

<b>Item No.</b> 6.1	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> November 5 2008	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Report back on motions referred to executive from council assembly	
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<b>From:</b>		Executive	

**MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE RULE 2.9(6) – BUS AND TRAM DISCOUNT CARD**

Executive on September 23 2008 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on July 9 2008, which had been moved by Councillor Barry Hargrove and seconded by Councillor Peter John and subsequently amended:

1. That council assembly notes that the Mayor of London Boris Johnson announced over the late May bank holiday weekend that the bus and tram discount card would not be renewed from this August with the last cards becoming invalid in late February next year.
2. That 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% reduction in the price of fuel for London's bus fleet, which was passed on by providing the discount card.
3. That council assembly notes that gross domestic product (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. That 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. That 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. That council assembly also welcomes the Mayor's 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.

7. That council assembly calls on the executive to write to the Mayor of London expressing its concerns over the effect that the removal of the discount card will have on some of the most vulnerable families in Southwark but welcoming his decision not to force vulnerable families in Venezuela to subsidise their transport.
8. That council assembly further resolves to request that the executive should call on the Mayor to investigate more suitable forms of fares concession and for him to come forward with new proposals at the next fares revision, as he has already undertaken to do.

We agreed the motion.

**MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE RULE 2.9(6) – EAST STREET MARKET**

Executive on September 23 2008 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on July 9 2008, which had been moved by Councillor Lorraine Lauder and seconded by Councillor Abdul Mohammed and subsequently amended:

1. That council assembly notes the strong support for the petition on the repair of East Street Market.
2. That 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.
3. That 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.
4. That 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 £5 million fund for the maintenance of highways and lighting.
5. That 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.
6. That council assembly believes that the market is a genuine part of the Walworth area's heritage, that it has the potential to attract a significant number of people to the area and that a broader regeneration of the market. Is desirable.

7. That 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.
8. That council assembly believes that to increase the charges payable by market traders in order to fund significant regeneration is unfair and untenable.
9. That 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.

We agreed the motion, noting that an investigation is currently being undertaken on the future of all of Southwark's markets, including the market at East Street and how they can be improved.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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