



**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY  
(ORDINARY MEETING)**

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22 2006**

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA No. 2**

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**NOTE:** Please note that the above reports have 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 items as late and urgent.

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**ITEM 5.1 POLICY AND RESOURCING – THE COUNCIL’S MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND REVENUE BUDGET 2006/07 (THE BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK)** (see supplemental 1, pages 3 - 65)

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**AMENDMENT A**

**Moved:** Councillor Lorraine Zuleta

**Seconded:** Councillor Nick Stanton

**Replace** recommendation 4 with;

That council assembly notes that 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 issues of balances.

Recommendation 5:

**Delete** “this is approximately five times higher than that set by Southwark Council.” and **insert:**

Furthermore, despite a massive 135% rise in the GLA budget since the role of Mayor of London was created, council assembly notes with concern:

1. 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;
2. that only 1 tube station and 2 rail stations in Southwark currently meet the Government’s ‘secure station’ status; and
3. 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.

**Insert** new Recommendation 6 (and amend paragraph numbering as needed):

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.

**Amend** paragraphs 12 – 13 of the report 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 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 to 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 to 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** is added to the report (attached 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 Scrappit – 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>

## **AMENDMENT B**

**Moved:** Councillor Toby Eckersley

**Seconded:** Councillor David Bradbury

**Add** additional recommendation at end:

“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.”

## **AMENDMENT C**

**Moved:** Councillor William Rowe

**Seconded:** Councillor Lewis Robinson

Para 1 i) **Delete** “£284.077m” and **replace** with “£281,449m”

**Delete** “paragraphs 11 to 13” and **replace** with “the schedules to the Conservative amendment B to this item”

Para 2 **Delete** “nil increase” and **insert** “decrease of 3.4%”

Para 4 **Delete** “4.2%” **insert** “5.14%”.

<b>Southwark Budget 2006 /07 Conservative Amendment Savings</b>	<b>Officer Draft</b>	<b>Conservative Adjustments Full Year effect</b>	<b>Conservative Revised Saving - 2006 / 7 effect</b>	
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	
<b>Total Executive Identified Savings</b>	(11,273)			
<b>Additional Conservative Savings</b>				
a) Social Inclusion Focus funding exclusively on NRF administration to ensure that Southwark benefits from maximum NRF grants - but does not incur additional costs	-	(1,399.0)	(209.9)	15%
b) Marketing & Communications - reduce Southwark Life by 50%	-	(72.0)	(72.0)	100%
c) Reduce remaining costs of Marketing by 25%	-	(192.5)	(192.5)	100%
d) Reduce TOFTUDS staff costs by 50%	-	(97.0)	(64.0)	66%
e) Reduction in Grants	-	(807.9)	(605.9)	75%
f) Reduce members allowances to :Basic £5k, Band 1 £1k, Band 2 £2k, Mayor £10k, Band 3 £15k, Leader £25k. (CC Chairs - nil)	-	(630.0)	(630.0)	100%
g) Libraries - focus provision on high quality reference and learning service	-	(200.0)	(132.0)	66%
h) Parks ecology and outreach	-	(60.0)	(45.0)	75%

i) Close events section	-	(194.6)	(146.0)	75%
j) Peckham Project - cease General Fund contribution and request funding from NRF	-	(457.0)	(342.8)	75%
k) Close Tourism team section	-	(97.8)	(73.4)	75%
l) Move towards national terms & conditions for holidays: gradual transition	-	(1,150.0)	(115.0)	10%
		<u>(11,273)</u>	<u>(2,628)</u>	
<b>TOTAL REVISED SAVINGS</b>			<u><b>(13,901)</b></u>	

## AMENDMENT D

**Moved:** Councillor Michelle Pearce

**Seconded:** Councillor Peter John

1. Paragraph 1 **replace:** " £284, 077" **with** "£283,304"

2. **Delete** paragraph 2 and **replace** with:

That council assembly agrees a 1% cut in Southwark's element of the council tax for 2006/07 by approving the changes to the budget detailed below and amends paragraphs 11-13, 14 and 18, and appendices of the report accordingly.

Reduce 2006/07 revenue from council tax by 1% (£773,138) and correspondingly reduce total revenue budget from council tax to £76,540,662 as follows:

Unamended Revenue from Council Tax	£77,313,800
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### Add Growth

Specialist Debt Counsellors to be deployed at One-Stop Shops	£164,000
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(Total before savings)	£77,477,800
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### Efficiency Savings:

Licensing	Reduction in new applications will allow reduction in number of committee meetings and savings in staff time & member allowances	(£40,000)
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### Other Savings:

Communications & publicity stunts across all departments	(£200,000)
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(£240,000)

Community Councils	Reintegrate planning and school governor appointments	(£50,000)
	Reduce number of ordinary meetings to six p.a.	(£190,000)

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(£480,000)

### Councillors' Allowances

Freeze increase in councillors allowance budget to 1% (as opposed to 2.1% RPI increase)	(£13,000)
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	(£493,000)
LABGI	(£444,138)

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**Total Savings** **(£937,138)**

**Total Revenue Budget** **£76,540,662**

3. **Delete** paragraphs 4 and 5, **insert** new paragraphs 4 and 5:

4. **New** paragraph 4: That council assembly notes a 1% reduction in Southwark's element of council tax, when combined with the GLA precept, will constitute an increase that is below the annual rate of inflation (RPI) of 2.4% as at January 2006.

5. **New** paragraph 5: Bearing in mind that Southwark has received inflation-busting grant increases from the government of 7% in 2004/05, of 7.7% in 2005/06 and, including the increase in the direct schools grant, of 5.7% in 2006/07; council assembly believes it is right at this time for Southwark residents to benefit from a cut in the Southwark element of council tax.

6. Add £444,138 to Savings required in 2007/08.

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

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**AMENDMENT E**

**Moved:**        Councillor William Rowe  
**Seconded:**    Councillor Kenny Mizzi

In paragraph 2

**Delete** “£1,128.79” and **insert** “£1,100.10”  
**Delete** “£1,130.54” and **insert** “£1,101.85”  
**Delete** “£1,132.75” and **insert** “£1,104.06”.

In paragraph 3 **add** at the end:

“as modified in accordance with paragraph 2 above”.

**AMENDMENT F**

**Moved:**        Councillor Michelle Pearce  
**Seconded:**    Councillor Peter John

**Delete** paragraph 2, **replace** with new paragraph 2

That the council tax for band D properties in Southwark be set at

The former parish of St Mary Newington	£1,120.35
The former parish of St Saviours	£1,122.10
The remainder of the Borough	£1,124.31.

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**ITEM 5.4 CORPORATE PLAN** (see pages 24 - 72)

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**AMENDMENT G**

**Moved:** Councillor Toby Eckersley

**Seconded:** Councillor Lewis Robinson

- a) **Insert** in table of Cutting Crime & Fear of Crime Key Projects (agenda page 42, draft plan page 16) within 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

- b) **Insert** in 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

**AMENDMENT H**

**Moved:**            Councillor Columba Blango  
**Seconded:**      Councillor Catherine Bowman

- **Delete** ‘give assurances that funding will be identified’ and **insert** ‘include a bid for funding’
- After ‘on this park’ **insert** ‘in the next capital programme’
- **Insert** new paragraph 3:

‘Council assembly requests that the executive member lobbies the Secretary of State for Culture, Media 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.’

Motion to therefore read:

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.

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.

Council assembly requests that the executive member lobbies the Secretary of State for Culture, Media 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.

**AMENDMENT I**

**Moved:**            Councillor Paul Bates  
**Seconded:**      Councillor Lorraine Lauder

**Add** new bullet three:

- 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.

**Delete** all from final paragraph after "church commissioners" and add "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."

Final paragraph will then say:

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.

**AMENDMENT J**

**Moved:**            Councillor Nick Stanton  
**Seconded:**      Councillor Danny McCarthy

In third paragraph **delete** "plans by the Church Commissioners" and **insert** "the Church Commissioners' decision"

In fourth paragraph **delete** "the result of sale to a private landlord could be to " and **replace** with "this sale offers no guarantees to tenants and residents that rents will remain under the market level and could therefore"

**Delete** final paragraph and **insert** new paragraph:

"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."

**AMENDMENT K**

**Moved:**            Councillor Sarah Welfare

**Seconded:**      Councillor Norma Gibbes

After final bullet point **delete** closing sentence and **insert**:

“Given these concerns, council assembly welcomes the executive’s decision to remove the signs in Dulwich.

“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:

- The garish colours of the signs are out of keeping with the area and add to street clutter;
- 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.”

“Given these concerns, council assembly asks that the remaining signs on the boundaries to East Dulwich also be removed.”

**AMENDMENT L**

**Moved:**            Councillor David Bradbury

**Seconded:**      Councillor Toby Eckersley

On all bullet points;

**Change** “are” to “were” throughout

And **change** “may confuse” to “might have confused”

**Delete** all after “given the concerns, council assembly” and **insert**;

“welcomes the prompt decision to remove the signs from Dulwich and calls on the executive to ensure that in any subsequent review the views of the Dulwich community council are listened to. 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.”

**AMENDMENT M**

**Moved:**            Councillor Richard Thomas  
**Seconded:**      Councillor Caroline Pidgeon

- **Insert** new paragraph 6:

“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.”

- In paragraph 7, **delete** “(as appropriate) with Camberwell, Dulwich and Peckham councillors” and **replace** with: “with, as appropriate, the ward councillors, highlighting any deficiencies and all of Southwark’s strategic transport needs as set out in the final LiP, including:-“
- **Delete** final paragraph and **replace** with:

“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.”

**AMENDMENT N**

**Moved:**            Councillor David Bradbury  
**Seconded:**      Councillor William Rowe

**Delete** all of paragraph 3.

**AMENDMENT O**

**Moved:**        Councillor Caroline Pidgeon

**Seconded:**    Councillor Jane Salmon

Line 1: **delete** “ward”

After Portland Street **insert** “, Pelier Street, John Ruskin Street,”

**Delete** paragraph 5.

**Delete** paragraph 6 and **replace** with:

“Council assembly therefore calls on the overview and scrutiny committee to commission a report into parking problems in the Walworth area.”