

Council Assembly

Wednesday 20 October 2010

7.00 pm

Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

Supplemental Agenda No.3

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	<p>Paragraph 4(2) of the motion has fallen. This is because it was very similar to the motion and amendment considered by council assembly at the July 2010 meeting. Council assembly procedure rule 1.9 states that motions to rescind a previous decision or similar to a motion previously rejected in the previous six months require a notice signed by at least 16 members. In accordance with rule 1.9(3) the notice must be received four clear working days in advance of the meeting. The notice was not received, therefore this section of the motion falls. The remaining parts of the motion can be debated.</p>	
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Date: 19 October 2010

6.1 REPORT FROM THE SOUTHWARK DEMOCRACY COMMISSION (see supplemental agenda 2, pages 1-54)

Note: The recommendations referred to in Amendments A – E are those set out in appendix 4, entitled “Southwark Democracy Commission – Recommendations” (see item 6.1, pages 45 – 54 of supplemental agenda 2)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Seconded: Councillor Columba Blango

Petitions to assembly

(See appendix 4, pages 46 – 47 of item 6.1)

Recommendation 5.1

Add at end:

“and 100 for issues that affect a single ward.”

Note: If this amendment is agreed, in accordance with Article 1.15(a) of the constitution it would be referred to the constitutional steering panel for prior consideration.

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Paul Noblet

Seconded: Councillor Jeff Hook

Selection of themes

(See appendix 4, pages 48 - 49 of item 6.1)

Recommendation 8.4 - **delete** all after “chosen” and **add** “by public vote with the process publicised through Southwark Life.”

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Columba Blango

Seconded: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Council assembly business panel

(See appendix 4, pages 46 – 51 of item 6.1)

Recommendation 4.3 – **delete**

Recommendation 5.3 – **delete** last sentence

Recommendation 5.4 - **delete** first sentence

Recommendation 8.3 – **delete**

Recommendation 10 – **delete** all

Recommendation 11.2 – **delete** last sentence

Recommendation 15.2 – **delete**.

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Catherine Bowman

Seconded: Councillor David Noakes

Times and venues for council assembly meetings

(see appendix 4, pages 50 of item 6.1)

Recommendation 12.1 – **delete** all

Recommendation 12.3 - **Add** after “Southwark” (line 2) “with the aim of rotating between all eight community council areas.”

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Lisa Rajan

Seconded: Councillor Catherine Bowman

Future legislative changes

(see appendix 4, pages 52 of item 6.1)

Recommendation 16

Insert new clause 16.5:

“Council assembly welcomes the Decentralisation and Localism Bill to be introduced by the coalition government, particularly its proposals to return decision-making powers on housing and planning to local councils, new powers to help save local facilities and services threatened with closure, giving communities the right to bid to take over local state-run services, giving councils a general power of competence, residents the power to instigate local referendums on any local issue and greater financial autonomy to local government and community groups and requests the Democracy Commission to investigate how these new powers can further strengthen the role of council assembly.”

9.1 – MOTION 1: FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS (see page 105 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Rosie Shimell

Seconded: Councillor David Hubber

After paragraph 2 **insert** new paragraphs:

3. The excellent work done by many primary schools in the borough which currently provide breakfast clubs.
4. The year on year improvements in the attainment of children in the borough under the previous administration and congratulates head teachers, staff, pupils and their families.

Council assembly further notes:

5. The success of the borough's schools achieving one of the highest uptakes of free school meals amongst eligible children.

Renumber 3, 4, 5 and 6 accordingly.

In paragraph 6 (now 9), **add** at end "for those children in greatest need".

Add at end:

Council assembly recognises

10. The huge deficit left by the Labour government and urges the cabinet to act prudently in ensuring that funding for school meals is spent responsibly and on those in greatest need.

AMENDMENT G

Moved; Councillor Catherine McDonald

Seconded: Councillor Nick Dolezal

Delete paragraph 6 and **insert:**

"Council assembly calls on the cabinet member for children and young people to explore with officers whether the provision of free breakfasts would be more appropriate than free lunches across the borough and the feasibility of allowing schools to choose themselves and to report back to councillors.

"Council assembly welcomes cross-party support for the principle of universal free school meals."

9.2 – MOTION 2: LABOUR’S BROKEN ELECTION PLEDGES (see pages 105 - 107 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT H

Moved: Councillor Cleo Soanes
Seconded: Councillor Gavin Edwards

Delete title and insert:

“Labour’s record in office so far and the Lib Democrats’ broken election promises”

Delete all and insert:

Council assembly notes that since the elections in May Labour has, in line with its manifesto:

- Signed a deal guaranteeing a minimum level of affordable housing at Elephant & Castle and made progress on the swimming pool and demolition of the shopping centre
- Saved Nursery Row Park and Brayards Green in line with our commitment to value green spaces
- Cut special responsibility allowances (SRAs) by the same amount that they were increased by the last administration
- Put in place tough new restrictions on consultancy spending
- Started a budget consultation as part of our commitment to open up the budgeting process
- Made every fire risk assessment publicly available
- Hired a new housing director for the new housing department
- Started to pilot our dedicated line for social care queries
- Extended CCTV coverage
- Consulted on our new charter of rights for people who need social care
- Worked with other boroughs to see what savings can be achieved through cooperative working.

Council assembly notes that in the coming months Labour will, in line with its manifesto, at the very least:

- Set out how we will make every home warm, dry and safe
- Open two air quality monitoring stations
- Launch the teen pregnancy commission
- Publish news on the violent crime strategy
- Continue to consult on the budget, in spite of the coalition government’s cuts.

Council assembly notes that in contrast to this record of achievement, the last Liberal Democrat council administration left office with at least 50 of its election pledges unfulfilled.

Council assembly further notes the Liberal Democrats significant broken manifesto promises since entering a coalition government with the Tories, not least on:

- the scale and speed of spending cuts
- the hike in the level of VAT
- the hike in tuition fees, which every Liberal Democrat MP pledged to oppose.

Council assembly calls on the cabinet to continue to meet its election obligations, despite the Tory/Liberal Democrat cuts.

9.3 – MOTION 3: THAMES WATER SEWAGE TUNNEL (see pages 107 - 108 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT I

Moved: Councillor Barrie Hargrove

Seconded: Councillor Fiona Colley

In paragraph 1, **delete** “Kingstairs gardens” and **insert** “King’s Stairs gardens”

Delete paragraph 4 and **insert:**

“Council supports the progress that the cabinet and community have made to date in finding less environmentally damaging alternative sites by lobbying Thames Water and calls on Simon Hughes MP to use his influence over ministers in government to find such alternative sites.”

10 – LATE MOTION: POLICE NUMBERS IN SOUTHWARK (see pages 109 - 110 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT J

Moved: Councillor Wilma Nelson
Seconded: Councillor Linda Manchester

Delete paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 and **insert:**

3. Council assembly notes, according to Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) figures, in August 2010 there are more than 14,250 civilian staff working for the Met, including 991.2 (FTE) in the information directorate, 1,718.1 in human resources and 643.98 in resources. In addition there are more than 750 police officers assigned to back-office tasks.
4. Council assembly also notes the campaign for 1,000 police officers in Southwark began in 2002 has been consistently supported by Simon Hughes and the borough's other MPs, councillors of all parties (including supporting the recent all party letter to Home Secretary, Teresa May) and that eight years later Southwark has a police complement of 945 officers – despite Labour being in government for all this time.
5. Council assembly understands while budget cuts are regrettable, recognises they are inevitable given the state of the public finances after 13 years of Labour government financial incompetence, which means the UK has the largest peacetime budget deficit, a national debt higher than Greece and Spain (and in the EU only lower than Ireland) – equivalent to £22,400 for every person in the country with interest payments running at a total of £42.9 billion per year, more than the country spends on its own defence.
6. Council assembly recognises that day-to-day responsibility for operational budgets of the Metropolitan Police lies with Mayor Boris Johnson and the MPA and believes he should prioritise cutting back the Met's back office bureaucracy while focussing available resources on front line policing, including fulfilling all parties' longstanding commitment to provide a 1,000 police officers for Southwark.

Item No. 12.	Classification: Open	Date: 20 October 2010	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Late Deputation Request - Southwark Trades Council	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a late deputation from Southwark Trades Council (see paragraph 5 below).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Mayor has been notified of the late deputation request. In accordance with council assembly procedure rules, it will be for council assembly on the evening to decide whether or not to suspend the relevant procedures rules. In this instance, council assembly would need to suspend council assembly procedure rule 2.6(7) (deadline for receipt of deputations) and procedure rule 2.6(4) (scope of deputations – referral to the relevant decision making body).
3. When considering whether to hear the deputation request, council assembly can decide to:
 - Receive the deputation at this meeting or a future meeting; *or*
 - That the deputation not be received; *or*
 - Refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.
4. A deputation shall consist of no more than six people, including its spokesperson. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting for no longer than 5 minutes. After this time members may ask questions of the deputation for up to 5 minutes. At the conclusion of the questions, the deputation will be shown to the public gallery where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Southwark Trades Council

5. A deputation request has been received from Southwark Trades Council. The trades council state the subject matter is “to speak in support of retaining public services and public sector jobs in the face of central government proposals to slash budgets. We will also be giving a trades council reaction to the results of the comprehensive spending review.”

REASONS FOR URGENCY

6. The Southwark Trades Council met on 14 October 2010 to request a deputation. This was after the agenda despatch date.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

7. The request was received after the agenda despatch date of 8 October 2010

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Lesley John 020 7525 7228

AUDIT TRAIL

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Finance Director	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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