
ITEM 9 – MOTION 1 – DISABLED FREEDOM PASS RENEWAL (see main agenda pages 94-95)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor David Noakes

Seconded: Councillor Tim McNally

Delete all and **replace** with:

1. Council assembly profoundly regrets the inconvenience and distress which was caused to some of the borough's most vulnerable people as a result of the council's failure to process all of the Freedom Pass applications in time.
2. Council assembly notes and welcomes the apology issued by the chief executive on Tuesday June 3.
3. Council assembly notes that the executive member for health and adult care had been receiving weekly progress reports and was informed on the Thursday before the deadline, that officers had exceeded the 6,000 figure, which was the total number that had always been quoted for renewals, and that they expected the same day service at the Walworth one stop shop to be used by only a small number of residents.
4. Council assembly expresses its dismay that these predictions were inaccurate and the unacceptable consequences that this had on vulnerable and disabled residents, but notes the long hours and weekend work that officers had put in prior to the May 31 deadline to try and ensure as many passes as possible were issued.
5. Council assembly also notes the management action taken immediately after officers became aware of the problems at the one stop shop, including the extra staff and resources put in place at the location to improve the process. Council assembly further notes that the executive commissioned an urgent briefing of the process to understand the situation in the week commencing June 2.
6. Council assembly welcomes the decision of the overview and scrutiny committee to undertake a full review of the renewal process and notes the decision by the executive to fully support this review and subsequently put in place an action plan no later than June 2009 outlining the steps which will ensure that the 2010 renewal process is efficiently and appropriately managed.

ITEM 9 – MOTION 2 – NATIONAL CHALLENGE FOR SCHOOLS (see main agenda pages 95-96 and supplemental agenda 2 pages 12-13)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Veronica Ward

Seconded: Councillor Peter John

Delete all and **replace** with:

Council assembly notes the recent launch of the National Challenge for Schools to meet the government's commitment that by 2011 every school in England and Wales will have at least 30% of pupils leaving with five GCSE grades A*-C including maths and English.

Council assembly notes that since 1997 almost 1000 schools have gone from having less than 30% of their school leavers meeting this 'gold standard' to more than 30%.

Council assembly believes that good qualifications are essential for securing future employment, education and training opportunities and that improving the level of qualifications received by school leavers in Southwark is particularly important to help break resilient cycles of deprivation.

Council assembly welcomes the announcement of £400 million of new investment in schools that currently do not have at least 30% of students receiving the 'gold standard'.

Council assembly notes that nationally 638 schools do not meet this standard currently and that in Southwark, three schools – the Academy at Peckham, Geoffrey Chaucer School and Kingsdale School – currently achieve lower than 30%.

Council notes the hard work of students, teachers, heads and council staff to improve results at these three schools and notes that:

- a) The Academy at Peckham has been improving rapidly and is already part of the academy programme;
- b) Geoffrey Chaucer School has shown rapid improvement since the council intervened, that the latest Ofsted inspection report noted that it "has improved significantly over the last two years and now provides a satisfactory education" and that it is set to become an academy later this year;
- c) Kingsdale School is one of the fastest improving schools in the country and was recently recognised as such by Lord Adonis, the London Schools Minister as the most improved school in England.

Council assembly believes that due to their continuing hard work and year-on-year improvement, these schools are what the Secretary of State described in the National Challenge document as 'low risk'. As a result it is confident that every school in Southwark will have met the 30% target by 2011. It believes that this will be good for Southwark residents, and will mark a major step forward.

Council assembly calls on the leaders of all Southwark's political groups to write a cross-party letter to the students, staff and head teachers at the Academy at Peckham,

Geoffrey Chaucer and Kingsdale Schools, recognising their hard work, and expressing the council's ongoing support and expectation of success.

Council assembly calls on the executive to report back on how it will assist Southwark's schools in meeting the National Challenge in not less than six months.

ITEM 9 – MOTION 3 – BUS AND TRAM DISCOUNT CARD (see main agenda pages 96-97)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Lewis Robinson

Seconded: Councillor Michelle Holford

Delete paragraph 1

In paragraph 2, **delete** the words "be scrapped" and **replace** with "not be renewed".

In paragraph 2, **delete** second sentence, from "Council assembly also notes" to end of sentence.

Delete paragraphs 3 to 5 and **insert** new paragraphs:

- “2. Council assembly notes that the bus and tram discount card was funded through an agreement between the Mayor, Transport for London and Venezuelan Oil Company Petroleos de Venezuela Europa, which provided a 20 per cent reduction in the price of fuel for London's bus fleet, which was passed on by providing the discount card.
3. Council assembly notes that GDP per head in Venezuela is \$4810, less than one tenth that in the UK, where GDP per head is \$54,602. Council assembly believes that it is inconsistent, inappropriate and unfair to expect Venezuela's poor to subsidise transport discounts for London's poor.
4. Council assembly notes that as of November 2007, there were 17,320 Southwark residents receiving Income support, making them eligible for the discount card, but that as of June 18 2008, less than 1 in 5 - 3178 residents - had taken up the discount card. Council assembly believes that this low take-up rate makes it appropriate to review the efficacy of the discount scheme.
5. Council assembly notes that in answer to a question from London Assembly Member Darren Johnson, the Mayor stated that he had asked Transport for London “to investigate more suitable forms of fares concession for low income Londoners for consideration at the next fares revision.”
6. Council assembly also welcomes the Mayors recent announcement to provide free travel in Greater London to all injured war veterans, war widowers and eligible dependents not eligible for freedom passes as of November 2 in recognition of their service to the country and hardships they have faced.”

In paragraph 6, **delete** "resolves to request the executive to make public representation" and **insert** "calls on the executive to write".

In paragraph 6, **delete** "very strong".

In paragraph 6, **delete** "and the damage that its withdrawal will cause to efforts to tackle poverty, worklessness and isolation in the borough" and **insert** "but welcoming his decision not to force vulnerable families in Venezuela to subsidise their transport".

In paragraph 7, **delete** "withdraw the threat from the discount card and" and **insert** "investigate more suitable forms of fares concession and".

In paragraph 7, **delete** from "for the funding of the card" to end of sentence and **insert** "at the next fares revision, as he has already undertaken to do."

ITEM 9 - MOTION 4 – CHILD POVERTY (see main agenda pages 97-98 and supplemental agenda No.2 pages 13-14)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Robert Smeath
Seconded: Councillor Gordon Nardell

Paragraph 1, **add** at end:

“Council notes that, until introduced by the Labour government in 1999, no definition of child poverty existed. Council also notes that under the previous Conservative administration, at times almost 4 million children were living in conditions that would now be defined as child poverty.”

Paragraph 3, **delete** and **replace** with:

“Council notes that Department for Work and Pensions figures show that 1.7 million fewer children in the UK were in poverty in 2006/07 than in 1998/99 when adjusting median 1998/99 incomes in real terms, or 0.6 million fewer when using contemporary median income figures. Council further notes that figures released by the Greater London Authority show that, based on three-year rolling averages and adjusting for cost of living increases, the percentage of children in London living in poverty has fallen by 8% between 1998/99 and 2006/07. Council believes, however, that despite these encouraging movements, much more needs to be done in order to meet the Labour government’s ambitious targets of halving child poverty by 2010 and eradicating it entirely by 2020.”

Paragraph 4, **delete** and **replace** with:

“Council welcomes the government’s decision not to step away from its child poverty targets in testing financial times, but rather to increase the resources available to work towards these targets. Council therefore welcomes the extra £1715 million investment over the next two years in tackling child poverty announced in the government’s 2008 budget, with particular emphasis on ensuring that parents are better off in work than on benefits. Council also welcomes the Prime Minister’s proposals in his speech of 23rd June 2008 for payments to encourage hard-to-reach families to take up services offered through Sure Start and calls on the government to include Southwark in the pilot areas for this scheme. “

Paragraph 5, **delete** ‘therefore’ and **replace** with ‘also’. In paragraph 5, **add** at end:

Council believes that Southwark Council should be seeking to expand and develop its own programmes for tackling child poverty to complement those run by national government.

ITEM 9 - MOTION 5 – EAST STREET MARKET (see main agenda pages 98-99 and supplemental agenda No.1 pages 8-9)

AMENDMENT E

MOVED: Councillor Jeff Hook
SECONDED: Councillor Nick Stanton

Delete paragraph 2 and **replace** with:

“Council assembly notes that decisions on road resurfacing are based on a strict assessment of risks posed by the state of the road. Council assembly notes that this risk assessment is based on a scanner survey of all of the boroughs roads which gives a priority score for each road, together with other factors including usage, proximity to services and location.”

Delete paragraph 3 and **replace** with:

“Council assembly notes that Southwark’s road network consists of 349km of roads and that under the risk assessment criteria, East Street is not a priority for resurfacing, being 1783rd on the list of 2072 roads for resurfacing.”

Insert new paragraph 4:

“Council assembly notes that under the last Labour administration, regular preventative maintenance of the borough’s road network was not undertaken and that this has only been undertaken since 2005, when this administration created a £5million fund for the maintenance of highways and lighting.”

Insert new paragraph 5:

“Council assembly notes that on average, there are 210 pitches in use at East Street market today, compared to 240 ten years ago, a reduction of 12.5% and that this compares well with other London markets, where the reduction in usage is much greater, in some cases being as much as 42%. Council assembly believes that this proves the continuing appeal of the market and the success of the council’s efforts to support it “

In paragraph 4, **delete**:

“the urgent repair work should, therefore, feed into”

At end of paragraph 4, **add**:

”is desirable”

Delete paragraph 5.

At end **add** new paragraphs:

- 8 Council assembly notes however that under the London Local Authority Act 1990, any improvements to markets must be funded solely from receipts generated by the fees and charges paid by market traders.
- 9 Council assembly believes that to increase the charges payable by market traders in order to fund significant regeneration is unfair and untenable.
- 10 Council assembly calls on the executive to investigate the future of all of Southwark's markets, including the market at East Street, to investigate how they can be improved.