

Council Assembly

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AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.2 – MOTION ON THE THEME: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT INCLUDING CYCLING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT (see page 1 - 4 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Damien O'Brien, Liberal Democrat Group Spokesperson for Transport

Delete all and insert:

1. Council assembly welcomes the progress on transport planning in Southwark following calls from residents, businesses, opposition councillors and Simon Hughes MP, but urges the cabinet to be more ambitious.
2. Council assembly notes the warm words in the cycling strategy/consultation and calls for a clear commitment to and investment in segregated cycle lanes on borough-managed roads and community spending on potholes, pavements and signage.
3. Council assembly welcomes the administration's recent conversion to the Liberal Democrat 'I'm Shopping Locally' scheme to allow free parking for one hour at local shopping parades and calls for further assistance with business rates and improved bus routes to shopping areas in the borough, such as The Blue.
4. Council assembly congratulates Simon Hughes MP for his successful campaigns for tube stations at Southwark and Bermondsey on the Jubilee Line and the C10 bus through north Southwark and fully supports his current campaigns for the Bakerloo line extension, for the London Cycle Hire scheme to be rolled out south and east in Southwark and for a new bridge and pier in Rotherhithe.
5. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to be truly radical in cutting emissions, cleaning up air quality in the borough and improving residents' health by imposing tough sanctions on the worst polluting vehicles and cracking down on idling vehicles.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 1 – A FAIR DEAL FOR TENANTS AND LEASEHOLDERS (see page 12 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B**Moved:** Councillor Paul Fleming**Seconded:** Councillor Anne Kirby**Delete all and insert:**

1. Council assembly notes that:
 - i) This administration wants to make Southwark a place we can all be proud of. The council is committed to tackling the borough’s biggest problems and making a real difference to the quality of life of local people. As the largest local authority landlord in London, our housing department has a key role in achieving this aim.
 - ii) The council provides a range of housing services to help make our residents’ homes cleaner, safer and more modern and to keep neighbourhoods clean and safe. Estate cleaning and grounds maintenance is inspected every 6 weeks by housing officers and tenant representatives and performance is consistently good.
 - iii) Last year the council carried out 3,149 estate inspections, to ensure services are being provided to a good standard. 97% of estates were rated good or excellent. 99.98% of bin collections are done on time and in the last year the council carried out:
 - 99.6% of grafitti removals within 24 hours;
 - 99.6% of fly tipping removals within 24 hours;
 - 99.8% of dog fouling removals within 48 hours.
 - iv) This administration has driven up standards in repairs and is taking innovative steps to improve the quality of our services. Since 2010 satisfaction with repairs has increased from 72% to 82% and 82% of repairs are now completed right first time, 14% higher than 2010.
 - v) This administration wants to go even further than this to ensure high quality service. Council assembly welcomes the cabinet’s commitment in the draft Council Plan to:
 - Introduce resident inspectors - putting residents in control of repair quality;
 - Introduce deep cleaning of estates, to remove built up dirt and keep estates clean;
 - Introduce an independent leaseholder management company to empower the local community to hold the council properly to account and ensure leaseholders know they are getting a fair deal.

- vi) The council's vision is to make Southwark's homes and neighbourhoods great places to live, where good quality services are delivered right first time. In many areas of the service the council does just that, but this administration is always looking for ways to improve the services that the council provides to our residents. When things go wrong the council will look at compensation on a case by case basis.
2. Council assembly believes that the council should continue to work with residents to improve services, rather than expecting residents to put up with poorer quality homes in exchange for compensation.
 3. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to prioritise getting things right first time and to continue to invest in improvements to ensure a high quality service is delivered to all residents.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 2 – CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIGH STAKE GAMBLING MACHINES (see pages 12 – 13 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Adele Morris
Seconded: Councillor David Hubber

Delete all after paragraph 2 and **insert:**

3. Council assembly recognises that the proliferation of betting shops and fixed-odds betting machines was a direct result of the Gambling Act 2005 introduced by the former Labour government.
4. Council assembly supports the comments of the Member of Parliament for Peckham and Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sports who stated in 2012 that gambling liberalisation introduced by the former Labour government was a mistake and has ruined people's lives.
5. Council assembly welcomes government plans announced in April to allow new planning powers for local councils to tackle the ‘clustering’ of betting shops in local shopping areas and to create a new planning use class to prevent former banks and other financial service premises from being converted into gambling establishments without requiring planning permission.
6. Council assembly further welcomes the announcement in September by the four main betting chains to restrict gambling advertising, as well as new measures to protect players of high-stakes gaming machines (FOBTs) by limiting the amount that can be spent.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 3 – TOWNS AGAINST TAX DODGING
(see pages 13 – 14 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D**Moved:** Councillor Michael Mitchell**Seconded:** Councillor Jane Lyons**Delete** all after 2. Council assembly and **insert:**

welcomes:

- i) The leading role taken by the coalition government to raise the issue of tax avoidance up the international agenda.
- ii) The fact that the UK government is working with 50 other countries in a pilot project to share information about potential tax avoiders. The project is co-ordinated by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, which has laid out rules for information sharing between governments on potential tax dodgers.
- iii) The commitment of the coalition government to increase the number of investigations fivefold. This will result in over 1,000 additional prosecutions for tax evasion by the end of the 2014-15 financial year.
- iv) The statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to use the Autumn Statement 'to stop large technology multinationals avoiding corporation tax.

AMENDMENT E**Moved:** Councillor Ben Johnson**Seconded:** Councillor James Barber**Insert** at end:

Council assembly notes the work of all parties in government to start to tackle tax avoidance since 2004.

Council assembly acknowledges that government action since 2010 has helped HMRC collect considerable additional tax revenue by:

- increasing the number of prosecutions for tax crimes
- closing tax loopholes
- improving tax data systems to reduce fraud
- collecting tax through deals with tax havens like Switzerland, Liechtenstein and the Channel Islands.

Council assembly agrees that because of the increasingly global nature of trading operations and finance, tax avoidance should most effectively be tackled at a national and international level.

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