



**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY  
(CONSTITUTIONAL MEETING)**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 31 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 3      CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES FOR THE YEAR 2006/07 MUNICIPAL  
YEAR (see pages 1 - 47)**

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**AMENDMENT A**

**Moved:**        Councillor David Hubber  
**Seconded:**    Councillor Lewis Robinson

**A1.Recommendation 17**

**Delete** "October 18 2006"

**A2.Recommendation 18**

**Insert** in Appendix D:

Representatives and votes be agreed as follows:

Leader of the Council	2 votes
Conservative member	1 vote
Labour member	1 vote
Liberal Democrat member	1 vote

**AMENDMENT B**

**Moved:**            Councillor Paul Bates

**Seconded:**        Councillor Peter John

**B1. Petitions**

*To increase the amount of time for speeches*

Amend recommendation 3 by **deleting** "2 minutes" and **inserting** "3 minutes".

**B2. Executive Procedure Rules – deputations and public questions**

*To allow questions and deputations on items added late to the agenda*

Amend recommendation 7(a) by **adding** a new clause 10:

"To preserve the ability for public questions to take place in connection with late or urgent items added to the executive agenda after the normal deadlines for such questions, the leader or in his/her absence the deputy leader shall at the meeting have the discretion to decide whether or not accept a late and urgent public question."

Amend current Executive Procedure Rules as follows:

Change 2.10(3) to become clause 2.10(3)(i) and **add** new clause 2.10(3)(ii):

"To preserve the ability for deputations to take place in connection with late or urgent items added to the executive agenda after the normal deadline for deputations, the leader or in his/her absence the deputy leader shall at the meeting have the discretion to decide whether or not to accept a late and urgent deputation."

**B3. Scrutiny**

*To formalise within the constitution the ability for in-depth overview and scrutiny and overview and scrutiny sub-committee reports to be presented to council assembly for noting, questions or debate.*

Amend article 6 of the constitution, clauses 6.03 (Scrutiny) (iv):

After "make recommendations to the executive and or council assembly arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process" **add**:

"or refer entire reports produced as the result of the scrutiny process to be debated and noted at council assembly"

**B4. Southwark Alliance**

*To formalise an arrangement for the leader of the council to report back to members and take questions on the work of the Alliance.*

Amend clause (xiii) of council assembly procedure rules 3.2 by adding after 'outside bodies.':

"Once a year council assembly shall receive a report from the leader of the council on the work carried out by Southwark Alliance. Council will then also receive questions to the leader from members, relating to this report. Questions shall be treated as 'questions on reports'. This shall take place at a council assembly meeting following the publication of the Southwark Alliance annual report. Where possible this should be the first scheduled meeting after the publication of the report."

#### **B5. Community Councils**

*To allow members on community councils to vote to summon an executive member to attend a community council and answer questions.*

Amend Article 10 – community councils. **Add** new paragraph 18:

"To summon executive members as and when appropriate for discussions of important items relevant to their portfolio responsibilities, and relevant to the particular community council area."

#### **B6. Community Councils**

*To formalise a constitutional procedure whereby community councils can propose reports on issues of local importance and have them debated and actioned (where appropriate) by the executive.*

**Amend** executive procedure rules (business) 2.6(v) as follows:

After 'consideration of reports from overview and scrutiny committees/sub committees;' **add**:

"and community councils"

#### **B7. Community Councils**

*To formalise a procedure whereby community councils can ask for reports on local matters to be debated by council assembly.*

Amend council assembly procedure rules 3.2(xii) to read:

"receive reports from committees, community councils and officers of the council"

#### **B8. Community Councils**

*To allow Livesey ward councillors to sit as full voting members on Rotherhithe community council, as opposed to just having votes on relevant planning matters.*

Amend Article 10.02 (a) Composition of Community Councils - note on voting rights of Livesey ward members:

**Delete** bullet points 2 and 3. **Amend** bullet point 1 to read:

"Voting members on both Rotherhithe and Peckham community councils."

**B9. School Governors**

*To revert appointment of school governors to the voluntary bodies panel from community councils.*

Amend Article 10 – community councils: **delete** paragraph 17.

**B10. Urgency Committee and Scrutiny**

*Arrangements for scrutiny procedures to be in place in between the elections and constitutional council.*

**Insert** new paragraph to the report after paragraph 29 (scrutiny):

“30. Officers will work with overview and scrutiny committee members to consider putting into place suitable arrangements for scrutiny of decisions in the period between elections and annual (constitutional) council. This will be carried out in order to table suitable amendments to the constitution following the 2007 constitutional review.”