

Council Assembly (Ordinary Meeting)

Wednesday 13 July 2016

7.00 pm

Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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Item No. 3.1	Classification: Open	Date: 13 July 2016	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Community Evidence on the Themed Debate	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Introduction

1. On 12 May 2016, the council assembly business panel met to agree the themes for the 2016/17 meetings of council assembly. The panel agreed that the theme for 13 July 2016 council assembly should be 'Tackling the Housing Crisis'.

Community evidence on the theme

2. The deadline for community evidence was 12 midnight, Thursday 7 July 2016.
3. The following requests have been received by the deadline for consideration by this meeting and they are list in the order received below:
4. Which community evidence shall be considered and the length of each submission will be established by way of a programme motion at the start of council assembly. Community evidence shall be conducted under the existing rules for public participation.

Submissions

5. The following submissions have been received:

1. Residents of the Pumphouse

We would like to express our concern about the lack of any consultation, information and transparency from the council within our Pumphouse community, despite the direct impact the proposed developments will have on our neighbourhood and our homes, given the immediate proximity and lack of permeability between Canada Water train station and Renforth street. We are worried that the area, which is already densely populated, cannot support a huge population increase without significant improvements in infrastructure (e.g. schools). We are also dismayed to see the number of high-rises, the loss of mature trees, and the lack of coordination between the different projects. We also unsure why clear government guidelines and the council's own policies (e.g. regarding mixed-tenure housing) are not being followed in private developments or council ones.

We would like to have a say, before the council pushes ahead with planning applications, to make sure that our neighbourhood remains diverse and a nice place to live.

2. Canada Estate - Social housing developments

To convey extreme concern in the manner estate infill has been steered by the Council. Four proposed close proximity social housing developments are envisaged for Canada Estate, Renforth Street, Neptune Street and Albion Street. Due process has not been consistent. This has hindered positive progress, generated neighbourhood conflict and jeopardised the delivery of new social homes and regenerative uplift of Rotherhithe.

3. St Mungo's Community Housing Association

St Mungo's is one of the biggest providers of services to the homeless in London and the South of England, and within Southwark provides a range of services including street outreach, Employment, Training and Education, specialist housing services and advice for offenders, tenancy sustainment services and a whole range of supported housing options for the most vulnerable in the borough.

We wish to talk about the services we provide and the challenges of meeting changing needs in the borough.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Ian Millichap, Constitutional Manager	
Report Author	Virginia Wynn-Jones, Constitutional Officer	
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Key decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer title	Comments sought	Comments included
Director of Law and Democracy	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance Governance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	8 July 2016	

Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 13 July 2016	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the group listed in paragraph 5 of this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Council assembly procedure rule 2.6.11 states that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting. However the meeting can decide to suspend this rule in order to hear more or vary the order.
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*
 - to refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.
4. A deputation shall consist of no more than six people, including its spokesperson. One member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting for no longer than 5 minutes. The deputation spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by him or her shall be invited to ask a question of the leader or relevant cabinet member. After this time councillors 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 seating area where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Deputation request

5. The following deputation request has been received:

In support of Southwark residents living with Motor Neurone Disease (MND)

We would like to request that Southwark Council adopt the MND Charter in order to positively influence the lives of people living with MND and loved ones within the community.

While the much needed research is carried out to find a treatment and eventually cure for MND, we need to focus on the care that those suffering with MND receive, which is the right care in the right time. This is the aspiration of the MND Charter.

The MND charter is made up of 5 steps:

1. The right to an early diagnosis and information
2. The right to access quality care and treatments
3. The right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect
4. The right to maximise their quality of life
5. Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported.

While councils aren't responsible for everything outlined in the MND Charter, they are a vital part of the jigsaw. Various decisions made by local councillors can have significant impact regarding the services and care available for people with MND, such as social care, housing adaptations and support for carers.

When services are provided in a timely person-centred way, this has a hugely positive impact on the person with MND and their family. I know this from personal experiencing of caring for my dad with MND.

If the council were to adopt and 'live' the Charter, it could prove a positive not only to people with MND but also to all the other neurological diseases/conditions that are not as aggressive and fast progression/deterioration as MND. If we can get it right for people with MND, we can get it right for many other people.

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Item No. 5.2	Classification: Open	Date: 13 July 2016	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Late Motion	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The councillor introducing or “moving” the motion may make a speech directed to the matter under discussion. This may not exceed five minutes¹.

A second councillor will then be asked by the Mayor to “second” the motion. This may not exceed three minutes without the consent of the Mayor.

The meeting will then debate the issue and any amendments on the motion will be dealt with.

At the end of the debate the mover of the motion may make a concluding speech, known as a “right of reply”. If an amendment is carried, the mover of the amendment shall hold the right of reply to any subsequent amendments and, if no further amendments are carried, at the conclusion of the debate on the substantive motion.

The Mayor will then ask councillors to vote on the motion (and any amendments).

IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution allocates responsibility for particular functions to council assembly, including approving the budget and policy framework, and allocates to the cabinet responsibility for developing and implementing the budget and policy framework and overseeing the running of council services on a day-to-day basis. Therefore any matters that are reserved to the cabinet (i.e. housing, social services, regeneration, environment, education etc.) cannot be decided upon by council assembly without prior reference to the cabinet. While it would be in order for council assembly to discuss an issue, consideration of any of the following should be referred to the cabinet:

- to change or develop a new or existing policy
- to instruct officers to implement new procedures
- to allocate resources.

Note: In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.10.7 and 8 (prioritisation and rotation by the political groups) the order in which motions appear in the agenda may not necessarily be the order in which they are considered at the meeting.

¹ Council assembly procedure rule 1.14.9

6. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER** (Seconded by Councillor Renata Hamvas)

Rights of EU Citizens

1. Council assembly notes the 52% rise in hate crime and racial abuse in London reported to the Metropolitan Police since the EU referendum and the need to reassure EU residents in Southwark that the council stands with them against such incidents.
2. Council assembly further notes the level of unease and insecurity expressed by many EU residents about the lack of information about their future residency and working rights in the United Kingdom following the referendum result and how this impacts on the 21,977 registered European Union voters in Southwark and council employees who are EU voters.
3. Council assembly believes the government has so far failed to provide any assurances to EU citizens resident in the United Kingdom that they will have the right to remain in this country and supports calls that this issue should not be used as a bargaining chip in the Government's negotiations on leaving the European Union.
4. Council assembly acknowledges the growing calls for action with over 50,000 people signing a petition nationally calling on the Prime Minister to guarantee the rights of EU citizens in the United Kingdom.
5. Council assembly calls on cabinet to urge the government and the borough's Members of Parliament to support all measures to secure the right to remain for EU citizens in Southwark.

Notes:

1. This late motion was received after the deadline for receipt of motions had passed. The reasons for urgency and lateness are:
 - the issue has become urgent since the result of the EU referendum on 23 June and after the deadline for motions had passed for July council assembly.
 - there are a large number of concerned EU citizens living in Southwark and council employees who are contacting their elected representatives urging action
 - there are currently parliamentary debates and actions that Southwark's MPs will be involved in and they should hear the council's views on the issue.
2. If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

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AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.2 – MOTION ON THE THEME - TACKLING THE HOUSING CRISIS (see pages 29-30 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Delete all and **replace** with:

1. Council assembly believes:
 - there is a desperate need for more genuinely affordable housing for Southwark residents
 - development should be done ‘with’ communities and not ‘to’ them.
2. Council assembly notes with concern that:
 - since 2010 only 68 council homes have been built while 1,973 have been sold or demolished
 - many affordable homes in new developments are not being delivered at council rents, despite that being a condition of planning approval
 - many of the new council homes planned should have been built as part of developers’ affordable housing contributions
 - many new developments such as One the Elephant, One Blackfriars and Fielden House have 100% private luxury flats with no on-site affordable homes while existing council estates are having new homes squeezed in, leading to divided communities
 - there have been serious complaints from residents about how potential housing sites have been identified and poor consultation processes, including the Mayflower and South Dock Marina sites.
 - the Southwark Regeneration in Partnership programme received no bids from developers for the eight Lot A sites in the north of the borough
 - the recent report by the Department for Communities and Local Government which showed that last year Southwark had the highest number of empty homes of any London borough and the fourth-highest number of homes empty more than six months (long-term voids)
 - the borough’s unhealthy relationship with developers dictates the terms of regeneration schemes and affordable housing levels.
3. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to:
 - identify measures to bring all the 4,677 empty homes in the borough back into use
 - ensure that the Council’s 35% affordable housing target is met in every planning application and that an urgent study is carried out into the number of schemes that have failed to meet this target since May 2010 or where the developer has not met their requirement as stated in planning consents.

- ensure that all viability assessments are made public, and that at least one in three homes in every new development are genuinely affordable
- review urgently the council's consultation processes to ensure that development is done 'with' residents, not 'to' them.

ITEM 5.2.2 – MEMBERS' MOTIONS - SCHOOL FUNDING IN SOUTHWARK (see pages 37-38 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor James Okosun

Seconded: Councillor James Barber

After paragraph 3 **insert:**

3. Council assembly further believes that welcome recent initiatives, such as the Pupil Premium introduced by Liberal Democrats in the previous government which has provided extra funding to Southwark's schools, should be protected in future years.
4. Council assembly acknowledges that at the last general election the Liberal Democrats were the only party with a manifesto commitment to ringfence and then increase the education budget in real terms from early years to age 19 - the equivalent of £5.2bn more funding than the Conservatives and £2.5bn more than Labour - by 2020.

Renumber paragraphs accordingly.

ITEM 5.2.3 – MEMBERS' MOTIONS - TAX COMPLIANCE AND PROCUREMENT (see pages 38-39 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Kieron Williams

Seconded: Councillor Eleanor Kerlake

After paragraph 2 **insert:**

Council Assembly welcomes the Corporate Tax Transparency Initiative that the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum is spearheading, which seeks to use the collective shareholder power of Local Authority Pension Funds to influence the companies we part own.

Renumber paragraphs accordingly.

ITEM 5.2.4 – MEMBERS' MOTIONS - A CINDERELLA LINE (see page 39 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Fiona Colley

Seconded: Councillor Nick Dolezal

After paragraph 5 **insert:**

6. Council assembly notes that hundreds of Southwark rail services have been cut this week under a new timetable, which follows months of disruption, delays and cancellations for passengers on Southern services.
7. Council assembly notes that the new timetable has only 1-2 services an hour through Peckham Rye and Queens Road to London Bridge and vice versa, which will lead to massive delays, station overcrowding and huge disruption for our residents trying to get to work.
8. Council assembly notes its concern that the new timetable, which has 341 fewer daily services, will compromise passenger safety by leaving remaining trains dangerously overcrowded, and will leave an already unreliable service at breaking point.
9. Council assembly condemns Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) for failing to provide an adequate and reliable service for passengers and believes that the government should strip GTR of its franchise and allow Transport for London to run the service.

Renumber paragraphs accordingly.

Note: In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.14.15, a member may alter a motion of which they have given notice, with the consent of the meeting. The meeting's consent will be signified without discussion. This alteration will be included for approval as part of the programme motion.

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Damian O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Rosie Shimell

After paragraph 1 **insert:**

Council assembly further notes that London Bridge station is also facing overcrowding at peak times due to a combination of train service disruptions and ongoing construction work at the station, and that this is leading to further delays and passenger dissatisfaction.

After paragraph 4 **insert:**

Council assembly also recognises that Govia Thameslink passengers are suffering currently from strike action and high levels of staff sickness, and supports calls for the company to resolve these issues as well as abandon the new revised timetable on its

Southern Trains network meaning 341 fewer services each day and leading to Southwark stations such as East Dulwich having even fewer trains during the morning rush hour compared to the previous already crowded service.

After paragraph 5 **insert**:

Council assembly further calls on the cabinet to supports calls for:

- Southern Trains executives not to receive their bonuses
- A new system of passenger refunds for journeys delayed more than 15 and 30 minutes
- The company to lose their franchise as a result of their ongoing failure to provide a decent service to Southwark residents
- Suburban rail services to be incorporated into the Transport for London network and for the Southern Trains franchise to be one of the first to be transferred given the ongoing service issues.

Renumber paragraphs accordingly.

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