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AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME: MOTION 1 – SUPPORTING CYCLING IN SOUTHWARK (see pages 3 - 4 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Rowenna Davis

Seconded: Councillor Michael Situ

Delete paragraph 2 and **insert:**

Council assembly therefore welcomes the fact that:

- The current administration has spent or allocated £2.677 million on cycling in the last two years and plans to spend nearly another £4 million on cycling infrastructure. One third of the money allocated from Transport for London (TfL) to Southwark gets spent on cycling.
- Southwark has installed 174 cycle lockers on housing estates and created over 1500 new spaces for on street cycle parking.
- Southwark is the first London borough to install life-saving Trixi mirrors at dangerous junctions throughout the borough and welcomes the news that a further eight mirrors will be installed by March 2013.
- Proposals for 25 cut-throughs, shared use footways and contra-flow schemes across the borough are currently under consideration and that this will help to improve cycle permeability by improving access and reducing travel times.
- The council's transport plan also proposes: 20mph streets to help make Southwark roads safer for everyone by reducing speeds, developing 'green links' to encourage local cycle trips for less confident cyclists and families, school travel plan initiatives and cycle parking on and off street.
- Southwark Council's bike loan scheme allows employees to take out an interest free loan of up to £1,000 to buy a bike to use to cycle to work.
- Despite the fact that Transport for London has reduced the overall budget for cycle training from £163,000 to £156,000, the council continues to offer free cyclist training to anyone that lives, works or is educated in the borough. Around 900 children and 600 adults receiving training each year.

Insert new paragraph:

Council assembly therefore calls on cabinet to:

- Continue to work with organisations such as Southwark Cyclists to explore how Southwark can realise its ambition of becoming the most cycle friendly London borough.
- Continue to lobby Transport for London to extend the London cycle hire scheme throughout the borough.
- Take a serious and sensible approach to increasing the number of people who cycle in the borough and make good on its commitment to review the target for people cycling in Southwark which is in line with the London target and based on key developments such as the introduction of cycle hire, and the existing and planned cycle superhighways. The current target translates into a 33% increase (from 3-4%) in current cycling levels or 4,700 new trips by bike every day.

ITEM 3.3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME: MOTION 3 - BUS SERVICES IN THE SOUTH OF THE BOROUGH (see page 5 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Andy Simmons

Seconded: Councillor Gavin Edwards

In first line, after “are needed” **insert** “by TfL.”

In paragraph 1 **delete** “Further work with Transport for London (TfL)” and **insert** “Further work lobbying the Mayor of London and Transport for London (TfL).”

In paragraph 1 after “North Dulwich Station” **delete** the rest of the sentence.

At the end of paragraph 2 **add** “, as well as the frequency of the 12 during the rush hour.”

In paragraph 3 after “the feasibility of” **insert** “TfL.”

At the end of paragraph 4 **insert**:

“following the excellent campaign by Peckham Rye’s Labour councillors and Val Shawcross, Assembly Member, to extend the number 63 route. Council assembly notes that the extension of the 63 route was a key pledge from Ken Livingstone at the last election but was opposed by Boris Johnson and is concerned whether there is the political will from the current Mayor of London to deliver this extension.”

Delete paragraph 5 and **insert**:

“The impact of removing bendy buses from the 12 route in terms of inadequate frequency during the rush hour and inadequate provision of pushchair and wheelchair space. To consider whether the introduction of the new route masters on this service could help to address these problems.”

At end **insert** new paragraphs 6 and 7:

6. “TfL improving bus links to the Kingswood estate, one of the most geographically isolated parts of Southwark, where many residents can not afford to use the nearby Sydenham Hill train station.”
7. “TfL providing a direct bus service from the south of the borough to Kings College Hospital.”

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor James Barber

Seconded: Councillor Rosie Shimell

Delete paragraph 5 and **insert:**

Options for new buses on the 12 route that represent an effective use of public money.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 1 - SOCIAL HOUSING IN MIXED COMMUNITIES (see page 15 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Peter John
Seconded: Councillor Claire Hickson

Insert before paragraph 1:

Council notes that not only is the current administration investing £326 million to ensure every council home in Southwark is warm, dry and safe by 2016, it is also building 1000 new council homes in Southwark over the next eight years - more than have been built in all of London in the last 10 years. It regrets that the previous administration failed to build enough council housing, had an unworkable and unfunded decent homes programme which left many Southwark residents without decent homes and by the end of their time in office left Southwark with 7,800 fewer council homes.

Delete paragraph 2 and **insert:**

Council also notes the reaction of the leader to the report on his blog: “the blanket policy proposed by the paper of selling-off all council properties above a certain value is flawed and would undoubtedly lead to the removal of genuinely affordable social housing from certain areas.”

At the end of paragraph 3 **insert:**

that is why this council opposes the government’s housing benefit cap, opposes the introduction of affordable rent at 80% of market rent, opposes the ending of secure tenancies, opposes the slashing of the social housing budget by £3.9 billion and is building 1000 new council homes in Southwark over the next 8 years.

After paragraph 3 **insert** new paragraph:

Council is concerned that the government’s housing benefit cap will further social segregation in the borough and agrees with the comments of Simon Hughes MP when he told the BBC in January “As it currently stands, the benefits cap will break up families...there are bottom lines in politics and that one is making sure that those with least finances and the most mouths to feed, and the most needy are protected.” However it regrets that only five months later Simon Hughes ignored his own warning and voted to cap housing benefit for families in Southwark.

Delete paragraphs 4 and 5.

In paragraph 6 after “which has been made possible by” **delete** all and **insert:**

the council’s decision to accept "in lieu" payments from developers rather than requiring them to deliver on-site "affordable housing" where that "affordable housing" is anything but affordable. It is perplexed that the Liberal Democrats

claim to support Labour's plan to deliver 1000 new council homes but do not support the proposed means of delivering them and would encourage Southwark Liberal Democrats to explain how they would pay for new council homes.

Delete paragraph 7 and **insert**:

Council notes and regrets that Simon Hughes MP recently voted to allow developers to deliver 0% affordable housing on new developments. Council therefore calls on cabinet to write to the government and call on them to drop the proposal in the Growth and Infrastructure Bill that lets developers wriggle out of their affordable housing requirements.

ITEM 6.1 – LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (see pages 17 - 25 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Toby Eckersley
Seconded: Councillor Michael Mitchell

Delete paragraph 2 of the recommendation and **insert:**

2. Welcomes the additional offer of funding from the government of £662,653 for the purpose of ensuring that no claimant faces a reduction in 2013/14 of more than approximately 8.5% under council tax reduction scheme compared to their previous council tax benefit entitlement.
3. In order to fund the sum of approximately £535,000 required from the council to implement paragraph 2 above council assembly expects cabinet, in presenting its budget proposals for 2013/14, to modify the policy on providing free primary school meals to children of better off families.

Re-number the subsequent paragraph accordingly.

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Tim McNally
Seconded: Councillor Paul Noblet

Delete paragraph 2 of the main report and **insert:**

2. Notes the recommendation made by cabinet on 23 October 2012 to cap council tax support to 85 percent of current entitlement levels, however believes that reductions to council tax support should be offset by all additional revenue gained from other changes to council tax discounts and exemptions in order to mitigate the impact of the cuts on low income households.

ITEM 6.2 – LOCAL COUNCIL TAX TECHNICAL REFORMS (see pages 26 - 48 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor Tim McNally

Seconded: Councillor Paul Noblet

Insert new paragraph 3:

3. Agree that all of the additional revenue gained from these changes will be used to subsidise the local council tax reduction scheme to mitigate the impact of the abolition of council tax benefit on low income households.

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