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Council Assembly

Wednesday 28 November 2018

7.00 pm

Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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Item No. 3.1	Classification: Open	Date: 28 November 2018	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. The council assembly business panel agrees the themes for meetings of council assembly. The panel agreed that the theme for 28 November 2018 council assembly should be 'The best possible start in life'.

Community evidence on the theme

2. The deadline for community evidence was 11.59pm, Thursday 22 November 2018.
3. The following requests have been received by the deadline for consideration by this meeting and they are listed 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

1. **Mark Webb, Chair Camberwell Green Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team Ward Panel**

The community evidence requests states:

"I have over twenty five years of knowledge, skills and understanding in violent crime and counter-violent crime. I have myriad professional qualifications and countless hours of hands on training and experience. This year has been a horrific one in term's of young lives lost to violent crime in London, many of those murdered lived here in Southwark. I believe that I have low-cost and easy to apply solutions to our communities rising violent crime problem, something that clearly prevents many of our young people from having the best possible start in life. Fear of crime is making younger and younger children take up carrying blades for protection. Younger and younger children and teens are becoming the victims of violent crime. Please let me help to stem the tide of violence. Let me speak, listen to what I have to say. I will not waste your time."

2. David Monaghan

The community evidence requests states:

"I would like to notify the meeting I wish to speak on community issues relating to specialist clinical services and inter-agency work for children and families in Southwark."

3. Chris Burns

The community evidence requests states:

"I would like to give a whistlestop tour of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), toxic stress and the vital strategic importance of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) as part of the antidote. When someone has been stressed intensely or persistently to the extent of chronic stress it creates long-term as well as short-term problems. Research shows that 67% of the population have experienced one ACE, while 13% of the population have faced four or more ACEs, where four or more untreated ACEs tip people into toxic stress and greatly increase risk of catastrophic health problems. Toxic stress rewrites the epigenome, which means the effects are multigenerational. The long-term implications are clear; with disruptions to the cardiovascular, endocrine, nervous and immune systems playing havoc with mental and physical health. People need to look at the long-term implications which can include vastly higher risks for a large number of fatal conditions.

I am a foster carer trying to interest local services in offering support for the long-term health implications of looked after children's life experiences. Over 1/10 children in the general population have experiences which can affect their long term health. This figure will be much higher for looked-after children. Some possible solutions are early intervention, parental education, risk screening, and proactive interventions regarding medical conditions. CAMHS is central to addressing the issues in terms of assessing the impact, providing therapy and supporting parents."

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Constitution	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Constitutional Team constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk 020 7525 7228

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Chidilim Agada, Head of Constitutional Services	
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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	23 November 2018	

Agenda Item 4

Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 28 November 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 five 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 five 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. Southwark Group of Tenants Organisations

The deputation request states:

"Our members are concerned about the Resident Involvement Review that Southwark Council are carrying out. This poses significant changes to how tenants and residents associations (TRAs) access funds and the democratic structures of tenant and resident voice across the borough.

Southwark Council has 36,000 tenants and very few tenants have heard of the Resident Engagement Review. Southwark Council have faced much opposition to the way the review is being carried out. A panel has been put together to make decisions on the future of resident engagement across the borough, Southwark Council tenants are facing massive changes which they and many councillors are unaware of. This is why it is important we are heard."

2. A People's Vote on Brexit

The deputation request states:

"As a cross-party group of ordinary residents who have read the members' motion, we hope that Southwark Council will support this motion without any conditions or limitations."

3. Alice in Winterland

The deputation request states:

"The deputation is about the consultation and process for the contract for Alice in Winterland which was agreed by the events department and the principle of using the park for private events."

4. Metropolitan Open Land

The deputation request states:

"The deputation asks the council members to consider the current council process for selecting, consultation and approval of events, especially commercial events, which may detriment Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) within the borough.

The benefits of MOL for the physical and mental wellbeing of borough residents are very important. With increasing numbers of housing planned for the borough, it is very important the MOL is maintained and enhanced.

We recognise the opportunity to utilise the resources of borough MOL through commercial activities.

The environmental factors and social benefit are important considerations on the selection of activities.

Public debate, enabled by full commercial disclosure, and inclusion of all views, is essential for transparency.

The deputation would like to ask the council to consider some engaging ideas which could be incorporated into the selection process for future MOL, and potentially other public resourced activities.

This deputation does not intend to discuss the current Alice in Winterland event in Southwark Park, and looks at ensuring future MOL usage selection works well and for the best balance of benefits for all stakeholders.

Please consider this deputation for this council assembly."

5. South Southwark for Europe

The deputation request states:

"We would like to put forward the arguments of the many London Borough Councils who have declared their support for a 'People's Vote'."

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

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AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3: THEMED DEBATE - THE BEST POSSIBLE START IN LIFE (see pages 17-20 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Dan Whitehead

Delete sections 1-3 and **replace** with:

1. Council assembly notes that:
 - a. All Councillors in the borough want our citizens to have the best start in life.
 - b. Education has improved significantly since 2002 and this has been a result of hard work by young people, parents, schools, council officers and politicians from all parties.
 - c. The introduction of the Pupil Premium for disadvantaged children by Liberal Democrats in government has made the UK one of very few countries in the world to spend more on its poorest pupils than it does on its wealthiest
 - d. Liberal Democrats have ensured in law that mental health is treated with an equal priority to physical health
 - e. The previous Labour government's policy of detaining innocent children seeking asylum was scrapped by Liberal Democrats
 - f. Youth services funding was regrettably cut by 50% in 2016 by Southwark Labour.

Renumber section 4 to 2 and **insert** the following paragraphs at the end of this section:

3. Council assembly notes:
 - a. The Times recently reported that Southwark has had the most murders in London over the past year. Tragically, young people have directly and indirectly been victims of these crimes to a disproportionately high degree. Council Assembly therefore proposes concrete proposals to combat crime by:
 - i. Directly funding a specialist 'Knife Crime Unit' to undertake focused and long-term investigations to proactively target knife crime that has more than doubled in recent years
 - ii. Fully reversing the cuts to youth services and doubling funding on youth services across the borough
 - b. The housing crisis is a major block to young people achieving the best possible start in life. Over the past eight years, Southwark Council has lost over 2000 council homes. Council Assembly therefore calls for:
 - i. The establishment of an Empty Homes Unit, to reduce the number of vacant properties in the borough, which currently is by far the highest in London and more than neighbouring boroughs of Lambeth, Lewisham and Tower Hamlets combined.

- ii. The wider use, and threat of use, of Compulsory Purchase Orders for those landlords who do not ensure their properties are available and habitable.
 - iii. The establishment of a borough-wide licensing scheme that prevents good landlords from being under-cut by poor landlords, and secures decent quality housing for everyone.
 - c. As the recent IPCC report makes clear, climate change is a reality and one that seriously threatens the future of younger people in Southwark. Council assembly therefore asserts:
 - i. Its support for greater investment in green infrastructure locally, and calls for the Mayor of London and TfL to commit to building the tube station at Bricklayers Arms, fully reverse the cuts to bus services, especially the RV1;
 - ii. That the council should finally deliver on its years-old promise to extend the Santander Bike-hire scheme across the Borough;
 - iii. That the council should introduce more electric vehicle charge-points across the borough, to speed-up the shift from polluting fossil-fuels to electric vehicles powered by renewable energy via the National Grid.
- 4. Council assembly also notes that:
 - a. Polls suggest that young people overwhelmingly support Britain's membership of the European Union
 - b. Many young people were denied a chance to express their view in the referendum on whether to stay in the European Union as they had not reached legal voting age in 2016
 - c. If Brexit goes ahead, Southwark's young people will lose the rights that they currently enjoy to freely work, study, and live in the European Union
 - d. Any form of Brexit will damage the economy, and with it, prevent Southwark's young people from getting the best possible start in life.
- 5. Council assembly therefore calls for:
 - a. The legal voting age to be lowered to 16
 - b. A people's vote on the final Brexit deal, with an option to remain in the European Union on the ballot paper.

ITEM 5.2.1: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - A PEOPLE'S VOTE ON BREXIT (see page 29 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Graham Neale

Seconded: Councillor Humaira Ali

Insert new paragraph after section 2, as follows:

3. In the event of the Prime Minister's deal being rejected by Parliament, Southwark Council believes the people should be consulted on the future direction of our country via a People's Vote referendum, including an option to remain in the EU.

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Victoria Mills
Seconded: Councillor James McAsh

1. b. After “the final Brexit deal” **insert** “and polls also indicate a clear opposition to the deal that the Prime Minister has proposed.”

1. g. After “opponents of Brexit.” **insert** “Similarly, the draft Withdrawal Agreement proposed by the Prime Minister is unlikely to be approved in a vote in Parliament.”

After 1.j. **insert** new points:

1. k. The Prime Minister’s deal does not meet the six tests set out by the Labour Party in order to support any deal, which are:

- i. Does it ensure a strong and collaborative future relationship with the EU?
- ii. Does it deliver the “exact same benefits” as we currently have as members of the Single Market and Customs Union?
- iii. Does it ensure the fair management of migration in the interests of the economy and communities?
- iv. Does it defend rights and protections and prevent a race to the bottom?
- v. Does it protect national security and our capacity to tackle cross-border crime?
- vi. Does it deliver for all regions and nations of the UK?

1. l. The Prime Minister has failed to satisfy members of her own party, the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats that this deal is right for Britain, and she is unlikely to command a Parliamentary majority to approve her deal.

2. **Insert** “In that event” before “Council assembly therefore:”

2. a. After “opportunity to vote” **insert** “either in a General Election, or failing that, a public vote”

2. b. **Delete** “Formally adds” and **insert** “Supports all options remaining on the table in the event that a General Election is not called immediately, including formally adding” before “its voice to those”

2. c. After “Brexit is implemented” **insert** “in the event that a General Election is not called immediately”

ITEM 5.2.2: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - SCHOOL CUTS (see page 30 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Dan Whitehead
Seconded: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Insert:

In point 2. b. 'Liberal Democrat Councillors' after 'three Labour MPs'

and

Insert:

3. d. 'To recognise that the Pupil Premium benefits the most disadvantaged pupils in the borough, with Southwark pupils receiving over £112 million since the scheme was introduced, and confirms its commitment to ensuring that pupils continue to receive this support.'

**ITEM 5.2.4: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - END UNFAIR EVICTIONS - ABOLISH SECTION 21
OF 1988 HOUSING ACT** (see page 31 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Hamish McCallum

Seconded: Councillor Adele Morris

Insert:

3. d. 'Introduce a borough-wide selective licensing scheme to protect tenants from rogue landlords and ensure that every rental property in Southwark meets minimum standard for quality, safety and security.'

ITEM 5.2.6: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - OPPOSING BUS CUTS (see page 33 - 34 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Damian O'Brien
Seconded: Councillor Victor Chamberlain

Insert:

3. a. After 'To work with', 'Caroline Pidgeon AM, Chair of the London Assembly's Transport Committee and'

ITEM 5.2.7: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - OVERGROUND TICKET OFFICE CLOSURES (see page 34 - 35 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor Nick Johnson

Seconded: Councillor Jane Salmon

Insert

3. b. after 'Ask', 'Caroline Pidgeon AM, Chair of the London Assembly's Transport Committee and'

ITEM 5.2.8: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - SOLIDARITY WITH THE WINDRUSH GENERATION (see page 35 - 36 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT H

Moved: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle

Seconded: Councillor Martin Seaton

At the start, **insert** new points:

1. Windrush has become a symbol of African-Caribbean migration to the UK following the British government's invitation to workers from the Commonwealth countries to help reduce the British labour shortage and rebuild the war damaged country.
2. Council assembly pays tribute to Patrick Vernon OBE, former Hackney Labour councillor, for first raising this issue by starting the online petition for justice for Windrush.

Then re-number all subsequent points accordingly.

3. After "thousands of people" **delete** "who moved" and **replace with** "who answered the call to move" and after "independent from the UK" **delete** "known as the Windrush generation".
4. After a. **insert** new point:
 - b. The contribution of black women such as Princess Ademola, daughter of the Alake of Abeokuta, the paramount chief in northern Nigeria who worked at Guys Hospital.

Then renumber all subsequent points accordingly.

Delete 4.c. and **replace with:**

- c. Southwark Labour's manifesto commitment to continuing to make Southwark a borough where all migrants feel welcome, with families who have lived here for generations living alongside people who have newly arrived from every corner of the globe to make our borough their home."
8. After d. **insert** new points:
- e. To review and ensure all council policies seek to reduce the impact of the "Hostile Environment".
 - f. To work together with other London Boroughs to ensure a joined-up approach to mitigating and eradicating this scandal.

AMENDMENT I**Moved:** Councillor Humaira Ali**Seconded:** Councillor Eliza Mann**Replace:**

2. b. 'Southwark Labour's manifesto'

with

'Southwark Labour and Southwark Liberal Democrats ongoing'

Delete:

3. a. 'The "Hostile Environment" policies initiated by Theresa May as Home Secretary of the coalition government, which'

And **replace with:**3. a. The "Hostile Environment" policies that were first initiated and made official government policy by the Labour Home Secretary Alan Johnson¹, and subsequently were accepted and continued by her successor Theresa May as Conservative Home Secretary. These have'**Delete:**

5. b. 'this Conservative government and the previous Liberal Democrat/Conservative coalition government has been appalling, racist, and inexcusable, and must be condemned.'

And **replace with:**

'successive governments of all parties has been appalling, inexcusable and must be condemned.'

Insert new section:

4. Council assembly notes:
- a. That unlike both the Labour party and the Conservative party, it has never been the policy of the Liberal Democrats to make Britain a 'Hostile Environment' for those who move here.
 - b. That there is a very real danger of the treatment the Windrush generation endured will be repeated with European citizens after Brexit.
 - c. That the statements by both the Labour Leader of the Opposition and the Labour Shadow Chancellor explicitly stated that the United Kingdom must leave the European Union in order to stop Eastern European immigrants coming to Britain were appalling, inexcusable and must be condemned
 - d. That very many, including the Labour MP Chuka Umunna and the editor of the Labour-supporting New Statesman Stephen Bush, have stated their belief that the Labour party is an 'institutionally racist' organisation, according to the criteria of the Macpherson report.

¹ See February 2010 Home Office Report, 'Protecting our Border, Protecting the Public'.

- e. That the Labour party is now regarded by many, both in Britain and internationally, as a racist organisation and that is, or should be, a matter of great shame for the party and its representatives.
- f. That consequently, no party can be, or should be, complacent or retreat into denial when faced with accusations of racism, or assume that it alone is pure enough to be trusted with avoiding racist government policies while in power.

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