



## COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES of the open section of the meeting of the Council Assembly held on Wednesday, February 22 2006 at 7.00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

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### PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Vicky Naish

Councillor Mick Barnard	Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Beverley Bassom	Councillor Alison Moise
Councillor Paul Bates	Councillor Catriona Moore
Councillor Columba Blango	Councillor Graham Neale
Councillor Catherine Bowman	Councillor Gavin O'Brien
Councillor David Bradbury	Councillor Dr. Abdur-Rahman Olayiwola
Councillor Denise Capstick	Councillor Michelle Pearce
Councillor Fiona Colley	Councillor Caroline Pidgeon
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle	Councillor Richard Porter
Councillor Toby Eckersley	Councillor Mark Pursey
Councillor Stephen Flannery	Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor John Friary	Councillor Tony Ritchie
Councillor Norma Gibbes	Councillor Lewis Robinson
Councillor Mark Glover	Councillor William Rowe
Councillor Aubyn Graham	Councillor Jane Salmon
Councillor James Gurling	Councillor Andrew Simmons
Councillor Barrie Hargrove	Councillor Tayo Situ
Councillor Jeffrey Hook	Councillor Robert Skelly
Councillor David Hubber	Councillor Robert Smeath
Councillor Jonathan Hunt	Councillor Charlie Smith
Councillor Peter John	Councillor Nicholas Stanton
Councillor Billy Kayada	Councillor Richard Thomas
Councillor Paul Kyriacou	Councillor Dominic Thorncroft
Councillor Jelil Ladipo	Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Lorraine Lauder	Councillor Neil Watson
Councillor Eliza Mann	Councillor Sarah Welfare
Councillor Daniel McCarthy	Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor Dermot McInerney	Councillor Anne Yates
Councillor Kenny Mizzi	Councillor Lorraine Zuleta

## **1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

### **1.1. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor paid tribute to Councillor Stephen Flannery who died on Monday, February 20 2006. She called on each of the party leaders, Councillors Nick Stanton, William Rowe and Peter John, who in turn paid tribute to Councillor Flannery. The Mayor announced there would be a prayer by Mother Pat Alden for Stephen Flannery at the end of the meeting.

There was a minute's silence.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Denise Capstick on her return from her tour of duty in Iraq with the territorial army.

### **1.2. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE MAYOR DEEMED URGENT**

The Mayor accepted the following items as late and urgent:

- Item 5.1: Policy and resourcing – the council's medium term financial strategy and revenue budget 2006/07 (the budget and policy framework)
- Item 5.2: Setting the council tax 2006/7
- Item 5.3: Prudential indicators and treasury management strategy.

### **1.3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were none

### **1.4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alfred Banya, Kim Humphreys, Alun Hayes and Linda Manchester.

## **2. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, January 25 2006 be agreed and signed as a correct record with the following amendment:-

Appendix 2, Page 36, supplemental question from Councillor Barrie Hargrove: the word "recycling" in paragraph 4 to be deleted and "cycling" inserted".

## **3. PETITIONS**

There were none.

#### 4. DEPUTATION REQUESTS

##### 4.1 DEPUTATION FROM THE FOUR SQUARES TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (see pages 1 – 2, supplemental agenda 1, pages 1 – 2)

The Mayor announced that the deputation request had been withdrawn and would be resubmitted to the next council assembly.

##### 4.1A MOTION – FOUR SQUARES ESTATE (see supplemental agenda 1, pages 1 - 2)

The Mayor announced that, as the motion arose from the deputation request, the motion was also withdrawn and would be heard at the next council assembly.

The Mayor said that she would write to the deputation to thank them for withdrawing their request.

#### 5. OTHER REPORTS

##### 5.1 THE COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2006/07 (see pages 12 – 27 and supplemental agenda 1, pages 39 – 42)

Councillor Catherine Bowman, the deputy mayor, moved the recommendations contained within the report.

Councillor Lorraine Zuleta, seconded by Councillor Nick Stanton moved amendment A. Following debate (Councillors Peter John and Jonathan Hunt), Councillor Catherine Bowman exercised her right of reply. Amendment A was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Councillor Toby Eckersley, seconded by Councillor David Bradbury moved amendment B. Following debate (Councillors Lorraine Zuleta and Michelle Pearce), amendment B was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Councillor William Rowe, seconded by Councillor Lewis Robinson moved amendment C. Following debate (Councillors Lorraine Zuleta, Peter John and Tony Ritchie), amendment C was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Councillor Michelle Pearce, seconded by Councillor Peter John moved amendment D. Following debate (Councillors Dermot McInerny, Caroline Pidgeon, Toby Eckersley, David Bradbury, Jonathan Hunt, Andy Simmons, Tony Ritchie, Graham Neale and Richard Thomas), amendment D was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Councillor Toby Eckersley exercised his right of reply.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That a general fund budget of £284.077m for 2006/07 as set out in paragraphs 11 to 13 of the report be agreed
  2. That a nil increase in Southwark's element of the council tax for 2006/07 be agreed.
  3. That the acquisition of the Old Kent Road site in support of the Waste private finance initiative project be funded

through prudential borrowing in order to protect the council investment in view of the Mayor's proposals for a London Single Waste Authority.

4. That council assembly notes the Southwark council tax will have increased by only 8.8% since the date of the last election and further notes that it will have increased by only 4.2% since the current administration took full responsibility both for setting the budget and for the council's overall financial position, including properly addressing the issue of balances.
5. That council assembly further notes that the increase for the Greater London Authority (GLA) will result in an overall increase of 19.7% in the last four years to 2006/07 (excluding the 2006/07 contribution to the Olympic and Paralympic Games). Furthermore, despite a massive 135% rise in the GLA budget since the role of Mayor of London was created, council assembly notes with concern:
  - i. That Tower Bridge police station has been closed to the public and Rotherhithe, East Dulwich and Camberwell police stations do not have the resources to open 24 hours a day;
  - ii. That only 1 tube station and 2 rail stations in Southwark currently meet the Government's 'secure station' status; and
  - iii. That the lack of investment in South London's public transport infrastructure, including fully funding the cross-river tram project or phase II of the East London Line extension.
6. That council assembly notes with extreme concern that pensioners will be deprived of the £200 council tax rebate given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer last year in the run up to the General Election, and the impact that this will have on Southwark's elderly population.

That paragraphs 12 and 13 of the report be amended, as follows:

#### Revenue Budget 2006/07

12. The following two tables set out the expenditure profiles for 2006/07. The figures are net of the dedicated schools grant (DSG) and the income from the Office of the Deputy Prime minister (ODPM) amending reports for 2004/05 and 2005/06 received as part of the 2006/07 settlement. The figures below include growth items totalling £670,000, which are to be funded through the use of the LABGI award from 2005/06. These items are listed in appendix C. Of the total proposed £308,000 relates to one off expenditure and £362,000 to recurring. This recurring expenditure will have to be reviewed prior to setting the 2007/08 budget as the funding identified to support this does not continue after

2006/07.

	<b>£'000</b>
Revised 2006/07 budget (updated for inflation, commitments and functional changes and net of amending reports)	295,350
Growth	670
Identified savings, efficiencies and additional one off income	(11,943)
<b>Total 2006/07 Budget Requirement</b>	<b>284,077</b>

13. The proposed allocation of the 2006/07 budget across council services is:

	<b>2006/07 Budget (£000)</b>
Education Non Schools	25,346
Children's Services (Social Care)	47,915
Social Care (Adults)	85,355
Environment and Leisure	50,402
Regeneration	13,120
Housing General Fund	17,794
Strategic and Corporate budgets	44,145
<b>Total</b>	<b>284,077</b>

**Amend** paragraph 18 of the report, as follows;

18. "The executive has chosen to allocate £1.288m from LABGI to support the council's budget priorities in 2006/07. The small remainder of £30,000 will be left in balances. The executive also agreed to redirect the uncommitted £115,000 from the budget carry forward for office accommodation. The issue of this carry forward was identified by the regeneration and resources scrutiny committee on February 2 2006."

**Amend** paragraph 28 of the report, as follows;

28. "The total of savings, efficiencies and additional one off income for 2006/07 as proposed by the executive and included within this report amounts to some £11.943m (appendix B). Increasingly these targets are being stretched and are further extensions to savings and efficiencies that have been incorporated in previous years' budgets. While officers remain committed to meeting these targets, they become increasingly challenging and therefore the risks associated increase. Close monitoring will continue to ensure their delivery and to provide early

warning of any shortfalls. Enhanced management arrangements have been put in place to oversee the efficiency programme moving forward. However, the impact of any difficulties in achieving these targets will need to be managed appropriately to avoid the risk of impacting on front line services.”

**Amend** appendix B (ii) – Other Savings as follows;

Take out LABGI - 2005-06 B/F	(618)
Add LABGI – 2005-06 B/F	(1,288)
Revised total of Other Savings is	(7,079)

**A new appendix C** to be added to the report (see below)

## APPENDIX C

### Growth Proposals 2006-07

(All the growth items not shown as for one year only will be reviewed prior to the setting of the 2007/08 budget)

<b>Growth</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Child protection and Mental Health Work	98
Operation Scrapper – Untaxed Vehicles (One Year Only)	200
Libraries Book Fund – (One Year Only)	115
Local graffiti shop em and Stop em campaigns (One Year Only)	10
Enhanced twilight sweeping (One Year Only)	22
Community payback and YOT (One Year Only)	15
Funding for a Kerbcraft Officer, Planning Equalities Officer & Accessibility Officer for Transport & Planning.	100
Alcohol Officer – Community Safety	35
National Fraud Initiative – net benefit	(25)
Improvement and Development (Apprentices)	100
<b>Total Growth</b>	<b>670</b>

- That council assembly notes that the 2006/7 capital budget will be determined at a later date and is aware that the pressure for capital items will be intense. Council assembly therefore requests the executive to instruct officers to ensure that there is a fair distribution of capital project proposals put forward for all parts of the borough where resources are needed. Specifically this will include funding for traffic calming in Casino Avenue, Sunray Avenue, Red Post Hill, and Winterbrook, Burbage and Stradella Roads – to the extent that they are not funded in 2006/7 by Transport for London.

**Note:** In accordance with the budget and policy framework, the decisions set out in the resolution were capable of being implemented from February 23 2006.

## **5.2 SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2006/07** (see supplemental 1, pages 66 - 77)

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.15(2) the Mayor formally moved the recommendations contained within the report.

As the meeting had agreed a revenue budget under item 5.1, amendments E and F fell.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That council assembly note the new GLA precept level of **£288.61**.
  2. That the council tax for band D properties in Southwark be set at:
    - (i) the former parish of St Mary Newington **£1,128.79**
    - (ii) the former parish of St. Saviours **£1,130.54**
    - (iii) the remainder of the Borough **£1,132.75**
  3. That the formal resolution for council taxes in 2006/07 (shown in appendix C) be approved.
  4. That the existing local war widows schemes for housing benefits and council tax benefits be continued in 2006/07.

## **5.3 PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2006/07 TO 2008/09 AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2006/07** (see supplemental 1, pages 78 – 93)

The executive member for communications and performance, Councillor Paul Kyriacou, formally moved the recommendations contained within the report.

The recommendations contained in the report were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the prudential indicators for 2006/07 to 2008/09 and the annual investment strategy for 2006/07 as set out in appendices A and B respectively, be agreed, enabling the council to carry out normal capital financing, borrowing and investment activities.
  2. That a net capital allowance requirement of £159 million, as set out in paragraph 20 of the report, be agreed, enabling the council to carry on retaining capital receipts for affordable housing and regeneration that would otherwise have to be passed on to the Government under pooling arrangements.

## **5.4 CORPORATE PLAN** (see pages 24 – 72)

The executive member for resources, Councillor Lorraine Zuleta, formally moved the recommendations contained within the report.

Councillor Toby Eckersley, seconded by Councillor Lewis Robinson, moved amendment G.

Following debate (Councillors Nick Stanton and Michele Pearce), amendment G was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

**RESOLVED:** That the council's corporate plan and draft performance targets (appendix I) be agreed subject to:

1. **Insert** in the table of Cutting Crime & Fear of Crime Key Projects (agenda page 42, draft plan page 16) in the section "Make sure all young people stay safe and make a positive contribution to their community"

<i>Key Project</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Target / Milestones</i>	<i>Due for completion</i>	<i>Officer responsible</i>
Make sure all young people stay safe and make a positive contribution to their community	Undertake a feasibility study to identify practical options and funding to satisfy need for additional youth provision in Dulwich.	Completed proposals ready to allow capital bid for inclusion in 2007/8 year.	November 2006	To be allocated by appropriate Strategic Director

2. **Insert** in the table of Education Key Projects (agenda page 55, draft plan page 29)

<i>Key Project</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Target / Milestones</i>	<i>Due for completion</i>	<i>Officer responsible</i>
Feasibility study for additional primary provision in North Dulwich of at least 30 places	Undertake study to identify practical options and funding to satisfy need for additional places.	Completed proposals ready to allow capital bid for inclusion in 2007/8 year.	November 2006	To be allocated by Director of Education

**Note:** In accordance with the budget and policy framework, the decisions set out in the resolution were capable of being implemented from February 23 2006.

## 6. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE** (see pages 73 - 82)

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

## 7. **OTHER REPORTS**

### 7.1 **CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW – ACCESS TO INFORMATION** (see pages 83 – 85)

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.15(2) the Mayor formally moved the recommendations contained within the report.



**RESOLVED:** That the changes set out in paragraph 7 of the report regarding the definition of exempt information as published in the access to information procedure rules of the constitution be agreed and take effect from March 1 2006.

## **7.2 CIVIC AWARDS (see pages 86-89)**

The Mayor advised members that the report was for noting only.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

## **8. MOTIONS**

### **8.1 MOTION 1 - PECKHAM RYE PARK (see page 90)**

Councillor Aubyn Graham, seconded by Councillor Robert Smeath, moved the motion.

Councillor Columba Blango, seconded by Councillor Catherine Bowman, moved amendment H. Following debate (Councillors Dominic Thorncroft, Andy Simmons, Charlie Smith, Loraine Zuleta and Richard Thomas), Councillor David Hubber, seconded by Councillor Paul Bates moved a closure motion that the matter be put to the vote. Councillor Aubyn Graham exercised his right of reply.

Amendment H was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That council assembly is concerned that no capital has been identified to replace the changing rooms on Peckham Rye park although plans are well in advance to demolish them and build new facilities.
2. That council assembly calls on the executive member for culture, youth & sport to include a bid for funding for both the canteen and changing rooms on this park in the next capital programme so that both are completed at the same time.
3. That council assembly requests that the executive member lobbies the Secretary of State for Equality, Culture and Sport, to ensure that Southwark receives a fair deal from the success of the London Olympics bid by way of funding for local sports schemes such as this, especially given that residents will be paying on average at least an extra £20 on their council tax specifically for the Olympics.

### **8.2 MOTION 2 — CHURCH COMMISSIONERS (see pages 90 – 91)**

The Mayor stated that a composite motion comprising the substantive motion and amendments I and J had been circulated around the chamber. In order to accept the composite motion, council assembly agreed to suspend procedure rule 3.10 (submission of member's motions on notice).

- RESOLVED:**
1. That council assembly notes:
    - the importance of affordable housing in south London and that Octavia Hill estates in Walworth, Waterloo and Vauxhall have provided affordable housing since the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
    - that this housing was built with the express purpose of providing homes for those on low incomes.
    - Council assembly notes the reluctance of the church commissioners to meet with officers of Southwark Council's housing department to discuss the sale of the properties following a request from Faraday ward councillors in November 2005, despite Southwark Council's role as strategic housing authority for the area.
  2. That council assembly further notes that the total return on the church commissioner's residential property portfolio rose by nearly 22% in 2004, with a gross income of £15.6 million, according to their annual report.
  3. That council assembly therefore condemns the church commissioner's decision to sell off this key affordable housing to private landlords, with the inevitable effect of an increase in rents to the market level.
  4. That council assembly believes that this sale offers no guarantees to tenants and residents that rents will remain under the market level and could therefore undermine the communities of those living on the estates as well as forcing many onto Southwark's homeless list.
  5. That council assembly welcomes the representations made by the leader of the council and our local MPs Simon Hughes and Harriet Harman to persuade the church commissioners to sell the estates to a social landlord rather than private companies.
  6. That council assembly calls on the church commissioners to revise their decision to sell the properties to a consortium led by Grainger Trust and instead to sell the properties wholly to a social landlord so as to afford greater protection to existing tenants; and
  7. That council assembly calls on the executive to urgently assess the impact of the sale on residents and on the council, and to lobby the church commissioners and the new owners to ensure the contract of sale ensures that the housing continues to be provided at affordable levels.

**Note:** The motion was referred to the executive for consideration.

### 8.3 MOTION 3 – WELCOME TO DULWICH SIGNS (see page 92)

The Mayor stated that a composite motion comprising the substantive motion and amendments K and L had been circulated around the chamber. In order to accept the composite motion, council assembly agreed to suspend procedure rule 3.10 (submission of member's motions on notice).

- RESOLVED:**
1. That council assembly notes that many residents of Dulwich and Herne Hill have expressed concerns over the recently installed 'Welcome to Dulwich' signs. In particular, that:
    - the bright pink colour of the signs were out of keeping with the area;
    - the signs were rejected unanimously at the consultation stage by Dulwich community council, and yet were still installed;
    - the signs were located far from the centre of Dulwich, and might have confused travelers;
    - residents of Herne Hill have expressed their view that 'Welcome to Dulwich' signs were inappropriate for an area which has a strong local identity distinct from Dulwich; and
    - that the community council expressed a strong view that it would prefer to spend the money allocated for the signs on the cleaner, greener, safer programme instead
  2. That given these concerns, council assembly welcomes the executive's decision to remove the signs in Dulwich.
  3. That council assembly also notes that many residents of East Dulwich have expressed concern over the "Welcome to Camberwell" and "Welcome to Nunhead and Peckham Rye" signs on the border of the Dulwich community council area, in particular that:
    - That the garish colours of the signs are out of keeping with the area and add to street clutter; and
    - That residents of East Dulwich have expressed their view that both "Welcome to Camberwell" and "Welcome to Nunhead and Peckham Rye" signs are in fact in East Dulwich and do not reflect the boundaries that local people recognise.
  4. That given these concerns, council assembly asks that the remaining signs on the boundaries to East Dulwich also be removed.
  5. That council assembly further notes some concern about such signs elsewhere in the borough and asks that any future review of this or similar matters also gives weight to the views of the relevant community council.

**Note:** The motion was referred to the executive for consideration.

#### 8.4 MOTION 4– NEW CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE (see page 93)

Councillor Jeff Hook, seconded by Councillor Lisa Rajan, moved the motion.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That council assembly welcomes proposals for a new cycle and pedestrian bridge to span the River Thames from Rotherhithe to Limehouse as part of the 2012 Olympic and paralympic legacy.
  2. That council assembly notes:-
    - that cycling promotes healthy living and fitness and is environmentally friendly;
    - that the new bridge would both boost cycle use in Southwark and provide a vital improvement to the transport infrastructure of south east London;
    - that the bridge would provide access to jobs and services north of the river for local residents; and
    - that the press has described the project as a “huge boost for cyclists and for all who care about sport, the environment and London.
  3. That council assembly therefore calls on the executive member for environment and transport to write in support of the project to the Mayor of London, and to work with Sustrans to approach all relevant funding bodies to ensure its success.

**Note:** The motion was referred to the executive for consideration.

#### 8.5 MOTION 5 – TRANSPORT IN SOUTH LONDON (see pages 94 – 96)

Councillor Ian Wingfield, seconded by Councillor John Friary, moved the motion.

Councillor Richard Thomas, seconded by Councillor Caroline Pidgeon, moved amendment M. Following debate (Councillors Jonathan Hunt and Ann Yates), Councillor Ian Wingfield exercised his right of reply.

Amendment M was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Councillor David Bradbury, seconded by Councillor Toby Eckersley, moved amendment L. Following debate (Councillors Richard Thomas, Tony Ritchie, and Lewis Robinson), amendment L was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That council assembly believes that south London has historically suffered from a lack of public transport links, especially compared to areas north of the river, and that areas such as Camberwell, Dulwich & Peckham have been particularly affected.
  2. That council assembly further believes that decent transport links are vital to the economic and social development of an area.

are vital to the economic and social development of an area; especially those that provide better and easier access to central London.

3. That council assembly welcomes the proposals announced by the Mayor of London on October 12 2004 for a £10 billion, five-year investment programme to give London a 21<sup>st</sup> century transport system that includes a ground-breaking agreement between the government and Transport for London (TfL), and welcomes the new TfL London Rail Partnership agreement that has been set up between TfL, London Rail and the Strategic Rail Authority (SRA) to help secure significant improvements in train services.
4. That council assembly also welcomes plans to extend the East London Line as a railway to Clapham Junction via Peckham and up to Islington and plans for a cross-river tram to link north and south London from Camden down to Peckham via the Elephant and Castle. Council assembly believes that these plans are integral to the successful regeneration of the centre of the borough.
5. That, council assembly notes with regret that although the Mayor's transport investment programme 2005/6-2009/10 includes over £24 million to progress the cross river tram project, neither this nor phase II of the East London Line extension is as yet fully funded. council assembly further regrets the shelving of the proposed East London Line extension through Dulwich towards Wimbledon.
6. That council assembly also believes that fear of crime can deter people from using existing public transport and notes with concern that safety at rail and tube stations is going backwards with only 2 rail stations and just 1 of the borough's 8 tube stations currently meeting the government's 'secure station' status.
7. That council assembly also acknowledges that the local implementation plan (LiP) and borough spending plan (2006/07) should include the findings of the Camberwell community council's transport needs report of July 13 2003 - April 16 2004. This includes the transport recommendations contained in its annual report dated 2005 which calls for a tram, a tube link and train station, better pedestrian routes & cycle routes and the continued need for accessible bus provision.
8. That council assembly therefore calls upon the leader of the council to write jointly with the ward councillors, highlighting any deficiencies and all of Southwark's strategic transport needs as set out in the final LiP, including:-
  - i. to the Mayor of London, calling upon him to consider adding a new branch of the cross river tram serving Camberwell;
  - ii. to the Mayor of London calling upon him to re-consider at the earliest opportunity the development of the proposed

East London Line extension through Peckham and Dulwich to Wimbledon;

- iii. to the secretary of state for transport, the head of the SRA, and the managing director of TfL London Rail reiterating the need for a mainline station in Camberwell;
  - iv. to TfL and the Mayor of London emphasising the regeneration and economic development benefits that a new tube station and extension of the Bakerloo Line would bring to Camberwell.
9. That council assembly calls upon the executive to seek major improvements to public transport wherever they are needed in the borough, noting in particular the deficiencies in Camberwell, Dulwich, Peckham, Walworth and Rotherhithe. Council assembly requests the executive to ensure that Southwark council's transport policy team develops an integrated plan of action for sustainable transport throughout the borough working closely with the community councils, the government, TfL, Network Rail and all relevant bodies as appropriate.

**Note:** The motion was referred to the executive for consideration.

#### **8.6 MOTION 6– PARKING ENFORCEMENT (see pages 96 - 97)**

The Mayor stated that a composite motion comprising the substantive motion and amendments had been circulated around the chamber. In order to accept the composite motion, council assembly agreed to suspend procedure rule 3.10, submission of member's motions on notice.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That council assembly notes long-standing complaints from residents and councillors about parking enforcement in and around Liverpool Grove, Portland Street, Pelier Street, John Ruskin Street, and Westmoreland Road.
  2. That council assembly notes numerous complaints about double-parking on Westmoreland Road, alleged illegal use of parking permits, parking on double-yellow lines and vandalism of pay and display machines.
  3. That council assembly also notes the concerns of residents of Fielding Street about commercial organisations using residents' parking bays.
  4. That council assembly notes with concern the perception of inconsistencies of parking enforcement by wardens in each of the residential areas listed above and notes the officers' attempts to resolve the problems in each case.
  5. That council assembly therefore calls on the overview and scrutiny committee to commission a report into parking problems in the Walworth area.

The report should assess the consistency of approach in enforcement, and outline strategies to ensure more rigorous

adherence to parking restrictions. The report should also look into:

- installation of CCTV to prevent vandalism;
- 'quality checking' and increased monitoring of issued parking fines;
- patrolling levels on Westmoreland Road and Fielding Street;
- clearer information on parking restrictions for nearby commercial organisations and the prevention of illegal use of residents bays;
- clarity of policy to enable wardens to better carry out their work.

**Note:** The motion was referred to the overview and scrutiny committee for consideration.

The meeting closed at 10.29 p.m.

**MAYOR:**

**DATED:**