RYE LANE

At the meeting of the Executive held on 4th November 2003 we considered the following motion referred from Council Assembly on 17th September 2003, which had been moved by Councillor Andy Simmons, seconded by Councillor Dominic Thorncroft, subsequently amended and referred to the Executive for consideration:-

“Council notes that many local residents (particularly elderly residents) in the Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council area who use the Rye Lane post office are being inconvenienced by the lack of two way working for buses along Rye Lane.

In February of this year a report was approved by the Executive, which proposed the use of enforcement powers available to the Council to address the problems associated with traffic congestion in Rye Lane.

Council welcomes:

The decision to return the two way working of buses to Rye Lane on a trial basis.

Council urges the Executive to:

- Ensure vigorous enforcement of car parking restrictions so that buses can get through;
- Take legal steps against car drivers who have been caught entering or parking illegally in Rye Lane and investigate publicly naming them;
- Publicise the presence of CCTV in the Rye Lane area to make drivers aware that they will be caught on camera if they abuse parking guidelines;

- Consider a report after 6 months on the success or failure of the enhanced enforcement.”

We considered this as part of another item on the Executive agenda – Impact of CCTV Parking Enforcement in Rye Lane and agreed:

1. That the current parking enforcement regime in Rye Lane be continued, as it has shown to be effective in reducing traffic congestion.
2. That the scheme be amended to include enforcement between 10pm – 2am to cover the operation of the night bus service, which is currently experiencing issues with obstruction.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.9. – LIGHT POLLUTION

At the meeting of the Executive held on 4th November 2003 we considered the following motion referred from Council Assembly on 17th September 2003, which had been moved by Councillor Mark Glover, seconded by Councillor Barrie Hargrove and referred to the Executive for consideration:-

“Southwark Council notes the proliferation of light pollution (caused by excessive artificial light being misdirected) in Southwark, London and the rest of the industrialised world.

Southwark Council further notes that waste light from poorly designed lighting has led to the urban population of the UK being deprived of a view of the night sky that our predecessors would have taken for granted.

Southwark Council is concerned that much of the energy used in generating wasted light is produced through the burning of fossil fuels, producing the carbon dioxide emissions that the UK is pledged to reduce, and that in general, light pollution can be reduced without detriment to the lighting task.

Southwark Council therefore requests the Executive to bring forward proposals designed to control and minimise light pollution, in accordance with guidelines issued by the Institute of Lighting Engineers. These should include consideration of the following specific proposals:

1. On highways and paved areas where Southwark Council has responsibility for upkeep, new and replacement street light fittings to be shielded and designed to permit an upward light ratio in line with ILE guidelines.
2. As part of the Local Development Framework to specifically address light pollution, developers could be required to submit details of lighting schemes required as part of any new development in the planning application. Applicants could be asked to demonstrate that the scheme proposed is the minimum needed for security and working purposes and that it minimises potential pollution from glare and spillage through measures such as shielding.

3. To support the broad aims of the Council for the Protection of Rural England's campaign against 'night blight' including supporting the introduction of a light pollution clause in a future environmental protection bill."

We noted the comments of the Strategic Directors of Environment & Leisure and Regeneration on the issue.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.9. – HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

At the meeting of the Executive held on 4th November 2003 we considered the following motion referred from Council Assembly on 17th September 2003, which had been moved by Councillor Stephen Flannery, seconded by Councillor Anne Yates and referred to the Executive for consideration:-

1. "Council notes the large number of Southwark residents who are on the Council Housing waiting list and have a specific need for a disability unit. Some of these residents have been on the list for many years and face little prospect of a move in the near future.
2. Council acknowledges the general shortage of social housing. Council recognizes however, that long waits for properties with disabled access are caused by: a) an acute shortage of suitable properties; b) the occupation, for various reasons, of some of these few existing properties by those without a disability.
3. Council requests the Executive to agree that this important matter should be considered as part of the ongoing Housing Allocations Review."

We agreed that the issues raised in the motion be considered by the Allocations Policy Review Board.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.9. – UNAUTHORISED ADVERTISING

At the meeting of the Executive held on 4th November 2003 we considered the following motion referred from Council Assembly on 17th September 2003, which had been moved by Councillor David Hubber, seconded by Councillor Gavin O'Brien and referred to the Executive for consideration:-

"Council notes that pollution can come in many guises, including intrusive and unsightly advertising – of which estate agents boards are a prime example.

Council notes that the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 allows Local Authorities to deal with unauthorised advertising on public highways.

Council agrees that the above powers should be extended to include private properties where such advertising is visually intrusive and/or a safety hazard and therefore requests the Executive to lobby the Government accordingly."

We agreed the motion.

**MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE
3.9. – HERNE HILL CPZ**

At the meeting of the Executive held on 4th November 2003 we considered the following motion referred from Council Assembly on 17th September 2003, which had been moved by Councillor Lewis Robinson, seconded by Councillor Kenny Mizzi and referred to the Executive for consideration:-

“In respect of the design of those parts of the proposed Controlled Parking Zone at Herne Hill which lie within a conservation area, the Executive is requested to heed the research and representations of the Stradella and Springfield Residents Association (in particular as set out in their letter of 16th August 2003 to the Transport and Traffic Group) on the flexibilities which are permitted in conservation areas, with a view both to reducing the intrusiveness of signage and markings in this particular zone and also to indicating clearly that Southwark is at the forefront of efforts to reconcile heritage and conservation principles with a sound basis for enforceability and clarity of information to road users.”

We noted the comments of the Strategic Director of Regeneration, in particular that a meeting was to be held between the Strategic Director of Regeneration and representatives of the Stradella and Springfield Residents Association on 7th November to discuss the issues raised by the residents association.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Executive Agenda and Minutes 4 th November 2003	Constitutional Unit, Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221

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