



**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
(ORDINARY MEETING)**

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22 2006

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA No. 3

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Item No. 6.1	Classification: Open	Date: March 22 2006	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Children and Young People's Plan (Policy Framework) – Recommendation of the Executive	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Executive	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That council assembly approve the Children and Young People's Plan (attached as appendix 1 to the council assembly report).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The executive considered the Children and Young People's Plan at it's meeting on March 14 2006.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Following consideration of the report, the executive agreed:
 1. That the draft Children and Young People's Plan (Appendix 1 to the report) be recommended to the March 22 council assembly for approval (see paragraphs 16-18 of the council assembly report).
 2. That the outcome of the first Annual Performance Assessment of Children's Services and how this is being addressed through the plan be noted (see Appendix 2 of the council assembly report).
 3. That the implications for the developing Children's Trust and the governance arrangements be noted and agreed (see paragraphs 14 and 15 of the council assembly report).
 4. That the additional resources that have been agreed by the council to support the implementation of Every Child Matters be noted (see paragraphs 24-25 and 30 of the council assembly report).

REASONS FOR URGENCY

4. The Children and Young People's Plan needs to be agreed by council assembly prior to the publication of the plan. It is a statutory requirement to publish the Children and Young People's Plan by April 1 and the next meeting of Council Assembly is not scheduled to take place until after that date.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

5. The executive considered the Children and Young People's Plan at its meeting on March 14 2006 which was after the council assembly agenda despatch.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Executive Agendas and Minutes March 14 2006	Constitutional Team Town Hall Peckham Road, SE5 8UB	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Ian Millichap, Constitutional Team Manager	
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Version	Final	
Dated	March 21 2006	
Key Decision?	Yes	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		March 21 2006

ITEM 6.2A REPORT BACK ON MOTIONS REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY (see supplemental agenda no. 2 pages 4-9)

QUESTION ON MOTION 3.9: RAIL PRICING BY COUNCILLOR BARRIE HARGROVE

Can the executive tell us what exact means they are going to use to promote fair rail pricing and what exactly they are intending to do to communicate this council's concerns to the rail operating companies, that they should be incorporating the use oyster cards into their ticketing arrangements?

ITEM 8.1 MOTION 1: LEASEHOLDER SERVICES (see pages 147-148)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Beverley Bassom

Seconded: Councillor Jane Salmon

Insert new paragraph 2:

“Council assembly notes that much work has already been undertaken to address these concerns, including:

- preparing five-year plans of major works under Decent Homes to be submitted to area forums;
- calculating bills on a block-by-block basis since January 2004, following requests from leaseholders;
- ensuring that surveying and scoping of works is carried out by qualified surveyors, with specific training in the decent homes standard and the council’s contract approval process;
- developing a new procurement strategy for major works to improve delivery and make savings on the works and materials;
- setting up a working group with residents and project teams to look at the scope and specification of works.”

Insert new paragraph 3 and 4:

“Council assembly notes with concern that leaseholders are having to bear a proportion of the costs of Decent Homes major works and further notes that the council is legally obliged to recover these costs from them.

“Council assembly therefore supports calls for national legislative reform to assist leaseholders in meeting these financial demands.”

After “including the following” **add** “where appropriate”

ITEM 8.2 MOTION 2: LONDON BRIDGE TO VICTORIA TRAIN SERVICE (see pages 148-149 and supplemental agenda no. 1, pages 15-16)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Robert Smeath

Seconded: Councillor Veronica Ward

First paragraph, **delete** 'includes plans' **insert** 'includes proposals'

Third paragraph, **insert** extra new final sentence "Furthermore, rather than considering cuts to these South East London lines, Network Rail should be increasing and promoting services to these stations, which are located in a part of London which is currently very poorly served by transport options"

Fourth paragraph, after "support the proposals" **insert** "and fully supports the robust objections to these proposals made by local representatives, such as the MP for Dulwich and West Norwood, the Greater London Authority member for Lambeth and Southwark, and members of this authority."

Final paragraph: **delete** "reverse its plans" **insert** "abandon any proposals to cut services between London Bridge and Victoria". After "continue to operate" **insert** "and also to increase services to these South East London stations."

Amended motion to read:

Council assembly notes with concern the consultation by Network Rail on the Cross London Utilisation Strategy (CRUS), which includes proposals to divert the London Bridge to Victoria train service to Clapham Junction.

Council assembly believes that this will have an extremely adverse impact on Southwark residents travelling to London Victoria from South Bermondsey, Queens Road Peckham, Peckham Rye and Denmark Hill Stations, as well as those coming into Southwark to work and visit.

Council assembly notes recent debates that have concluded that good transport links in and out of the borough are vital to Southwark's economic and social development and believes that Network Rail's proposals would diminish transport links to and from Southwark. Furthermore, rather than considering cuts to these South East London lines, Network Rail should be increasing and promoting services to these stations, which are located in a part of London which is currently very poorly served by transport options.

Council assembly further notes the strong feelings against the plans within the community, notes the formal response of the council which states the council does not support these proposals, and fully supports the robust objections to these proposals made by local representatives, such as the MP for Dulwich and West Norwood, the Greater London Authority member for Lambeth and Southwark, and members of this authority.

Council assembly further supports complaints by the public and strongly backed by their elected representatives about the timescale and method of this consultation. In addition we are concerned that the officer-member protocol does not appear to have

been followed in this instance. Ward councillors do not appear to have been kept informed and consulted on a relevant matter affecting their ward. On the contrary, it was only as a result of a member of the public raising these issues that any ward councillors were made aware of the options to make these cuts to services to London Borough of Southwark stations.

Council assembly therefore calls on Network Rail to abandon any proposals to cut services between London Bridge and Victoria, and asks the Mayor of London and the secretary of state for transport to not only ensure that this vital rail link continues to operate and also to increase services to these South East London stations.

ITEM 8.6 MOTION 6: EAST DULWICH STREET LIGHTING (see pages 149-150 and supplemental agenda no. 1, pages 19-20)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor David Bradbury
Seconded: Councillor Kim Humphreys

Add at end of first paragraph "Such lights are also common elsewhere in SE22."

In second paragraph **delete** "in the East Dulwich ward" and **insert** "in SE22"

In the third paragraph **delete** "to the June 2006 council assembly" and **substitute** "to the executive before the summer recess".

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Richard Thomas
Seconded: Councillor Bob Skelly

Insert new paragraph 2:

"Council assembly therefore welcomes the investment in street lighting in East Dulwich since May 2002 which has seen new lighting being installed and improvements being made in streets in East Dulwich, including Muschamp Place, Ashbourne Grove, Bawdale Road, Blackwater Street, Spurling Road, Archdale, Bassano Street, Shawbury Road, Hansler Road, Worlingham Road, Crawthrew Grove, Nutfield Road, Frogely Road, Etherow Street, Matham Grove, and Lacon Road."

In paragraph 3, **delete** "Therefore" and **insert** "Recognising that there is more to be done"

ITEM 8.8 MOTION 8: ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS (see pages 151-152 and supplemental agenda no.1 pages 21-22)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Barrie Hargrove

Seconded: Councillor Paul Bates

Delete first sentence, third paragraph, and **insert:**

“Council assembly congratulates the officers involved and notes that progress has been made possible by:”

Rewrite first bullet point to read

- “The introduction of an integrated cleaning contract, which was only possible once compulsory competitive tendering was scrapped in favour of a best value regime, enabling a newly created in-house service (Southwark Cleaning) in 2002 with improved pay and conditions reflecting the importance of the service to Southwark”;

Insert new second bullet point

- “Expansion of recycling opportunities supported by central government funding and an increasing local, national and international awareness of the imperative to preserve the earth’s vital resources”;

Insert at start of third bullet point

- “Building on our tradition of environmentally friendly vehicles by...”

Rewrite fourth bullet point to read

- “Beginning to make use of the raft of enabling legislation from central government, by tackling enviro-crimes through rigid enforcement, issuing fixed penalty notices and pursuing successful prosecutions”;

Insert new fifth bullet point

- “Above all, the hard work and dedication from officers throughout the environment & leisure department (and not forgetting the legal department).”

Fourth paragraph, (after bullet points) and after “more it can achieve,” **delete all** and **insert**

“...not least to meet statutory targets for recycling. Nor should awards breed complacency particularly as there is a credibility gap between awards that Southwark has picked up and the general perception of the public about the services they receiving and paying for.”

Insert new sixth paragraph:

“Nevertheless, council assembly thanks all those officers who have worked hard resulting in this important recognition, congratulates everyone throughout the environment & leisure department on winning the ENCAMS award and further commits to redoubling our efforts to make Southwark cleaner and greener.”

Amended motion to read:

“Council assembly notes that Southwark has become the first-ever recipient of a new environmental award, the "Overall Winner" of the Environmental Campaigns (ENCAMS) Cleaner Safer Greener network awards.

Council assembly further notes that a waste management & transport manager from the environment & leisure department had won the Environmental Champion award, and that Southwark took second place in the innovation award.

Council assembly congratulates the officers involved and notes that progress has been made possible by:

- The introduction of an integrated cleaning contract, which was only possible once compulsory competitive tendering was scrapped in favour of a best value regime, enabling a newly created in-house service (Southwark Cleaning) in 2002 with improved pay and conditions reflecting the importance of the service to Southwark;
- Expansion of recycling opportunities supported by central government funding and an increasing local, national and international awareness of the imperative to preserve the Earth's vital resources;
- Building on our tradition of environmentally friendly vehicles by becoming the first London borough to use bio diesel and switching nearly 50% of the council's vehicle fleet to renewable bio fuels, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from each vehicle to virtually zero;
- Beginning to make use of the raft of enabling legislation from central government, by tackling enviro-crimes through rigid enforcement, issuing fixed penalty notices and pursuing successful prosecutions;
- Above all, the hard work and dedication from officers throughout the environment & leisure department (and not forgetting the legal department)

Council assembly notes that there is still much more it can achieve, not least to meet statutory targets for recycling. Nor should awards breed complacency particularly as there is a credibility gap between awards that Southwark has picked up and the general perception of the public about the services they receiving and paying for.

Nevertheless, council assembly thanks all those officers who have worked hard resulting in this important recognition, congratulates everyone throughout the environment & leisure department on winning the ENCAMS award and further commits to redoubling our efforts to make Southwark cleaner and greener.”

ITEM 8.9 MOTION 9: YOUTH FACILITIES IN PECKHAM RYE (see pages 151-152)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Columba Blango
Seconded: Councillor Catherine Bowman

Insert new paragraph 2:

“Council assembly further notes that the executive member for equalities, culture and sport announced a full review (including consultation with young people) into youth and sports provision in the Peckham Rye area at the opening of the newly refurbished Peckham Rye Park on March 11 2006. Council assembly believes that the results of this review should provide the basis for further reports.”