

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 17.6.03	MEETING NAME Executive
Report title:		Motion Submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.9 – Mobile Phone Theft	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor & Secretary)	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Executive consider the motion as set out in paragraph 2 below.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. At the Extraordinary Council Assembly meeting on 21st May 2003 a motion was submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.9 (1) by Councillor Eliza Mann and seconded by Councillor Richard Porter. The motion was subsequently amended and referred to the Executive for consideration:-
 - i) That Council notes that up to 10,000 mobile phones are stolen every month.
 - ii) That Council notes that mobile phones are involved in 28% of street robberies with under-18s being the most common victims.
 - iii) That Council notes the recent Government initiative to develop a national mobile database allowing handsets to be cancelled and barred across all networks.
 - iv) That Council resolves to work with the police, heads of local schools and other agencies to ensure that mobile phone users – particularly the under 18's, are aware of recent developments and basic steps they can take to ensure mobile phone safety.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.9 (3), the above motion was referred to the Executive, which shall report upon the outcome of their deliberations upon the motion to the next meeting of Council Assembly.
4. The constitution allocates particular responsibility for functions to Council Assembly, for approving the budget and policy framework, and to the Executive, for developing and implementing the budget and policy framework and overseeing the running of Council services on a day-to-day basis.
5. Any key issues, policy or funding implications are included in the advice from the Chief Executive.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Chief Executive

6. The Council welcomes the new national database for mobile phones and fully supports any measures to reduce the number of mobile phone thefts and increase personal safety when using mobile phones.

The national database operates between network operators. When a stolen phone is reported to the network operator, they will now be able to cancel it like a stolen credit card. This applies to both pre-pay and contract phones. The Council will work to ensure that all Member and Officer mobile phones are registered and will advise staff, through a pay slip message, to register personal phones.

The Council has in the past undertaken publicity campaigns promoting property marking for mobile phones and the police have property marked phones in schools. Currently advice on mobile phone use and de-activation of phones is promoted by the police as part of Safer Streets. The police have developed a Safer Streets Safety Pack for students, clubbers and young people, which will be distributed in conjunction with the Council and other organizations.

The Home Office will shortly be issuing educational material for use in schools and other settings on mobile phone safety. In Southwark co-ordinated use of this material will take place to secondary schools through the schools beat officers, in conjunction with the Agencies Supporting School Programme; which provides co-ordinated support to secondary schools on PHSE, crime and citizenship elements of the curriculum.

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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APPENDIX A

Audit Trail

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Chief Executive	Yes	
Executive Member	Yes	
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