



**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY  
(ORDINARY MEETING)**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 20 2005**

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA No.3**

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**NOTE:** Please note that the above report has not been circulated seven clear working days in advance of the meeting (council procedure rule 1.2 (1)). Therefore, in accordance with access to information procedure rule (5), the Mayor will be asked to accept the item as late and urgent.

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**AMENDMENT A**

**Moved:** Councillor Fiona Colley  
**Seconded:** Councillor Charlie Smith

Page 7, First strategic objective "Improve the quality of all homes and neighbourhoods" **add a new bullet point**

- *"Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime"*

Page 7, Second strategic objective "Increase the supply of housing, in particular affordable housing" **add new bullet point**

- *"Ensure that fewer families live in overcrowded conditions"*

Page 7, Last strategic objective "Deliver community-focused services" - **add new bullet point**

- *"Make services more tenant/resident focused"*

Page 14. Challenges for our housing strategy. **Add new bullet points** –

- *"Changing the culture of the housing department so it is more focused on the customer (tenant, leaseholder, homeless applicant etc)"*
- *"Delivering a stronger focus on efficiency and value for money"*
- *"Improving relationships with tenants and leaseholders"*

Page 57. **Delete bullet point**

- *"Reached top performance quartile for processing housing benefit claims"*
- as council assembly notes that relative performance has worsened in the last year.

Page 65. **Add new 2005/06 targets** –

"Set targets for closing the satisfaction gap between BME and other service users"

and

"Set targets for increasing the proportion of council tenants who say they feel safe in their home and immediate neighbourhood"

Page 66. **Bring forward the action point** "Review baseline and set targets for increasing leaseholder satisfaction with services" from 2006/07 to 2005/06.

**NOTE:** Page numbers in this amendment refer to the Southwark housing strategy page numbers located at the bottom right hand corner of the page.

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**ITEM 6.2      REPORT BACK ON CONSIDERATION OF MOTION REFERRED FROM  
COUNCIL ASSEMBLY (see pages 83 - 86)**

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**1. QUESTION ON REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR WILLIAM ROWE**

Could the presenter of the item please give dates for when the report on leaseholders will be brought to overview and scrutiny committee and the executive in "summer 2005"

**AMENDMENT B**

**Moved:** Councillor Michelle Pearce

**Seconded:** Councillor Andy Simmons

**Add**

3. In agreeing to approve the statement of accounts, council assembly also seeks to draw lessons for improved financial management in future years.

Council assembly therefore asks overview and scrutiny committee to arrange for the investigation of the background to the following issues and how they may be best addressed, making recommendations to the executive and/or council assembly as necessary:

- (A) Housing Management Although the number of council homes fell by 1,748 in the year, expenditure on supervision and management rose by £18m (22%) to £101m.
- (B) Rent Arrears £3.361m of rent arrears was written off but outstanding rent arrears fell by only £1.151m; the underlying trend in rent arrears therefore still appears to be upwards.
- (C) Parking Fines Provision for debt write-off in the parking trading account has risen from £2.520m to £4.171 m and net revenue rose by only £200,000 so the percentage of parking fines uncollected appears to be increasing.
- (D) Debtors The Consolidated Balance Sheet shows “debtors” owing £110.5m in 2003/04 and £136m in 2004/05. The reasons for this increase and the nature and origin of these debts should be probed in order to ensure no further rise occurs and write-off is minimised.
- (E) Publicity Costs The publicity budget rose by £1 million (25%) in a single year which amounts to a weekly council tax increase of nearly £1.50.
- (F) Freedom of Information & Data Protection The director of finance has reported weaknesses in staff awareness of and adherence to the Freedom of Information Act and of the Data Protection Act.

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**ITEM 7.4      NOTIFICATION OF DECISION CONSIDERED BY URGENT  
IMPLEMENTATION BY THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR  
REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (see pages 173 -  
174)**

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**1. QUESTION ON REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR FIONA COLLEY**

How much did it cost the council to defend the original decision to designate the site as 'D1 use with education as a priority?'

**2. QUESTION ON REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS**

As a consequence of the decision not to restrict the types of possible development at the Lambeth college site, a new primary school will not now be built on the site. Could the leader tell me:

- i)      What he is doing to tackle the expected shortfall in primary school places in the area?
- ii)     Whether the neighbouring schools will now be refurbished?

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**ITEM 8.1      MOTION 1 – WET CENTRE FACILITY ST GILES TRUST CENTRE** (see pages 180 and supplemental agenda 1)

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**AMENDMENT C**

**Moved:**            Councillor Nick Stanton  
**Seconded:**      Councillor Denise Capstick

**Delete:**

Council therefore requests that to build upon this success the council executive should consider the following:

- That until the overview & scrutiny committee has reported (see below) the council continue the funding of the wet centre in conjunction with the PCT, NRF, SSP and other bodies
- That the council supports an increase in the operational period of the wet centre from 2 days to 5 days per week

**Insert:**

Council supports St Giles' plans to move from the day centre services to an intervention model that will ensure individual caseworker support in the home environment for those individuals currently helped by the project.

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**ITEM 8.3      MOTION 3 – ELEPHANT & CASTLE REGENERATION PROGRAMME** (see pages 181, supplemental agenda 1, pages 197 - 199)

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**AMENDMENT D**

**Moved:**        Councillor Catherine Bowman  
**Seconded:**    Councillor Richard Porter

**Line 4**

After “regeneration programme” **add:**

“and accepts that these concerns are common to other large regeneration programmes throughout the country and that these have to be balanced against the wider benefits to the whole community that regeneration can bring.”

**Line 5**

After “welcomes the commitment from the London Development Agency” **add:**

“(responding to the council’s request)”

**Line 11**

After “identifying options for incubators and workspace for micro-businesses and start-ups.” **add:**

“Council notes that it is hoped that this review will inform future regeneration projects elsewhere in London and the country.”

**Line 13**

**Delete:** “Does not believe this support goes far enough”

**Replace with:** “wishes”

**Line 16**

After “vibrant and diverse culture” **add:**

Council notes that the regeneration and resources scrutiny sub-committee is currently conducting its own review of business support in the Elephant and Castle

**Line 21**

**Delete:** “provide financial support for small and BME business in the area adversely affected by this regeneration programme and for re-location where this is inevitable.”

**Replace with:**

1. ensure that businesses have an opportunity to continue trading viably throughout the period of regeneration and to move to acceptable locations within the new development.

2. ensure that all options for financial support and compensation for businesses are identified and to consider further the implications where particular businesses face continuing difficulties.



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**ITEM 8.5      MOTION 5 – CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED BUS ROUTE CHANGES**  
(see pages 184, supplemental agenda 1, pages 200 - 201)

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**AMENDMENT E**

**Moved:**        Councillor Charlie Smith  
**Seconded:**    Councillor Sarah Welfare

**Add** to bullet point one, after "Forest Hill": "exploring the use of Church Rise or Westbourne as a new bus stand;"

In final bullet point **delete** "the use of a smaller bus in the late evenings to minimize current disturbance on this 24/7 route" and replace with "alternative arrangements for the changeover of drivers along the route".

**NOTE:** We have been advised that motion 8.5 has been withdrawn and will be resubmitted at the September council assembly meeting.

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**ITEM 8.6      MOTION 6 – EFFICIENCY SAVINGS IN 2006/07** (see pages 184 - 185,  
supplemental agenda 1, pages 201 - 202)

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**AMENDMENT F**

**Moved:**            Councillor Veronica Ward  
**Seconded:**      Councillor Robert Smeath

In the third line after 2006/07 **insert** "as well as ensuring that the service being delivered is demonstrated to be effective"

**AMENDMENT G**

**Moved:**            Councillor Andy Simmons

**Seconded:**      Councillor Norma Gibbes

**Delete** third and fourth bullet points.

**Add** at end of motion

“Council further notes the significant challenges that continue to face the department particularly with regards to the school improvement function and asks the executive to receive an update at the end of the year on progress to turn around the school improvement division”

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**ITEM 8.9      MOTION 9 – CONGESTION CHARGING BUFFER ZONE** (see pages 186 – 187 and supplemental agenda 1, pages 204 - 205)

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**AMENDMENT H**

**Moved:**            Councillor Barrie Hargrove

**Seconded:**      Councillor Fiona Colley

**Delete** final bullet point and **insert**

- Council assembly notes the Mayor of London’s commitment to consider proposals for further buffer zones if a strong case is presented to him.
- Council assembly therefore requests that the executive member for environment and transport joins forces with Valerie Shawcross AM and Jenny Jones AM in the campaign for South London buffer zones and that he ensures that relevant Southwark Council officers provide support and assistance to build the strongest possible case to submit to the Mayor of London and TfL.