



**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
(ORDINARY)**

MINUTES of the open section of the meeting of the ordinary Council Assembly held on Wednesday, June 28 2006 at 7.00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Paul Kyriacou

Councillor Paul Baichoo	Councillor Tim McNally
Councillor James Barber	Councillor Jonathan Mitchell
Councillor Columba Blango	Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Denise Capstick	Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Fiona Colley	Councillor Gordon Nardell
Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton	Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle	Councillor Paul Noblet
Councillor Toby Eckersley	Councillor Olajumoke Oyewunmi
Councillor Mary Foulkes	Councillor Chris Page
Councillor John Friary	Councillor Andrew Pakes
Councillor Mark Glover	Councillor Caroline Pidgeon
Councillor Aubyn Graham	Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor James Gurling	Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Barrie Hargrove	Councillor Lewis Robinson
Councillor Michelle Holford	Councillor Jane Salmon
Councillor Jeff Hook	Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor David Hubber	Councillor Mackie Sheik
Councillor Kim Humphreys	Councillor Tayo Situ
Councillor Helen Jardine-Brown	Councillor Bob Skelly
Councillor Peter John	Councillor Robert Smeath
Councillor Jenny Jones	Councillor Althea Smith
Councillor Susan Elan Jones	Councillor Nick Stanton
Councillor Adedokun Lasaki	Councillor Richard Thomas
Councillor Lorraine Lauder	Councillor Dominic Thorncroft
Councillor Richard Livingstone	Councillor Nick Vineall
Councillor Linda Manchester	Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Eliza Mann	Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor Danny McCarthy	Councillor Anne Yates
Councillor Alison McGovern	Councillor Lorraine Zuleta

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:

1. He had nominated the Voluntary Centre Southwark as his charity for the year.
2. Dog Kennel Hill primary school had received an outstanding OfSTED report.
3. Archbishop Michael Ramsey Technical College and Summerhouse Pupil Referral Unit had both received good OfSTED reports with outstanding features.
4. The council had won the The Lawyer magazine award for Best Local Government Legal Team for work on human rights.

The Mayor stated it was with sadness he advised council assembly of the passing of two former Southwark members, Nigel Williams and Mick Heaney. Councillors Caroline Pidgeon, Danny McCarthy, Ian Wingfield, Mark Glover, Aubyn Graham and Kim Humphreys paid tributes. As a mark of respect, there was a minute's silence.

Statement by the Executive Member for Housing

The Mayor invited Councillor Kim Humphreys, deputy leader, to make a statement concerning Botes who had gone into administration.

Councillor Kim Humphries read out the following statement, which was circulated at the meeting:

"Most members will be aware from e-mail communication from the housing department yesterday that one of the council's major repairs and maintenance contractors is experiencing difficulties.

"The council received formal notification that Botes went into administration on Wednesday June 21 2006 but it had become apparent that this might happen on the evening of Friday June 16. From that point, contingency plans were put in place by the housing department, in conjunction with the customer service centre (CSC), and our backup contractors, SBS and Morrison to cover emergency repairs. Over the weekend of June 16-18 housing management mobilised those backup contractors, the CSC and housing's own emergency response officers and provided a seamless service keeping chief officers and the executive member of housing advised of developments.

"Elements within Botes' management are endeavouring to restructure so as to provide an ongoing service and to protect the workforce currently deployed in Southwark which has necessitated a series of meetings with housing and legal representatives.

"The contingency plans have developed according to changing circumstances, and as of this week, **all** new repairs and void works, including out-of-hours and emergency work, is being passed to the backup contractors, as well as work previously passed to Botes but not yet recorded as being completed. All those tenants with outstanding appointments are being contacted directly.

"These arrangements are being monitored and reviewed on a daily basis. The council is currently considering a range of medium and longer-term options with our legal team.

“All affected tenant and resident associations and members have been written to and will continue to be kept abreast of developments by Housing.”

Tributes to the retiring Chief Executive

The leader, Councillor Nick Stanton, Councillors Peter John, Kim Humphreys, Danny McCarthy, Aubyn Graham and Toby Eckersley paid tribute to the retiring chief executive who replied to the tributes.

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

The Mayor agreed to accept as late and urgent the following reports:

- Statement of Accounts 2005/06
- Prudential Indicators for Capital Finance & Treasury Management 2005/06 Outturn
- Appointment of the Chief Executive

Copleston Children’s Centre

Councillor Fiona Colley, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved a procedural motion to waive council assembly procedure rule 3.10 (1) to allow council assembly to consider a late motion and an amendment to the motion regarding the closure of Copleston Children’s Centre.

RESOLVED: That the procedural motion to consider the motion and the amendment be agreed.

1.3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following members declared personal and non-prejudicial interests in the following items:

1. Councillor Mark Glover declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in item 8.3 Thames Water and Central London’s Water Supply as he was a member of a lobby group petitioning parliament on water issues.
2. During consideration of item 5, Members’ questions, Councillor Graham Nardell declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in item 5, question number 23, as he had recently been in dispute with the council regarding a school admissions issue.

1.4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Bates, Jelil Ladipo, Kirsty McNeill and Evrim Laws.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Paul Baichoo.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the constitutional meeting held on Wednesday, May 31 2006 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. PETITIONS

There were none.

4. DEPUTATION REQUESTS

4.1 DEPUTATION FROM THE SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (see pages 1-2 and supplemental agenda no. 2, pages 1 - 2)

The meeting agreed to hear the deputation. The deputation from the Shad Thames Residents' Association, before addressing the meeting (see item 4.1), handed to the Mayor a petition relating to the council's licensing policy. Members were addressed by the deputation's spokesperson. Councillors Fiona Colley, Caroline Pidgeon and Nick Stanton asked the deputation questions. The Mayor thanked the deputation which then withdrew to the public gallery.

At this point in the proceedings, council assembly agreed to vary the order of business to consider motion 2 - Licensing Policy (see item 8.2)

4.2 DEPUTATION FROM THE MAROON CARERS GROUP (see pages 2 and supplemental agenda no. 2, pages 4 - 2)

The Mayor informed the meeting that, at the request of a representative of the Maroon Carers Group, the deputation request had been withdrawn.

4.3 DEPUTATION FROM PECKHAM VISION (See page 2 and supplemental agenda no. 3, page 1 - 2)

The meeting agreed to hear the deputation. Members were addressed by the deputation's spokesperson. Councillors Mark Glover, Jenny Jones, Gordon Nardell and Susan Elan Jones asked the deputation questions. The Mayor thanked the deputation, which then withdrew to the public gallery.

5. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME – QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE RULES 3.9 and 3.12 (see the blue paper and pages 1 - 43 of the yellow papers circulated at the meeting)

Councillor Peter John had submitted one urgent question to the leader. The question and the written answer and the supplementary question and response are attached at appendix 1.

The clerk informed the meeting that the answers to member's questions 23 to 25 in the printed and circulated document had become juxtaposed and he read out the order the answers should be in, as follows: the answer to question 23 was on page 24, the answer to question 24 was on page 25 and the answer to question 25 was on page 23.

In response to a question by Councillor James Gurling as to why his question had been disallowed, the clerk stated that questions concerning electoral matters should be referred to the borough solicitor. A report on electoral complaints was due to be submitted to the standards committee in July 2006

Forty-six questions were submitted, the answers to which were circulated round the chamber. Twenty-eight supplementary questions were asked. Following the expiry of time,

questions 41 - 46 and the written answers thereto were noted. The questions and responses are attached at appendix 2.

Adjournment

At 9.34 pm it was moved, seconded and agreed that the meeting be adjourned for ten minutes. The meeting reconvened at 9.45 pm.

6. REPORTS FOR RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE

6.1 PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE DRAFT SOUTHWARK UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (UDP) (THE SOUTHWARK PLAN) – POLICY FRAMEWORK (See pages 11 - 18 and supplemental agenda no. 3, pages 3 - 6)

Members had received a copy of the report by the strategic director of regeneration on proposed modifications to the draft Southwark UDP and a copy of the draft UDP considered by the executive at its meeting on Monday, June 28 2006. The executive's recommendations in relation to the report and the plan were set out in supplemental agenda number 3, item 6.1A.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 3.11(1) the executive member for regeneration, Councillor Richard Thomas, formally moved the recommendations contained in the executive's report to council assembly.

Following debate (Councillors James Gurling and Gordon Nardell) the recommendation was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED: That council assembly adopts the proposed modifications to the draft Southwark Unitary Development plan for consultation as set out in the report and its appendices, subject to the following:

1. The revised wording for policy 3.20 on tall buildings set out in paragraph 8 of the report be agreed;
2. The revised wording for site 63P 'uses required' column, policy 5.4 on public transport improvements and policy 7.1 Peckham Action Area as set out in paragraphs 9 – 12 of the report be agreed;
3. That the comments with regard to the Rotherhithe and Herne Hill/East Dulwich/Nunhead suburban zones in paragraph 13 of the report be noted; and
4. That it be noted the council has received an addendum to the Inspector's report (dated June 26 2006) and accepts the Inspector's recommendation that no further modifications are required in the light of the objections considered in the addendum (see paragraph 15 of the report).

Note: In accordance with budget and policy framework procedure rule 2(e) the decision can be implemented with immediate effect.

6.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES ORDER (DPPO) IN SOUTHWARK (see pages 19 - 65 and supplemental agenda no. 3, pages 7 - 8)

The executive, at its meeting on Monday, June 26 2006, considered the report by the assistant chief executive that was now before council assembly. The executive's recommendations were set out in the executive's report to council assembly in supplemental agenda number 3, item 6.2.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 3.11(1) the executive member for community safety, Councillor Jeff Hook, formally moved the recommendations contained in the executive's report to council assembly.

With the consent of the meeting, Councillor Peter John, seconded by Councillor Robert Smeath, moved an amendment that South Camberwell and Peckham Rye be included in the wards covered by the DPPO listed in the recommendation.

Following debate (Councillors John Friary, Kim Humphreys and Fiona Colley), Councillor Jeff Hook exercised his right of reply. The amendment 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 a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) be adopted for the following wards: Brunswick Park, Chaucer, Camberwell Green, Cathedrals, East Walworth, Faraday, Grange, Livesey, Newington, Nunhead, Peckham, Peckham Rye, Riverside, Rotherhithe, South Bermondsey, South Camberwell, Surrey Docks and The Lane;
 2. That any enforcement activity by the Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team and community wardens is focused on hot spots areas of alcohol related nuisance;
 3. That the implementation and impact of the DPPO is closely monitored and reported to the executive; and,
 4. That if displacement becomes an issue the executive will commence consultation for an extension to the existing DPPO immediately.

7. OTHER REPORTS

7.1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2005/06 (see supplemental agenda no. 1, pages 1 - 74 and the green paper circulated at the meeting)

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

The clerk drew member's attention to an error in the report on page 68, paragraph 2.4. He advised that responsibility for the investment strategy was delegated to the finance director who advises the pensions advisory panel.

Members' written questions and answers on the statement of accounts 2005/06 were circulated at the meeting. Seven members asked supplementary questions answered by Councillor Toby Eckersley, executive member for resources. The written questions and answers and supplementary questions and answers are attached as appendix 3. Councillor Toby Eckersley addressed the meeting on this item.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the statement of accounts for 2005/06, as attached and set out in supplemental agenda number 1 be approved, subject to the correction by the clerk to page 68 clarifying that responsibility for the investment strategy was delegated to the finance director who advised the pensions advisory panel.
 2. That the Mayor, as presiding member at the council assembly meeting, sign and date the accounts as approved by council assembly.

7.2 PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS FOR CAPITAL FINANCE & TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2005/06 OUTTURN (see supplemental agenda no. 2, pages 75 - 82)

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

- RESOLVED:** That the 2005/06 outturn report on prudential indicators for capital finance and treasury management be noted.

8. MOTIONS

8.1 MOTION 1 – SOUTHWARK PLAN (UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN) - DESIGNATION OF THE ROTHERHITHE PENINSULA AND EAST DULWICH AS SUBURBAN (see pages 67 - 68)

The clerk informed the meeting that, in light of its earlier resolution in respect of item 6.1, it was necessary to amend the wording of the motion 1. The meeting consented to replacing the word “re-affirms” in the last paragraph, first sentence of the motion with the word “notes”.

Councillor David Hubber, seconded by Councillor Nick Vineall, moved the revised motion.

Councillor Barrie Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Dominic Thorncroft, moved amendment A.

Following debate (Councillors Lisa Rajan, Kim Humphreys, Richard Thomas, James Gurling, Anne Yates, Peter John and Althea Smith), Amendment A 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 notes that it has previously given unanimous support to the designation of the majority of the Rotherhithe peninsula and East Dulwich as ‘suburban’ as outlined in the Southwark plan (unitary development plan);
 2. That council assembly further notes and welcomes the planning inspector’s report, which upholds the council’s decision to designate these areas as suburban and concludes “... the council is seeking to achieve the appropriate densities throughout Southwark”;
 3. That council assembly therefore notes with huge concern the

Mayor of London's continued and unjustified objection to "the reclassification of [parts of Southwark] from urban to suburban", as stated in a letter to the council's planning department on May 22 2006;

4. That council assembly notes in addition that this is in direct conflict with his correspondence to Southwark residents in April stating "the conservation area in Dulwich will remain"; and,
5. That council assembly therefore notes its support of the designation of the Rotherhithe peninsula and East Dulwich as suburban and calls upon the Mayor of London to respect the clearly expressed views of Southwark members and residents.

8.2 MOTION 2 - LICENSING POLICY (see pages 68 - 69 and supplemental agenda nos. 2, pages 85 - 86, and 3, page 13)

Councillor Fiona Colley, seconded by Councillor Gordon Nardell, moved the motion.

Councillor Linda Manchester, seconded by Councillor Lewis Robinson, moved Amendment B.

Following debate (Councillors Susan Elan Jones and Aubyn Graham), Amendment B 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 notes the concern of local businesses, faith groups, tenants' and residents' associations, schools, community organisations, visitor attractions, trade unions, health services and residents that the opening of adult entertainment establishments will have a negative effect on regeneration and a harmful impact on those who live, work and visit the area, especially women.
2. That council assembly welcomes the proposal for review of and consultation on Southwark's licensing policy but remains concerned, given recent statements by the leader of the council reported in the local media, that the policy, even if reviewed, may not protect the interests of local people partly due to the fact that councils cannot ban or restrict adult entertainment premises and the fact that Southwark cannot claim a 'saturation policy' similar to that in Westminster where there are 100s of adult entertainment businesses.
3. That council assembly further notes:
 - (i) The failings of the government's new licensing laws, as reported by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee, which believed that the new laws placed an unnecessary restriction on elected representatives wishing to speak on licensing applications; and,

- (ii) That despite concerns expressed to the Department for Culture, Media, and Sport (DCMS) prior to the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003, the department significantly underestimated the cost of implementing the Act and set the fees associated with licence applications too low thereby reducing the ability of the council to carry out high levels of consultation, despite the council incurring over £350,000 extra expenditure.
4. That council assembly therefore calls on the government to review its licensing laws with a view to:
- (i) Allowing councillors to represent their local communities;
- (ii) Allowing licensing committees to consider restricting certain classes of entertainment in a location, even where no current such use exists, where that class of entertainment is in conflict with an area's regeneration and community safety objectives; and,
- (iii) Introducing a fee structure that accurately reflects the cost of implementing the Act.
5. That council assembly also calls on the licensing committee to:
- Ensure wide consultation on the review of the licensing policy;
 - Ensure that the consultation includes a policy option which ensures that adult entertainment clubs are not opened in close proximity to schools, visitor attractions, residential areas, places of worship and other community facilities;
 - Review the procedural aspects of Southwark's licensing policy, and if necessary make representations to the government, to ensure that ward councillors are not prevented from playing an effective role as advocates for their communities in licensing matters; and
 - Assure the local community that it will honour its responsibilities to local people and to local business and ensure that the Southwark council takes this issue as seriously as other London boroughs such as Westminster council.

Note: The motion was referred to the licensing committee for consideration.

8.3 MOTION 3 - THAMES WATER AND CENTRAL LONDON'S WATER SUPPLY (see pages 69 - 71 and supplemental agenda no. 3, page 14)

Councillor Lisa Rajan, formally seconded by Councillor Kim Humphreys, moved the motion. Councillor Kim Humphreys reserved his right to speak on the motion.

Councillor Alison McGovern, seconded by Councillor Andrew Pakes, moved amendment C.

Following debate (Councillors Kim Humphreys, James Gurling, Gordon Nardell and Adele Morris), Councillor Lisa Rajan exercised her right of reply. Amendment C 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 welcomes Westminster council's proposal for a cross-borough action plan to highlight and remedy the mismanagement of central London's water supply by Thames Water, and notes that the London boroughs of Camden, Lambeth and Islington have given their support to the plan.
2. That council assembly notes that Thames Water's level of service has declined markedly over recent years and believes they should be held to account.
3. That council assembly also notes concern over the frequent loss of pressure in tower blocks in Southwark as well as Thames Water's failure to address leakages adequately.
4. That council assembly further notes that water supply related problems are often wrongly perceived by the general public to be the fault of the council rather than Thames Water.
5. That council assembly therefore supports the 'cross-borough charter for improvement', and requests that the executive considers the following ten-point action plan for Thames Water:
 - OFWAT leakage targets to be met year on year;
 - Major burst mains to be actioned immediately. Minor leaks to be repaired within seven days of them being reported;
 - A log of all leaks known to Thames Water to be provided on the internet for public access;
 - Technical liaison officers' contact details to be provided to London boroughs;
 - Emergency supplies of water to be delivered individually to residents in the event of a loss of supply;
 - No roads to be closed without prior council approvals being in place. No parking bays to be occupied without proper suspensions being requested;
 - Thames Water to pay for London boroughs to inspect 60% of their works instead of the normal 30%;
 - "Courtesy boards" to be provided at all sites;

- Customer service improved and call centres to provide a rapid and well-informed response to all callers; and,
- Thames Water and their contractors to become committed members of all boroughs' Considerate Streetwork schemes.

Note: The motion was referred as a recommendation to the executive for consideration.

8.4 MOTION 4 - POTTERS FIELD AND COMMENTS OF BRIAN COLEMAN MLA (see pages 71 and supplemental agenda no. 1, pages 89 - 90)

Councillor Peter John, seconded formally by Councillor Alison McGovern, formally moved the motion.

The motion was unopposed and having been put to the vote was declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That council assembly recognises the importance which residents of Southwark place on our open and green spaces. In particular council assembly recognises the importance of Potters Field park as a facility used and enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, and the historic fight undertaken by residents of the area to secure the park as such a valuable facility;
 2. That, in the circumstances, council assembly utterly condemns the recent comments of the Conservative chair of the Greater London Authority (GLA) Brian Coleman, who stated that Potters Field park should be used as the site for a multi-storey car park with the capacity for 1,000 cars and condemns his reported comment that: "...Parks in Central London we're not short of"; and,
 3. That, therefore, council assembly calls upon the Conservative chair of the GLA to withdraw his comments and advises him in future to concentrate his attention to serving the interests of his constituents in Barnet and Camden.

8.5 MOTION 5 - MAROON PROJECT (See pages 71 - 72 and supplemental agenda no. 3, pages 4 - 5)

The motion was withdrawn.

8.6 MOTION 6 - SERVICE IMPROVEMENT – NUNHEAD & PECKHAM RYE HOUSING OFFICE (see pages 72 - 73)

Councillor Robert Smeath, seconded by Councillor Andrew Pakes, moved the motion.

Following debate (Councillors Kim Humphreys, Dominic Thorncroft, Fiona Colley, John Friary and Councillor Aubyn Graham) the substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That council assembly notes the serious concern about the level and quality of service provided to tenants and leaseholders from Nunhead & Peckham Rye neighbourhood housing office (NHO);

2. That council assembly notes a recent example where a toilet overflow took up to 5 months to replace and unacceptable delays for residents to be able to see officers from the tenancy management team. Council assembly further notes that a flood left residents without electricity overnight, despite being promised emergency assistance, which did not appear; and
3. That council assembly calls on the executive member for housing to investigate service levels at Nunhead & Peckham Rye NHO and then report back on the steps he intends to take to secure improvements in service levels.

Note: The motion was referred as a recommendation to the executive for consideration.

8.7 LATE MOTION – COPLESTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE (a copy of the motion and the amendment to the motion is published on the council's website under council assembly reports)

Councillor Veronica Ward, seconded by Councillor Susan Elan Jones, moved the motion.

Councillor Caroline Pidgeon, seconded by Councillor Nick Stanton, moved the amendment which 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 this council assembly notes with regret that the Copleston children's centre will be closing at the end of July. This centre is well known in the borough and has provided high quality child-care for children in the area for almost 30 years. The council wishes to thank all those staff, volunteers and parents who have given so much commitment to this centre over these years;
2. That council assembly notes that there are many reasons for the closure, including the provision of extra nursery places at nearby schools, the hours of operation (from 08.30 to 15.30) not meeting the needs of many working parents and the fact that only 58% of places had been filled by May 2006 (14 out of a possible 24);
3. That concerns were raised over the future of the centre early in 2006. In response to a question at council assembly in March 2006 asking whether the Copleston "would receive appropriate levels of funding to maintain its existence", the then deputy leader of the council reassured members that a new financial model would "ensure that all existing day nurseries can continue to function";
4. That council assembly notes that this was followed by the allocation of £65,779 to the centre for 2006/07, equal to the allocation received in 2005/06, and the offer of a further £4,106 in business support to address the issue of sustainability; and,

5. That council assembly calls upon the executive to look at early years provision in the relation to the long term planning process given the expected rise in the number of children in the borough. Assembly urges that the executive examine why, given the high standards of child care being offered and the needs we have in the borough to support vulnerable children, a community nursery of such high quality had to conclude that it was not financially possible to continue and to consider how such valuable provision can be retained and make a contribution towards the provision of much needed high quality child care.

Note: The motion was referred to the executive as a recommendation for consideration.

EXCLUSION MOTION

The Mayor, seconded by members of council assembly, moved the motion to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting.

The motion was unopposed and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED: That under the access to information procedure rules of the Southwark constitution, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in section 1 of paragraph 10.4 of the procedure rules.

CLOSED ITEM

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The appointments committee, at its meeting on Thursday, June 15 2006, considered the appointment of a new chief executive. There was now a report from the appointments committee before council assembly recommending the appointment of Ms. Annie Shepperd as chief executive.

RESOLVED: That Ms Annie Shepperd be appointed to the post of chief executive.

The meeting closed at 11.42 p.m.

MAYOR:

DATED: