

Item No. 7.1	Classification: Open	Date: July 9 2008	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
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From:		Executive	

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.10 – YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION

Executive on May 7 2008 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on April 2 2008 which had been moved by Councillor Adele Morris and seconded by Councillor Arnood Al-Samerai:

1. That the growing concern about the level of crime involving young people and that young people are often the victims, as well as the perpetrators of crime be noted.
2. That it be noted that over the last three years, the council, together with other members of the Safer Southwark Partnership, has taken a variety of steps to tackle this problem, including:
 - a) Creating the gangs disruption team, run by the council's youth offending team, which has engaged 1665 young people and 61 gang members in 1 to 1 sessions;
 - b) Tasking community wardens and safer neighbourhood teams to target transport hubs, schools after hours and other locations where youth crime is likely to occur; and,
 - c) Providing targeted intervention to reduce involvement in crime through six youth inclusion programmes, for 280 of the most at risk young people and 600 other young people;
3. That it be noted that the success of Southwark's 'Lives not Knives' campaign which last year helped to raise young people's awareness of the problems of knife crime led to a 25% drop in knife crime compared to the same period in the previous year;
4. That it be noted that as a result of these measures, youth crime in Southwark fell 14% between 2003 and 2007 and that violence against the person among young people reduced 20% between 2006 and 2007;
5. That council assembly believes that it is essential that local, regional and national government work together to further reduce the level of youth crime;
6. That council assembly believes that government support in reducing poverty, improving education and supporting enforcement is crucial in reducing levels of youth crime;

7. That council assembly calls upon the executive to write to the Home Secretary to seek assurances that the government will take steps to address youth crime, including specifically:
 - d) Taking action to reduce child poverty, one of the key factors leading to youth crime;
 - e) Taking steps to establish gang and violent crime awareness programmes, like Southwark's Lives not Knives campaign, as part of the national curriculum; and,
 - f) Supporting the campaign for 1,000 police officers dedicated to Southwark to increase the capacity of the police to tackle gang and violent crime.

We agreed the motion.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.10 – AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC AND NOISE

Executive on May 7 2008 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on April 2 2008 which had been moved by Councillor Toby Eckersley and seconded by Councillor James Barber:

1. That council assembly believes that it is essential to minimise the negative impact of increased noise, visual intrusion, degradation in local air quality and emissions caused by air flights over Southwark;
2. That it be noted that the 'Adding Capacity at Heathrow Airport' consultation proposed the construction of a 3rd runway and 6th terminal at Heathrow Airport, an increase in the number of early morning and late night flights and the overturning of the Cranford agreement;
3. That council assembly opposes these proposals and supports the submission made by the assistant executive member for the environment to this consultation on February 20 2008 which signalled this opposition;
4. That it be further noted that the new National Air Traffic Services (NASTS) consultation, which proposes to reduce the height of flights over London;
5. That council assembly believes that the proposals made in the NATS consultation will have a significant negative impact on the lives of Southwark residents in areas such as Rotherhithe and Dulwich, which lie on the flight path into Heathrow;
6. That the executive member for the environment be congratulated for joining the 2M group which opposes the NATS low-flight proposals and which includes a number of London local authorities and Metropolitan boroughs;
7. That the executive member for the environment respond to the NATS consultation, signalling the council's opposition to the proposals it contains and seeking further investigation of alternative options.

We slightly amended paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the motion which now reads as follows:

4. That the new National Air Traffic Services (NATS) consultation, which proposes to re-design the airspace in the terminal control north area to avoid delays, reduce fuel usage and to reroute aircraft to avoid flying over as many towns and villages as possible, especially at lower levels be further noted.
5. That the advice of the council's strategic director of environment and housing be noted that the current proposals made in the NATS consultation document are only affecting flights from London Heathrow Airport to the northeast and the north of London, which will not have an impact on this Borough. However, the proposals will have an impact on the flights arriving and departing the City Airport on Southwark residents. The other flight routes into Heathrow will be examined later this year.
6. That the executive member for the environment be congratulated for joining the 2M group which is mainly concerned at the environmental impact of Heathrow expansion on their communities and which includes a number of London local authorities and Metropolitan boroughs.

The remaining parts of the motion as set out under 1, 2, 3 and 7 were agreed in addition to the amended 4-6 as above.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.10 – PUBLICISING THE COST OF PRODUCING COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS

Executive on May 7 2008 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on April 2 2008 which had been moved by Councillor Peter John and seconded by Councillor Richard Livingstone and subsequently amended:

1. That it be noted that last year the Tax Payers' Alliance released figures showing that Southwark spends £5.05 million on a wide range of communications activities, including advertising required by statute and consultation documents distributed to residents affected by planning applications and major regeneration projects.
2. That it be noted that while Southwark provided a figure for the total cost of all communications activity, other local authorities provided information relating only to specific parts of their communications spending.
3. That it be noted that at the last council meeting the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition was forced to make a series of difficult choices to bridge a £35 million funding shortfall resulting from below-inflation increases in Labour government grant funding.
4. That it be noted that the budget also made provision for a funding cut of over £1m from the communications budget, resulting from a wide-ranging review and restructure instituted by the executive.
5. That council assembly calls on the executive to investigate a new policy whereby the financial cost of all aspects of production and distribution (including officer time) of individual council publications are reported on the council's website on a quarterly basis.

We agreed the motion.

**MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE
RULE 3.10 – MAYOR OF LONDON CANDIDATE’S STANCE ON CLIMATE
CHANGE**

Executive on May 7 2008 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on April 2 2008 which had been moved by Councillor Andrew Pakes and seconded by Councillor Mark Glover and subsequently amended:

1. That the following be noted:
 - a) The London Borough of Southwark, along with many other local authorities, has set a borough wide target of 80% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2050 (over 2003 levels). This is higher than the current UK government levels.
 - b) The borough has set a challenging programme to cut emissions, including:
 - Establishing a MUSCo to provide sustainable energy and water services for the Elephant & Castle.
 - Operating one of the largest fleets of alternative fuelled vehicles.
 - Agreeing a new sustainability supplementary planning document.
 - Agreeing an office accommodation programme which will meet the highest environmental standards.
 - c) Many of the most groundbreaking initiatives for fighting climate change have recently come from local authorities, who are often best placed to lead grass roots change: “such local determination may turn out to be more powerful than windy rhetoric from central government”. (Economist, February 21 2008).
2. That it further be noted that the mayoral candidates from all of the major political parties have set challenging carbon emission reduction targets.
3. That council assembly welcomes the level of cross party consensus that now exists around the issue of climate change.
4. That council assembly will continue to lobby national and regional politicians whichever political parties they represent to respect this consensus, meet existing targets and adopt best practice from local authorities.

We agreed the motion.

**MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE
RULE 3.10 – DEVELOPMENT OF NUNHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE AS A
COMMUNITY HUB/AREA BASED RESOURCE CENTRE**

Executive on May 7 2008 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on April 2 2008 which had been moved by Councillor Fiona Colley and seconded by Councillor Althea Smith:

1. That it be noted that:
 - a) It is council policy to develop and fund a 'community hub'/'area based resource centre' in each community council area.
 - b) No centre has been identified for the Nunhead and Peckham Rye area.
 - c) The Nunhead Community Centre would be an ideal location for that hub, but has been closed for almost a year.
 - d) The Nunhead Community Centre Campaign Group are developing proposals and a business plan for the centre which would meet the council's need for a community hub in Nunhead and Peckham Rye.
 - e) Most of the capital funding required for repairs and Disability Discrimination Act works at the centre has already been found via the Peckham Program and Cleaner, Greener, Safer fund.
 - f) The centre is expected to reopen shortly for temporary use by Dulwich based Gumboots Community Nursery which will also allow some limited use by the local community.

2. That council assembly calls on the executive:
 - a) To prioritise the development of the Nunhead Community Centre as a community hub/area based resource centre for the Nunhead and Peckham Rye area.
 - b) To work with the Nunhead Community Centre Campaign Group to develop a long-term business plan for community management of the centre.
 - c) To ensure that the centre stays open and is restored to full local community use and management once Gumboots move back to their permanent base.

We agreed the motion.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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