

Council Assembly

Wednesday 11 July 2018
7.00 pm
Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

Supplemental Agenda No. 2

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Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 11 July 2018	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Requests	
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 groups 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 requests

5. The following deputation requests have been received:

1. **Friends of Camberwell Cemeteries: Save Southwark Woods Campaign**

The deputation request states:

"The Friends of Camberwell Cemeteries, Save Southwark Woods Campaign, request to make a deputation to Southwark Council assembly to explain why residents oppose Southwark's Cemetery Strategy and to call on Southwark to protect the cemeteries as nature reserves.

Burial in Southwark Cemeteries is coming at too high a price, necessitating:

- cutting down hundreds of trees across 12 acres of Camberwell Old Cemetery alone, a Grade 1 SINIC for nature;
- destroying thousands of memorials of Southwark's dead;
- developing over WW1 and WW2 war graves and WW2 Blitz victims;
- digging up the dead and burying over their bones and in their graves;
- destroying a public asset for mental and physical health;
- excluding most of Southwark's 30,000+ Muslim and Jewish residents - as many as half of Southwark's known burial demand.

It is vital Southwark's councillors learn their strategy is out of date, destructive and unpopular with residents. There are no cemetery or woodland management plans in place, no Environmental Impact Assessments of the strategy or planning applications, no Southwark Burial Needs Assessment as recommended by Harriet Harman MP, no analysis of alternative burial options.

Southwark Council is appearing to ignore four years of public objection to plans, with a petition now over 15,000 names - including more than 5,000 Southwark residents - and more than 2,000 written objections to planning applications and public consultation exercises. The cemeteries should be saved as nature reserves because their 100 acres of woods, meadows and nature are a public asset for health, leisure and climate resilience worth more than £20m a year in benefits and services to the borough. They are Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation, not manicured parks but havens of habitat, woodland and meadow ecosystems of great value to residents and the wider public - the very argument Southwark Council made in 2013 when applying to include them in the South London Green Chain extension."

2. Dodson and Amigo Hall TRA: Taking action on AirBnB

The deputation request states:

"The Dodson and Amigo Estate, Cooper Close and Gerridge Court have been very much affected by the anti social behaviour and nuisance from AirBnBs.

For example, one house has had its sitting room turned into a five bed. Some AirBnB hosts are giving out estate security codes to guests. There have been reports of bottle-throwing from estate balconies and walkways. A number of guests have thrown loud, late night parties in flats. Many guests are not asked to arrive before 22.00 or to enter flats quietly – and some arrive in the middle of the night with wheeled suitcases. We suffer from this all year round."

3. Bankside Residents' Forum: Community infrastructure levy

The deputation request states:

"Further to the pledges made regarding community infrastructure levy (CIL) by the current leader of the council at the election hustings on 24 April 2018, Councillor Peter John OBE, please could the following be verified:

1. That CIL will be allocated to projects prioritised by the community (residents, businesses, local stakeholders, and ward councillors)

2. That prioritisation will occur according to evidence of support from local residents and others, evidence of need and how the project is meeting that need.

3. That community CIL money (25% of CIL) will be spent nearest to where it accrued (giving regard to mitigating the impact on those nearest to the development from where the CIL has accrued).

4. That CIL will be spent within the ward it has accrued.

5. That CIL will be allocated to local organisations to be procured and delivered.

Will Councillor Peter John OBE and the relevant cabinet member meet with us and other relevant stakeholders in Bankside to discuss and progress the above?"

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Virginia Wynn-Jones 020 7525 7055
Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.6, Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Virginia Wynn-Jones 020 7525 7055

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Chidilim Agada, Head of Constitutional Services	
Report Author	Virginia Wynn-Jones, Principal Constitutional Officer	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Title	Comments sought	Comments included
Director of Law & Democracy	No	No
Strategic Director Finance and Governance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	9 July 2018	

AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3: THEMED DEBATE - STRONGER, SAFER, MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES (see pages 26-27 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor William Hougbo

Insert new points in paragraph 1:

- i. That Southwark currently has the highest level of knife crime incidents in London and that reducing knife crime should be a key priority for the council.
- j. That local councils can hire additional police officers and the Mayor of London will match-fund these officers under the Met Patrol Plus scheme.
- k. That Labour-run boroughs, such as Tower Hamlets, have taken up the scheme and deployed additional officers to target local crime priorities.
- l. That any crime reduction policy must have a twin focus on law enforcement and the root causes of crime.
- m. That active citizens and communities, with opportunities to participate, volunteer and take ownership of their neighbourhoods, create stronger, safer and more resilient communities.
- n. The added value that this approach can deliver is demonstrated by organisations such as Bankside Open Spaces Trust (BOST), who look after green spaces in Borough & Bankside, Link Age Southwark who support and befriend older people in the borough and Tenant Management Organisations such as Leathermarket JMB who manage council housing.

Insert new points in paragraph 2:

- e. Establish a violent crime unit comprising of specialised surveillance, community intelligence and undercover officers, under the authority of the Borough Commander, to proactively tackle knife crime by recruiting additional police officers via the Met Patrol Plus scheme.
- f. Empower residents by creating more opportunities for active citizens, community participation and ownership by extending opportunities for charities and community and voluntary organisations to deliver services and manage council assets in partnership with the council.
- g. Launch a civic pride campaign along the lines of People Make Glasgow or We Love Manchester to promote pride in Southwark and stronger communities.

ITEM 5.2.2: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - RISING CRIME IN SURREY DOCKS (see pages 36-37 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Charlie Smith
Seconded: Councillor Maggie Browning

Paragraph 1:

Delete sections c), d), e) and f)

Replace with

“c) That under a Labour administration, action has been taken by Southwark Council to tackle anti-social behaviour, and the number of arrests using CCTV footage has increased thanks to the work of the council’s award-winning CCTV team.

d) That under the previous Liberal Democrat administration, CCTV coverage was cut and anti-social behaviour powers were not used most effectively.”

Paragraph 2:

Insert:

a) After “across London” insert “thanks to the cuts imposed by this Conservative Government and the previous Liberal Democrat/Conservative Coalition.

b) After “957 to” delete “665” and replace with “706.5 officers, including 546 police constables” and delete “- a 30% drop”

Delete d), e) and f)

Paragraph 3:

a) After “hired” **delete** “39” and **replace** with “additional”.

Delete b), c), d), e), f) and g) and replace with:

“b) The Tower Hamlets scheme is still in at an early stage and the success of these arrangements is still to be determined.

c) Whilst the Mayor of London will provide a free officer for every officer that the council pays for, the cost to Tower Hamlets Council will be £3m per year once they have all the officers they have agreed to purchase in place.

d) That thanks to cuts from this Conservative government and the previous Liberal Democrat/Conservative coalition, the council’s budget has been halved since 2010, and is continuing to reduce year on year.”

Paragraph 4:

a) **Delete** “hire” and **replace with** “Investigate, alongside other options, hiring”

Delete b), c) and d) and **replace with** “Continue to work with the police and the Borough Commander to prevent, detect and respond to crime and anti-social behaviour in Southwark.”

e) **Delete** “install” and **replace with** “Consider installing”

Re-number e).

ITEM 5.2.4: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - SAVING THE RV1 BUS (see pages 38-39 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Renata Hamvas

Seconded: Councillor Gavin Edwards

Paragraph 1:

After f) **insert** new point:

g) "The cross party support for returning to the former timetable of the RV1 bus, including the commitment in the 2018 Southwark Labour manifesto to campaign to reinstate the frequency of the RV1 bus service."

Paragraph 3:

Delete whole section and **replace** with:

"3. Council Assembly further notes:

a) That the Deputy Mayor for Transport has agreed to review the service after six months (by 10 August 2018) following Mayoral Questions from London Assembly Members Caroline Pigeon and Florence Eshalomi.

b) That Labour London Assembly Member Florence Eshalomi has written to both the Mayor and TfL about the changes to the RV1 bus, and also discussed this with Heidi Alexander, the newly appointed Deputy Mayor for Transport."

Paragraph 4:

Delete a) and **replace with** "Continue to campaign for the RV1 bus to return to six services an hour."

Delete c) and **replace with** "Encourage the Mayor and TfL to explore the suggestion to market the RV1 bus as a route serving multiple tourist attractions since the route passes dozens of London Southwark landmarks along the river."

Paragraph 5:

Delete a) and **replace with** "Review the changes to the RV1 bus service after 6 months"

Delete c) and **replace with** "Introduce more zero-emission buses in Southwark to cut the high concentrations of air pollution in the borough."

ITEM 5.2.5: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - SECURING A BRICKLAYERS ARMS TUBE STATION (see pages 39-40 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Karl Eastham

Seconded: Councillor Sirajul Islam

Paragraph 1:

Insert new points:

"e) Before the last election, Southwark Labour's manifesto made a commitment to Campaign for three new tube stations on the Old Kent Road, including one at the Bricklayers Arms.

f) The Leader and the Cabinet Member for Growth, Development and Planning have written to the new Deputy Mayor for Transport, Heidi Alexander, to press the case for a tube station at the Bricklayers Arms, and has invited her to visit the site to see for herself the potential of the location.

g) That, following pressure from Southwark Council, TfL are undertaking a detailed cost-benefit analysis and design study that looks at the different options for the tube station at Bricklayers Arms."

Paragraph 4:

Delete all, and **replace** with:

"a) Maintain their commitment to make contributions through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) toward the Bakerloo Line Extension.

b) Produce a detailed study working with the London Borough of Lewisham and TfL to look at funding options.

c) Investigate commissioning an independent analysis of TfL's findings and decision when announced in July.

d) Continue to lobby the Mayor of London, the Deputy Mayor for Transport, and TfL for a station at Bricklayers Arms, and launch a new 'Back the Bakerloo' campaign, working with the local community to demonstrate to TfL the widespread support for the Bricklayers Arms station."

Paragraph 5:

Delete all.

ITEM 5.2.6: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - TAKING ACTION ON AIRBNB (see pages 41-42 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Stephanie Cryan

Seconded: Councillor Tom Flynn

Change title of motion to **“Taking action on short term letting”**

Paragraph 1:

b) After “plenty” **delete** “of Airbnb and”

e) After “via” **delete** “Airbnb or other”

Delete f) and **replace with** “that short term letting can lead to security risks, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance, and other loss of amenity for our residents.”

g) After “That some” **delete** “Airbnbs” and **replace with** “short tem lettings”

After g) **insert** new point:

“h) That the housing crisis in London is worsened by the proliferation of short term lets on council estates.”

Paragraph 2:

Delete b) and **replace with** “Reports of anti-social behaviour related to short term lets have been made by residents across the borough.”

Delete c) and **replace with** “That despite the hard work of Southwark Council, including writing to all leaseholders as outlined in (1), short-term lets have continued in Southwark council properties.

Paragraph 3:

a) After “Short term letting” insert “of council properties”

b) after “(2)” insert “and applaud the Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Modernisation for her work on this issue, and recognise that Southwark was among the first local authorities to take this stance on short-term lets.”

Paragraph 4:

Delete c) and **replace with** “Continue to notify leaseholders when short term lets have been identified in their properties and discourage them from letting on a short term basis.”

d) Before “Record” **insert** “Continue to”

Delete f)

h) After “offenders” **insert** “and intervene early to prevent enforcement from being necessary where possible”

i) **Delete** “Airbnb and other platforms” and **replace with** “short term letting platforms”

Delete j) and **replace with** “Continue to work with TMOs and TRAs across the borough to identify potential short term lets on estates.”

Delete k) and l)

ITEM 5.2.7: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - JAMAICA ROAD GRIDLOCK (see pages 43-44 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Bill Williams
Seconded: Councillor Sunny Lambe

Paragraph 1:

After "Council Assembly" **delete** "is exasperated by" and **replace with** "notes".

Delete e) and **replace with** "That TfL has not introduced Variable Message Signs on Jamaica Road. There are roughly 3,000 of these across England – but not on one of its most congested roads.

Insert new point:

"f) That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport Management and Air Quality has raised the issue of congestion on Jamaica Road with the new Deputy Mayor for Transport, Heidi Alexander."

Paragraph 3:

e) **Delete** "Finally introduce" and **replace with** "Consider introducing" before "Variable Message Signs on roads"

g) After "Introduce" **delete** "electric" and **replace with** "zero emission"

Paragraph 5:

Delete all after "Council assembly calls on cabinet to:" and **replace with:**

"a) Work with TfL to continue to explore proposals to fund the Bermondsey-Rotherhithe Santander bike hire expansion.

b) Consider installing a PM2.5/PM10 (Particulate Matter pollution) automatic monitoring station on Jamaica Road, as a part of Labour's manifesto commitment to tackling poor air quality and air pollution.

c) Promote existing apps and website where residents can check air quality and pollution levels in real time."

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