

Council Assembly

Wednesday 22 November 2023

7.00 pm

Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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| Item No. 2.2 | Classification: Open | Date: 22 November 2023 | Meeting Name: Council Assembly |
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1. QUESTION FROM JUDY PEVAN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

While recognising the strength of opposition to blanket CPZs and despite evidence of parking pressure, why is there still a desire to implement CPZ's in smaller areas of Nunhead and Queen's Road? Particularly as confirmed there will be a yes/no option. Can you publish all data that informed decision making?

2. QUESTION FROM STEVE HALL TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Can the council confirm if they will continue to allow a car-owning minority to dictate council policy on CPZs to the detriment of pedestrians and cyclists (including the disabled - not all disabled people drive), or will they return to Labour's one-time ethos of serving 'the many not the few'?

3. QUESTION FROM RICHARD KERNICK TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Can the council offer a revised version of point 1.3, page 14 of the Streets for People policy, following the acknowledgement that a borough-wide CPZ is ineffective? The update should align with the recognition that CPZs should address parking stress in specific areas after thorough consultation with local residents.

4. QUESTION FROM LINDSAY CHATHLI TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Regarding e-bike hire companies active in Southwark, will Councillor Williams confirm what contractual arrangements or agreements are in place with Southwark Council governing their activities and what terms govern the e-bike trial in which Southwark is 'working with' Human Forest and Lime to deliver e-bike services across the borough?

5. QUESTION FROM CLIVE RATES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Please can Councillor McAsh confirm whether Southwark Council

received legal advice, prior to the Cabinet meeting on 10 July 2023, on the lawfulness of the proposed borough-wide CPZ plan including the consultation plan denying residents the opportunity to reject the CPZ, and whether the advice confirmed that it was lawful.

6. QUESTION FROM ALEX HAMILTON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Councillor McAsh has stated that ‘residents in many areas told us that they did not need or want controlled parking’. Please can Southwark publish the full results of their CPZ consultations, and of the work undertaken ‘to understand parking pressure and traffic levels in these areas’, without delay.

7. QUESTION FROM CAROLINE PLATT TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Given the council’s commitment to inclusivity, it’s concerning the implementation of Trafalgar Extension CPZ relies heavily on use of smartphones, which will inevitably exclude elderly, disabled residents without access to technology.

How will you ensure parking services across Southwark are accessible to all residents, regardless of access to digital solutions?

8. QUESTION FROM JEAN CARY-ELWES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Given the ongoing harm being caused by the Dulwich LTN, including to disabled residents, why is Southwark Council refusing to participate in the Department of Transport’s review of these schemes? Is it afraid that the review would demonstrate the lack of local support for the LTN?

9. QUESTION FROM BELINDA BORASTON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CLEAN AIR AND STREETS

Southwark routinely denies the digitally excluded access to information and consultations. Will you therefore rectify the uninformed, flawed Streets for People Equality Impact Assessment to become compliant with the Public Sector Equality Duty regarding the protected characteristics of Age and Disability, including adverse impacts on those without a Blue Badge?

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| Item No. 3.1 | Classification: Open | Date: 22 November 2023 | Meeting Name: Council Assembly |
| Report title: | | Community Evidence on the Themed Debate | |
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Introduction

1. The council assembly business panel agreed that the theme for council assembly in March 2023 should be "Giving our children and young people the best start in life".

Community evidence on the theme

2. The deadline for community evidence was 11.59pm, 16 November 2023.
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.
5. If the community evidence is not dealt with by council assembly, the matter shall be referred without debate to the relevant cabinet member who shall, after consideration, respond with an open reply to the sender.

Submissions

1. Southwark Youth Parliament

The community evidence requests states:

"Representatives from the Youth Parliament would like to come to Council Assembly and present their future plans for the time in parliament."

2. Nathaniel Pamah, Football Fridays Youth Club

The community evidence requests states:

"I am the CEO of community interest company, Holistic Mastery CIC - a community empowerment organisation that supports and develops individuals from black and marginalised communities through our 4 services (1:1 Mentorship, Youth-led Youth Club, Bespoke Mental Health Support Services and Community Empowerment Engagements).

I would like to discuss my 3 asks regarding 1 of our 4 services - our Youth-led Youth Club, Football Fridays Youth Club (FFYC).

FFYC aims to:

- PROTECT young people from harm to themselves or others - keep young people safe
- DIRECT young people toward success and better life outcomes and away from failure and danger
- DEVELOP young people to unlock their talents and through self-empowerment become the best versions of themselves.

We empower our young people and hit our goals through sports, coaching, mentoring, pastoral care, and personal development workshops, presentations events and trips.

Our aims are directly linked to our three asks:

1. Sports provision to ensure young people have spaces to do sports activities south of the borough
2. Ensuring that these spaces are easily accessible and affordable/ free for young people from low income families
3. Developing mechanisms in youth provision to offer safe transportation for young people who are unable to travel to sports activities due to their safety."

3. **Evan Jones, St Giles Trust**

The community evidence requests states:

"Evan Jones, Director of Criminal Exploitation Development at St Giles Trust, would like to speak about what is called money muling, which is a type of financial exploitation of children and young people. Getting involved in this practice can affect them in a range of ways, from financial exclusion into adulthood through to being exploited and coerced to commit very serious offences, exposing themselves to huge amounts of risk. The seriousness of financial exploitation is often not recognised, nor are the ways that it can affect people's ability to benefit from mainstream financial services; Evan will seek to explain how this practice works, the risks it creates and ways it could be addressed."

4. **Greig Larsen, City of London Academy**

The community evidence requests states:

"I would like to present community evidence as to the new scheme to offer healthy school meals to families within the Southwark council area.

I work as the catering manager at a local secondary school and I would like to support the initiative as I know the benefits it can bring to the community."

5. Sonay Ozkutayli, the Neurodiversity Family Hub

The community evidence requests states:

“I am writing on behalf of the Neurodiversity Family Hub, a community-based nonprofit organisation dedicated to supporting children and young people with neurodiversity in Southwark, along with their families and caregivers.

In the wake of our deputation on 12 July 2023, our organisation has been actively engaged in addressing the pressing needs of our community. The demand for our services has surpassed our initial expectations, highlighting the critical importance of providing adequate support for children and young people with special educational needs (SEND).

Upon reviewing Councillor Jasmine Ali's motion for the upcoming assembly, I am convinced that Southwark stands at a pivotal moment, requiring bold decisions to ensure the equitable education of SEND students. It is our firm belief that affording every child the best possible start in life should extend universally, transcending surface-level considerations.”

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

| Background Papers | Held At | Contact |
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RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear deputations 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 (if the matter is not dealt with by council assembly, the matter shall be referred without debate to the relevant cabinet member who shall after consideration, respond with an open reply to the sender); *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. Jacqueline Gilmartin and colleagues

The deputation request states:

"On the subject of Children in Southwark and what we should do to change Southwark for a better future for them."

2. Michael Keating, ACORN Southwark

The deputation request states:

"This deputation would express the experiences of ACORN Southwark, a community & tenant advocacy union, in dealing with the council's housing allocations policy and procedures for tenants with additional housing needs. These experiences highlight areas where we believe that policy and practice might be improved for disabled residents, including:

- Issues with the sufficiency of information about accessibility in some properties when bidding
- Issues with clarity and communication when dealing with the council's allocations and health assessment procedures
- Issues with suitability of provision for particular additional needs, such as needing an accessible bath within an adapted home."

3. Loos for Southwark Group, Age UK London

The deputation request states:

"The deputation will cover the following:

Why improving public toilet provision will help to reduce social isolation in Southwark.

What action Loos for Southwark would like the Council to undertake. This includes:

- A request for the Council to develop, publish and implement a Southwark Public Toilet Strategy based on a needs assessment, meaningful residents' engagement and with an action plan that is monitored and scrutinised. We believe a named officer, should be identified as a lead for the strategy. A Strategy must include public toilets in town centres like Peckham alongside a strong and wide community toilets scheme.
- A meeting with a nominated Cabinet Member to discuss the subject of public toilet provision in Southwark."

4. Emilie Mendy, Bizzie Bodies

The deputation request states:

“We aim to advocate for the expansion of Bizzie Bodies services across the borough to pave the way for a fairer and brighter future. Here is an overview of the key points we plan to cover:

1. Equality in Education:
 - Emphasising the need for equal access to educational opportunities.
 - Demonstrating how STEAM education can bridge socio-economic gaps.
2. Empowering through STEAM:
 - Illustrating how a STEAM-focused approach allows young people to hone their skills.
 - Sharing success stories and tangible benefits from similar initiatives.
3. Outcomes of STEAM Education:
 - Improved critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
 - Enhanced creativity and innovation.
 - Increased competitiveness in the job market.
4. Call to Action:
 - Urging the council to support the expansion of Bizzie Bodies services.
 - Recommending collaboration with local institutions and businesses to strengthen STEAM programs.
5. Ensuring the Best Start in Life:
 - Connecting the proposed STEAM initiative to the broader goal of providing the best start for the youth.
 - Emphasising the positive long-term impact on the community and economy.”

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

| Background Papers | Held At | Contact |
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| 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 |

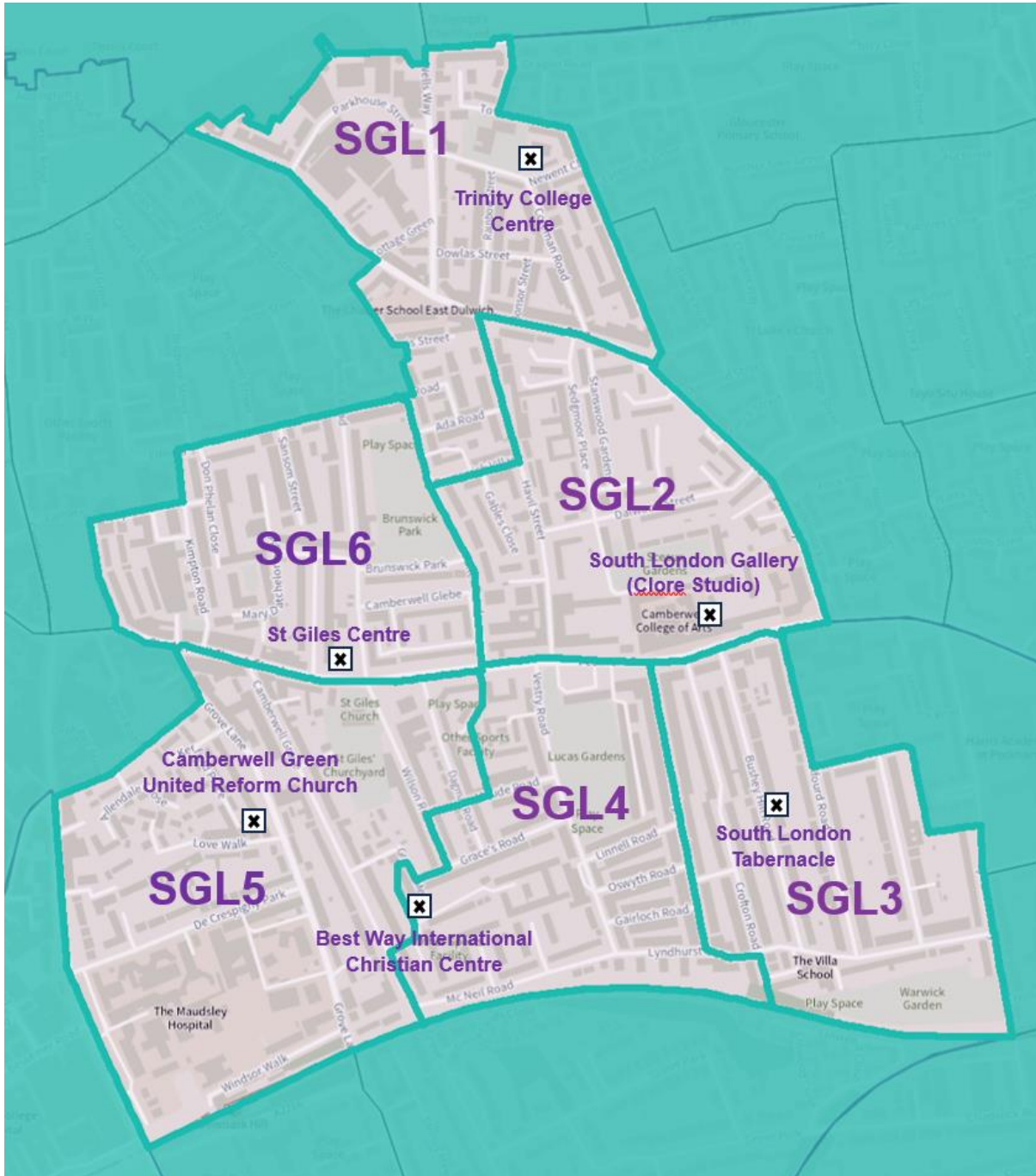
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Item 6.2: Polling district, polling place and polling station review 2023

Appendix 1

Please note the minor change to the map on page 139, where SGL6 in the bottom left of the map has been updated to read SGL5.



AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.2: THEMED DEBATE – Giving our children and young people the best start in life (see pages 23-29 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Proposed by: Councillor Irina von Wiese

Delete “2. We are delivering excellent schools:”

Replace with “2. Southwark’s schools need council support:”

2.a – **delete** “is delivering”

Replace with “is aspiring to deliver”

After 2.c, **insert:**

- a. However, schools and nurseries across the borough are struggling. Funding issues, failure to provide sufficient affordable housing and falling pupil rolls have led to multiple closures with many more schools under threat.
- b. Southwark’s leadership has not provided sufficient support for schools who are struggling to stay open. Inadequate communication and engagement with schools named for closure or amalgamation have left teachers and parents in limbo.
- c. It is unacceptable that two separate schools had to appear at the Education Scrutiny Commission to highlight the lack of engagement from the council whilst they faced possible closure.

Delete “3. We are delivering free healthy school meals:”

Replace with “3. Southwark must expand free school meal provision:”

Delete 3.c. and replace with:

- c. However, the current proposals to expand provision to secondary school children from eligible families for just one year are insufficient and will lead to many vulnerable children falling through the cracks.
- d. Southwark must aim to provide long-term free school meals to all eligible children in the borough, in primary and secondary schools.

After 4.d, **insert:**

e. The council must be aware of the damage to young peoples' mental health caused by the pandemic, with 1 in 4 children aged 8 to 17 saying they are lonely.

8. delete "and Liberal Democrat"

After 8.b, **insert:**

c. Too many young people are growing up in poor quality, unhealthy or overcrowded conditions. These young people are being deprived of the best start in life due to the inadequate provision of affordable, good quality housing in Southwark.

i. Southwark has 3,520 households in temporary accommodation (second highest in the country) including 1806 with children.

ii. Over 17,500 households are on Southwark's housing waiting list.

d. The Conservative government's cruel two-child benefit cap has affected an estimated 1.5 million children and is forcing families into poverty. It is estimated that scrapping the policy would lift 250,000 children out of poverty, yet the Labour Party leadership has said it will keep the two-child benefit cap if they win the next election - keeping families and young people living in poverty.

After 10.o, **insert:**

"p. Commit to the long-term provision of healthy free school meals for all eligible pupils.

q. Improve support for struggling schools, ensuring no parents or teachers have to appear at a scrutiny commission in order to receive appropriate engagement from council officers and cabinet members.

r. Call on the UK Government to scrap the two-child benefit cap. Ask the Council's Chief Executive to write to each of the Members of Parliament representing areas within the borough, expressing the Council's support for the scrapping of the two-child benefit cap."

Renumber all paragraphs and sub-paragraphs accordingly.

ITEM 5.2.1: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Protect Southwark Parks from Anti-Social Behaviour (see pages 38-39 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Sarah King

Seconded: Councillor Richard Leeming

Delete all and replace with:

Protecting Southwark Parks from Anti-Social Behaviour

1. Council assembly notes
 - a. We know how much residents value our award winning parks and green spaces. We will protect and invest in them, as well as creating new ones, ensuring that everyone has access to nature. Our satisfaction rates for our parks are between 90% and 96%.
 - b. Parks teams provide vital support to our many and diverse friends of groups and other volunteers throughout the borough, helping with planting activities, supplying materials and offering advice and supporting grant funding bids for park improvements. The average yearly number of volunteer hours delivered across our parks is 30,000, with thousands more hours delivered in other settings, green spaces, nature reserves and woodlands.
 - c. Groups are also consulted with as vital stakeholders for new development applications, park improvement projects, events and filming projects. We have a £35m capital improvement programme for our parks and a £5m tree planting delivery plan that will see Southwark exceed 100,000 directly maintained trees.
 - d. Developing strong relationships with “Friends of...” groups is key to fostering valuable community engagement, maximising the enjoyment of our parks and open spaces for the widest range of our residents.
 - e. We have a team of six officers who provide a vital service in tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) across our parks. Regular visits are undertaken to sites, issues are dealt with using a calm, friendly and educative approach. If necessary, further action is taken for breaches of parks bylaws or escalated to the police in order to tackle criminal activity.
 - f. We are very proud to have successfully retained all 30 Green Flag Awards this year for our outstanding parks and open spaces. This prestigious status stands as a testament to the

relentless efforts made by volunteers, community groups, park staff and our contractors Quadron/Idverde, in maintaining well-managed, safe and welcoming open spaces for park-goers.

- g. We are equally proud to have won the overall Good Parks for London award for 2022-2023 which has recognised outstanding performance and innovation across a wide range of criteria, including community engagement.
 - h. The grounds maintenance contract has recently entered a 3-year extension period with Quadron/Idverde following successful delivery over the initial 7-year term. Performance tracked through KPIs has consistently scored at above 95% along with positive feedback from members of the public, “Friends of...” groups and our other stakeholders.
 - i. At Nursery Row Park, a partnership between Parks, Parks Liaison Officers, the Safer Neighbourhoods Team and a mediator resulted in an improvement in ASB reported by residents living to the north of the park. The same partnership was reformed in response to the recent increase in ASB and reported criminal behaviour when a new group also became active on site. This has resulted in considerable resources being allocated to Nursery Row Park in attempting to resolve issues.
 - j. This model of collaboration is one we adopt across all of our parks, green spaces and other areas of public realm. All year round, we work to design out ASB, prevent crime and deliver activities in our parks that support the safety and well-being of all our residents in these natural settings.
 - k. We develop specific strategies to tackle ASB and crime for organised events of varying size and complexity in our strategic parks and larger green spaces.
2. Council assembly resolves:
- a. To continue to work with our Parks Liaison Officers, the Metropolitan Police Service and local residents to find a resolution to the issue of ASB in our parks.
 - b. To develop plans to improve areas of Nursery Row Park through capital funding; with the designs being subject to public consultation.
 - c. To invest in all our parks, providing large scale capital investment in sports facilities, new and refurbished playgrounds, improved open gym equipment and better walking and cycling routes to connect them to communities around them.

- d. To tackle the ecological emergency, by making our council the first in inner London to have over 100,000 trees, and creating more parks, woodlands, nature sites, wildflower meadows and community gardens. People, birds, bats and bees can all thrive in Southwark.
- e. To deliver even more high quality green spaces, working with local people to create more parks, nature sites, woodlands and urban planting. This includes brand new parks at Canada Water and off the Old Kent Road, and strengthening further through the council's response to the recent land commission.

ITEM 5.2.2: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Homelessness and rough sleeping (see pages 39-41 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Emily Tester

Seconded: Councillor Victor Chamberlain

1. a. **Delete** 'and Liberal Democrat'

Delete 1. b, **insert:**

'the number of people sleeping rough in England has more than doubled under Conservative governments'

After 1. h, **insert:**

'that recent GLA figures show the number of new rough sleepers in Southwark is the highest since Covid'

Delete 2. b, **insert:**

'that Southwark Council has failed to uphold its 2020 commitment to being a Borough of Sanctuary'

Delete 2. c, **insert:**

'that at various times in recent history, focused government intervention has reduced rough sleeping, including during the 'everyone in' initiative during covid'

After 2. f, **insert:**

'That the council too bears responsibility for homelessness and rough sleeping, particularly with an ongoing housing crisis'

Delete 2. g and 2. h, **insert:**

'That boasting about housebuilding in Southwark is only spin, and the actual facts tell a different story:

- i. The social housing waiting list is still over 17,500
- ii. At current building rates, supply of council houses would not meet the waiting list until late next century
- iii. The only reason the council might appear at the top of any national league tables is simply that most councils are building few, if any, council homes at all

- iv. The former director of housing stated to a Parliamentary committee that the 11,000 houses target was unfunded
- v. Recent council reports confirmed that the housebuilding programme must be put on ice, as the HRA faces a £13.8 million deficit
- vi. Southwark has one of the highest rates of empty homes in the country'

Insert after 3. f.

- g. To not repeat in Southwark the shocking scenes witnessed in Camden of tents being crushed in rubbish vans
- h. To condemn in the strongest terms the rhetoric and policies floated by the former Home Secretary regarding people experiencing homelessness, which were not just offensive, but life threatening.

Renumber accordingly.

ITEM 5.2.3: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Ending violence against women and girls (see pages 41-43 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Renata Hamvas

Seconded: Councillor Joseph Vambe

At 1. h, after 'year.', **insert:**

The video was accompanied by a poster campaign focused in three local areas disproportionately impacted by violence against women and girls. Since its launch in Q2 2022/23, the campaign has registered 396,400 social media views, surpassing our target of 200,000. The campaign has been circulated to all secondary schools and youth provisions in the borough. The campaign has been circulated to all Metropolitan Police Service Safer Schools Officers operating across London as part of a suite of materials delivered and is therefore available to 1,033 schools across the whole of London.

Insert new paragraph 2

2. Council assembly acknowledges:
 - a. After a consultation the council identified the five hotspots where women told the council they felt less safe. All five of these had an Environmental Visual Audit undertaken by a specialist design out crime officer and each of which now has an action plan of short, medium and longer term works. Not all identified lighting as an issue they include other works. The first audit to have works carried out identified lighting remedial works as an issue and these works are now underway, including LEDs and some upgrades designed as part of the capital programme. The council has also put in place enhanced patrols by council wardens and Anti-Social Behaviour Officers complemented by enhanced police activity. In addition to the audits, walk and talks have also taken place in the area with police and local residents to identify any concerns and deal with them. This area of work is included in the council delivery plan and regularly monitored.
 - b. The Safe Spaces scheme was launched in 2021-22, providing safe locations across the borough where victims of domestic abuse can access support services. The scheme was initially targeted at Children and Family Centres, primary and secondary schools. This year saw the expansion of the scheme to other community sectors including libraries and leisure centres, cultural and arts venues, places of worship, community venues. 48 venues have now signed up to the scheme.

- c. Southwark also launched its Safe Havens scheme jointly with Lambeth. The safe haven network is the first of its kind in London to cross borough boundaries in a joint bid to target harassment hotspot areas along their border. Staff at the 39 licensed premises and other businesses in both boroughs undergo bespoke training with the Safer Business Network, a crime reduction agency. Women who feel unsafe or have been harassed can get assistance at safe haven businesses, including staff helping organise safe transport home or calling family, friends or the police.
- d. The council developed the Women's Safety Charter, with venues in the borough. The charter is based on a number of key principles, which ensure that all staff working at licensed premises act in a responsible and supportive manner, taking all reports seriously, sending out a clear message that female harassment in their premises will not be tolerated.

Delete 3. b

Delete 3. e

Insert:

- e. Finish the roll out of upgraded street lighting across the whole borough to LED, which provides better quality lighting and helps to improve street safety.
- f. To ask the Cabinet to re-launch the Women's Safety Charter, encompassing a range of regional and nation campaigns, including 'Ask for Angela', to ensure an ever-evolving programme to tackle women's safety across the borough by delivering a robust and standardised training programme to licensed premises whilst at the same time, increasing public awareness on the topic.

Renumber accordingly.

ITEM 5.2.4: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Towards a greater provision of public toilets (see pages 43-45 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Margy Newens

Seconded: Councillor Barrie Hargrove

Delete all and replace with:

1. Council assembly notes:
 - a. We are committed to improving access to public toilets for all our residents and visitors. This access is important to enable people to get out and about, shop, socialise and live life to the full. We are exploring ways to improve access to toilet facilities.
 - b. The council has created a directory and map of all the facilities currently available, including opening times.
 - c. We currently manage and maintain 33 public toilets across the borough.
 - d. Changing Places Toilets (CPTs) are fully accessible toilets that include a hoist, adult-size changing bench and enough space for people with complex care needs to receive safe and dignified personal care away from home. There are currently seven such facilities in Southwark.
 - e. From January 2021 a significant change was made to building regulations, requiring the installation of CPTs in any new builds or major refurbishment.
 - f. In April 2022, the Children & Adult Services secured £120,000 from the government's Changing Places scheme to increase provision in Southwark.
 - g. The funding is being used to develop provision in two locations, in line with feedback from key stakeholders.
 - h. The council reached out to local shops, coffee chains and other public buildings to join the Community Toilet Scheme. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown rules made it impossible to continue the work of the Community Toilet Scheme.
2. Council assembly further notes:

- a. In January 2023, the council committed to explore the costs and practicalities of providing free period products in all of the council's public toilets and buildings, including the town hall, libraries and community centres.
 - b. In April 2023, Corporate Facilities Management drew up plans to install free vending machines at 63 sites and work on this has begun. These machines cost £115 per unit. This includes six additional vending machines, which are being installed in the Tooley Street and Queen's Road Council offices.
 - c. Since April, the council has spent circa £7,500 per month on providing free sanitary products in council buildings.
3. Council resolves to:
- a. Open new CPTs at Peckham Pulse and Dulwich Park, and explore plans for other CPTs in Southwark
 - b. As part of our strategy to create a connected network of streets, provide additional facilities to support pedestrian journeys, including information on where to find toilets and other local amenities.
 - c. Explore ways to reinvigorate the Community Toilet Scheme, ensuring the way forward represents good value for money for the council and builds on existing relationships with businesses.
 - d. Continue the roll out of additional sanitary product vending machines in council owned buildings.

ITEM 5.2.5: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Southwark stands with the trans community (see pages 43-45 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Stephanie Cryan

Seconded: Councillor Natasha Ennin

After 1. b, **insert:**

- c. Southwark Council is proud to have worked with our LGBTQ+ community and the Mayor of London to open an LGBTQ+ centre in our borough to serve our whole city. The centre provides a safe, inclusive, intergenerational and intersectional space run by the community for the community. Work is now underway to build a permanent LGBTQ+ cultural space in Blackfriars in partnership with the community.

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- c. Some people, including the government, have sought to create division in our community through the stoking of culture wars on LGBTQ+ issues.

Delete 3. and **replace with:**

3. Council assembly resolves to:

- a. Stand united with trans, non-binary and gender diverse people, assert that trans rights are human rights, and reject attempts to create division in our society for political gain.
- b. Call on national government to:
 - i. Introduce full, no loopholes, trans-inclusive ban on conversion therapy.
 - ii. Reform the gender recognition law. The current process of gender recognition is intrusive, outdated and humiliating. The government must introduce a modernised, simplified and reformed process, taking into account international evidence of what works effectively.
 - iii. Strengthen and equalise the law on hate crime to further protect trans people by extending the aggravated offences regime for all protected characteristics.
- c. Ask Cabinet to:

- i. Prioritise the delivery of permanent LGBTQ+ cultural space in Blackfriars in partnership with the community to open in 2024-25 financial year.
- ii. Work with Southwark's LGBTQ+ community to develop and deliver an action plan to address inequalities experienced by LGBTQ+ people in the borough.
- iii. Produce and implement an updated Equalities Framework for Southwark to further promote equality for all those with protected characteristics recognised under the Equality Act 2010.
- iv. Ensure this work addresses the intersectional inequalities that compound the impact on life chances for many people.
- v. Continue to ensure trans people have access to the services they need, including changing rooms, and homeless and domestic violence services, in line with the council's duties under the 2010 Equality Act, including the legal requirements for single sex exemptions.
- vi. Create gender neutral bathrooms in addition to single sex bathrooms in council buildings, and work with local businesses across Southwark to try and improve the provision of gender neutral toilets across the borough.
- vii. Ensure the council's equal opportunities, recruitment and anti-bullying and harassment policies make specific reference to trans equality and ensure that trans equality is included in all induction and training, including staff handbooks.
- viii. Ensure the council continues to take a zero tolerance approach to all forms of hate crime, including against LGBTQ+ people.
- ix. Encourage services across the council to be sensitive to the preferred pronouns of staff and residents.

Renumber accordingly.

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