

Council Assembly

Wednesday 19 March 2025

7.00 pm

Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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1. QUESTION FROM CLIVE RATES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, JOBS AND BUSINESS

The cabinet member must be aware of the significant and ongoing reduced footfall experienced by the businesses in Dulwich Village; why does the cabinet member think this has happened and what steps will be taken to support these shops, cafes and restaurants, which are hugely importantly to the local community?

AUDIT TRAIL

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Introduction

1. The council assembly business panel agreed that the theme for council assembly in March 2025 should be “Creating healthy green and leisure spaces for the whole community.”

Community evidence on the theme

2. The deadline for community evidence was 11.59pm, 13 March 2025.
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. TailTies

The community evidence requests states:

“As one of the founders of TailTies, a community-driven company dedicated to enriching the lives of dog owners and their pets, I want to highlight the urgent need for a safe, dedicated dog park in our borough.

Currently, many local dog parks have closed or fallen into neglect, leaving dog owners with limited safe spaces. Existing parks often suffer from maintenance

issues, including litter, broken glass, and uncollected waste, making them unsafe for both dogs and residents.

I would like to propose that TailTies be granted the opportunity to develop, manage, and maintain a dedicated dog park. Our plan includes secure fencing, designated areas for different dog sizes, regular maintenance, and community initiatives to promote responsible pet ownership.

A well-managed dog park would benefit the community by improving safety, encouraging social interaction, and fostering responsible pet ownership.”

2. Trevor Austin

The community evidence requests states:

“I would like to share how the benefits of attending the leisure centre have added to my health and well-being, particularly as I had specific health issues on joining and wanted to undertake some significant physical challenges.

Additionally, I wanted to demonstrate to my GP that older patients can/should take responsibility for their own health and not be dependent on drug-based treatments. I refer specifically to diabetes and cardio-vascular health.”

3. Leona Ross

The community evidence requests states:

“I would like to share the benefits attending the leisure centre has added to my health and wellbeing, particularly as someone with a debilitating disability. The new fit out has some fantastic equipment and has made the gym so much more motivational along with the great community of staff and members. The general manager always takes onboard our views and concerns and remedies issues immediately.”

4. Latin Elephant

The community evidence requests states:

“Latin Elephant is a charity based in Elephant & Castle, advocating for a more inclusive regeneration process for Black and ethnic minorities in London, with a focus on local communities. Our work encompasses research and policy, business support and community engagement.

My presentation will primarily focus on our work as members of the Burgess Park Outdoor Eating Area working group with LBS, which is dedicated to creating an outdoor eating space featuring electric hotplates in the park. This project resulted from the collective efforts of various community members and organisations aimed at establishing an outdoor eating space following the closure of the charcoal BBQs. The group was formed in 2022 and successfully launched the new outdoor eating area with electric hotplates at Burgess Park last year.

For many migrant, racialised and working-class communities, Burgess Park works almost as an extension of their own doorstep, due to the lack of green spaces in most of the flats surrounding the park, and more so in the context of an increasingly gentrifying borough like Southwark. Therefore, we feel it is also important to stress how Burgess has served as a community hub, and as a resource to foster community cohesion. Therefore, it is an important space that contributes to their wellbeing in the city when there is evidence that supports the positive impact of having access to outdoor spaces in the city.”

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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Officer title		Comments sought	Comments included
Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance		No	No
Strategic Director of Resources		No	No
Cabinet Member		No	No
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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. SHAPE

The deputation request states:

“Despite continuous development, Southwark council’s housing waiting list is longer than it was 20 years ago. SHAPE (Southwark Housing and Planning Emergency) is a coalition of local groups* united by the fight against overdevelopment, displacement, and the failure to put community needs first. On 1st March, over 600 residents took to the streets of Peckham in a powerful march to Borough Triangle, highlighting our core demands**.

Thousands of homeless families are in temporary accommodation or are being rehoused outside the borough. Young people can see no way to an affordable secure home. Too many new developments prioritise profit, meeting only the bare minimum requirements, while residents struggle with unaffordable rents, poor-quality housing, and the erosion of social and civic infrastructure.

*SHAPE is: The 35% Campaign; Save Borough Triangle; Aylesham Community Action; Latin Elephant; Up the Elephant; Yes to Fair Redevelopment; *Southwark Notes*; Peckham Vision; Fight for Aylesbury; No Price on Culture; Southwark Defend Council Housing; Southwark TUC; Housing Action Southwark & Lambeth; Southwark Group of Tenants Organisation

**Our core demands are:

1. No to overdevelopment - Is it too high or too dense? NO!
2. 50% council housing on private land. 100% council housing on council land
3. No more fake consultations. We want genuine tenant, resident and local peoples’ involvement in the plans
4. Stop unsafe and poorly built development
5. Stop the demolition and sell-off of council housing - Refurbishment not demolition
6. Requisition or acquire empty homes
7. Protect and improve our estates, community facilities and town centres
8. Employ direct labour - give workers the power to challenge unsafe building work
9. Act on the Climate Emergency now. No unsustainable building, no loss of green space
10. Stop displacement of traders for unaffordable housing.”

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AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.2: THEMED DEBATE – CREATING HEALTHY GREEN AND LEISURE SPACES FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

(see pages 16-20 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Proposed by: Councillor Rachel Bentley

In 2.a **delete** “and Liberal Democrat”

Delete 2.b and insert in place: “Southwark Council has delivered.”

After 3 **insert:**

4. Despite this, council assembly recognises the gap between the quality of leisure and park facilities expected from residents, and delivered by this council:

- a. Too many play spaces in Southwark are in an appalling state of cleanliness, disrepair and neglect.
- b. Many green spaces and play areas across the borough have been actively made worse by the council. For example:
 - i. Wooden play equipment being removed from Russia Dock Woodland Park
 - ii. Table Tennis tables being removed from parks in Camberwell Green in the name of crime prevention
 - iii. Flora – funded by Cleaner Greener Safer funding – being removed from Nursery Row Park in the name of crime prevention
- c. Historic and ongoing examples of failing to provide accessible play spaces – either due to the council’s direct choices or failure to intervene - including:
 - i. Closing Mint Street Adventure Playground for years, with issues persisting even after its refurbishment such as access to the sports pitch and community rooms not being available for community groups.
 - ii. In 2019 a hedge was installed in order to separate the private owners, and with it their children, from those living in social housing at the Mary Datchelor School site.

- iii. The play space at Bells Gardens and Lindley Estate being demolished with its replacement subsequently being cancelled along with the housing projects.
 - iv. Three playgrounds in Bermondsey, on the Kirby Estate, the Rouel Road Estate and the Abbeyfield Estate, were voted amongst the 'saddest' play areas in London, with local children describing them as "nasty" and "lonely", with the play space on the Kirby Estate still being closed due to safety issues.
 - v. Access to Finch's Grotto Gardens being consistently delayed despite being promised to residents as part of an administration endorsed private housing project
 - vi. Four Squares and Millpond Estate ball courts failing to be monitored or maintained, with it falling to residents and local Liberal Democrat Councillors to push for improvements
 - vii. The playground at Dibdin Apartments council owned playground being in disrepair, and subject to frequent anti-social behaviour issues only a few years after being opened.
 - viii. Social housing tenants in One Tower Bridge being subject to a "play ban."
- d. Developers have consistently failed to provide adequate play spaces on new residential developments and this administration fails to demand better.
 - e. Anti-social behaviour and crime continues to be an issue in our parks, rendering them unappealing and unsafe to many residents.

5. Council Assembly further recognises:

- a. Too often our public parks are taken over by corporate events providers, removing vital open spaces during the summer months for weeks at a time, causing local noise nuisance to residents and providing little value to the community in return.
- b. That the Labour group chose to reject our proposal to ensure that should these events continue to take place, more money should be sought to be raised from them to ensure that local communities genuinely benefit from activity in their area.

6. Council assembly further recognises:

- a. That despite committing to delivering a leisure strategy "in 2024" in response to a members' question in late 2023, this has yet to materialise.

- b. Since insourcing the leisure service, fees have risen over 10 times the rate of inflation, and reports of poor maintenance of equipment have continued.
- c. The Labour group chose to reject Southwark Liberal Democrat proposals to double the number of community safety officers to help tackle anti-social behaviour in our public spaces.

Insert at end of current paragraph 4, “Council Assembly asks the Cabinet to:”

- f. Hold regular meetings with community groups and ‘friends of...’ groups regarding the tackling of anti-social behaviour in parks.
- g. Guarantee to never making any significant changes to parks, such as the removal of council & community funded vegetation, benches or leisure equipment, without meaningful consultation with relevant local community groups and ‘friends of...’ groups.
- h. Hire additional Community Safety and Park Liaison Officers to facilitate a visible presence in parks across Southwark in order to deter anti-social behaviour.
- i. Direct Park Liaison Officers to use all available powers to disperse groups engaging in anti-social behaviour in parks in order to minimise disruption to local communities.
- j. Conduct an audit of play spaces that have been a condition of planning permission, included whether they have been provided for or built at all.
- k. Ensure S106 mandated play spaces and open spaces are delivered and honoured by developers in good time.
- l. Accelerate the development and implementation of a refreshed leisure strategy, as committed to in 2023, which should include clear commitments to play spaces across planning and leisure teams with the aim of delivering safe, well maintained, accessible play spaces for all communities in Southwark.
- m. The strategy must include a clear timeframe for action.
- n. Hold developers to account in fulfilling commitments to provide play spaces on new developments in Southwark.
- o. Work with residents and community groups to improve access to existing spaces, ensuring that as many parks and play spaces as possible can be open and enjoyed.

Renumber all paragraphs and sub-paragraphs accordingly.

ITEM 5.2.1: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Scrap the Two Child Cap (see pages 27-28 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Jasmine Ali

Seconded: Councillor Cleo Soanes

Delete 1. “the research conducted by the End Child Poverty Coalition which has found that”

Delete paragraphs 1. a-e, **replace** with:

- a. The dire impact of austerity on children and families in Southwark and across the country instigated by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition, undoing all of the work of the previous Labour Government that lifted 2 million children out of poverty
- b. The £22 billion black hole in the national finances inherited by the government and the responsible handling of the economy since Labour were elected in 2024.
- c. The Labour Party’s commitment to tackling child poverty, including the upcoming Child Poverty Strategy.
- d. The Free Breakfast Clubs pilot rolled out by the government, already benefitting two schools in Southwark and set to give every child in the country a healthy breakfast when fully rolled out.
- e. The additional 3,000 nurseries with 100,000 places committed in Labour’s 2024 manifesto.
- f. Labour’s New Deal for Working People and uplift to the living wage, set to benefit working people across our borough and have a material impact on child poverty.
- g. The government’s plan for 100,000 urgent child dental appointments and major new supervised toothbrushing programme, helping children have the best start in life.
- h. The commitment of the Mayor of London to fund free healthy school meals for primary school children across London.

Delete paragraphs 2-3 and replace with:

- 2. Council Assembly further notes:

- a. The work of Southwark's Labour administration to support children and families in our borough and help alleviate poverty, including:
 - i. Over £53million of cost of living support provided to thousands of families.
 - ii. The most comprehensive free healthy school meals offer for children in the country, which has improved reading skills, reduced childhood obesity and increased financial support to households.
 - iii. Free healthy school meals during the holidays.
 - iv. Holiday food and fun programmes.
 - v. Support for low income families with school uniform costs.
 - vi. Help with energy costs and free advice on reducing bills.
- b. This administration's submission to the Child Poverty Taskforce, which outlined the impacts of child poverty in Southwark and describing the work we are doing with partners to ameliorate its affects.
- c. This administration's continued work with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and other government ministers in finding and working through long term solutions to child poverty.
- d. The council's work with the Living Wage Foundation to lift Southwark residents out of poverty pay, which so far has benefitted over 7,000 working people in the borough.

Delete 4 and replace with:

- 4. Council Assembly resolves to:
 - a. Ask that the council continue to provide support to children and families in Southwark, putting money back in our residents' pockets wherever possible. This includes:
 - i. Continuing providing free healthy school meals for Southwark children.
 - ii. Continuing to provide holiday school meals.
 - iii. Continuing the council's Holiday Food and Fun schemes for families in the school holidays.
 - iv. Continue with a cash first approach to our cost of living support.
 - v. Continue to expand the number of registered Living Wage employers in the borough to lift residents out of poverty pay.

- b. Support the government in the establishment of the Child Poverty Strategy, providing expertise on the pressures facing families in Southwark and working to end child poverty in this country.

Renumber all paragraphs and sub-paragraphs accordingly.

ITEM 5.2.3: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – A Fair Deal for Southwark's Carers (see pages 30-33 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Evelyn Akoto

Seconded: Councillor Charlie Smith

Paragraph 1. b.

Delete “90 young carers are formally identified by the department for education” and **replace with** “407 young carers are supported by the council”

Paragraph 2. a.

After “...poor outcomes” **insert:** “as a direct result of 14 years of cuts from Conservative and Liberal Democrat governments.”

Paragraph 2. b.

After “...social care” **insert** “inherited from the Conservative government.”

After paragraph 2. b. **insert** paragraph:

- c. the Labour government has initiated and is actively working on holding cross-party talks to achieve meaningful social care reform, recognising the positive vision for social care in Southwark and nationally.

After paragraph 2. c. **insert** paragraphs:

- d. That the new Labour government struck a fair pay deal with doctors and nurses within months of running the country.
- e. That the Labour government has also already met its target of 2 million new NHS appointments, after just 8 months in office.
- f. The Labour government has set out immediate investment and reforms to improve adult social care and support the workforce, including helping to keep older people out of hospital and living at home independently for longer, and improved technology and data sharing between NHS and social care.
- g. That Baroness Louise Casey is chairing an independent commission into adult social care to build a national consensus around a new national care service able to meet the needs of older and disabled people into the 21st century.

- h. That the Southwark Labour administration has shown leadership in investing in the care workforce – paying the London Living Wage, Travel time, Enhancements for unsocial Hours, Occupational Sick Pay and much more to staff that are employed by local services who are signed up to Southwark's Ethical Care Charter and the more recently Southwark's Residential Care Charter.
- i. The positive efforts by Southwark's health partners to increase GP access, with Southwark GPs conducting an additional 23,971 appointments in Q3 2024/25 compared to Q3 2023/24, reflecting a 6.5% increase. Efforts to promote the NHS App in Southwark have also led to a significant rise in registrations from 5.4% in January 2024 to 60.1% by January 2025.

Delete paragraphs 2. d-e

Insert paragraphs:

3. Council Assembly welcomes:

- a. The government's plans for reforming the NHS and building an integrated health service, with health and social care services delivered locally and in coordination with one another.
- b. The great work in Southwark to bring together key partners from Health, VCS and Council to collectively design and implement plans to improve health and care services for Southwark residents and patients through partnership Southwark and Health and Wellbeing Board.
- c. The Council's collaboration with partners continues to facilitate timely discharges from hospitals, enabling residents to return home. This involves commissioning community-based reablement services in partnership with Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust and a home care agency, as well as bed-based reablement services at the Avon Unit located within Waterside Care Home.
- d. The Council's commitment to enhancing support for carers by redesigning services and embedding them in the Health and Wellbeing Board's strategy. We value unpaid carers for their role in keeping residents safe and well and aim to support their health.
- e. The commitment made in the Labour Party's 2024 general election manifesto to "undertake a programme of reform to create a National Care Service, underpinned by national standards, delivering consistency of care across the country".
- f. This Labour-run council's 'Health on the High Street' programme, bringing vital services into local areas for our residents to access.

4. Council Assembly therefore pledges its support for a National Care Service, with health and social care delivered locally, and encourages the new government to carry out this reform.

Delete sections 3-5

Renumber all paragraphs accordingly

ITEM 5.2.4: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – A National Care Service for England (see pages 33-35 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor David Watson

Seconded: Councillor Adam Hood

Delete paragraph 6 and insert in place:

6. Council assembly recognises the impassioned campaign led by Sir Ed Davey and the Liberal Democrats on social care, and commitments in the Liberal Democrat manifesto to provide free personal care, a Royal College of Care Workers (equivalent to the Royal College of Nursing), and a commitment to introduce cross-party talks to urgently find a consensus on solving the care crisis, amongst other measures celebrated by organisations like the NHS Confederation and the Health Foundation.
7. Council assembly welcomes the government's commitment to social care reform, but notes with concern the lack of urgency in the government's approach:
 - Instead of implementing proposed reforms, the Government has opted to conduct a review not due to conclude until 2028
 - This review is being led by a part-time chair who is also leading other reviews.
8. Council assembly is concerned that we cannot wait three years for a new plan, and this review could be an excuse to kick the can down the road for another decade, which would be unforgivable for both the care of our elderly and disabled and our NHS.
9. Council assembly also welcomes moves towards Integrated Neighbourhood Teams, but is concerned that they will only be effective if there is funding put in place.
10. Council assembly notes that the Southwark Labour group voted against Liberal Democrat proposals to fund Integrated Neighbourhood Teams in its 2025 Alternative Budget.

Insert after current paragraph 10

11. Council assembly resolves to write to the Government demanding swifter action, encouraging the review to be completed within the year.

Renumber all paragraphs and subparagraphs accordingly.

ITEM 6.1: CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES: NEIGHBOURHOODS PROGRAMME (see pages 36-48 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Emily Tester

Seconded: Councillor David Watson

1. The Southwark Liberal Democrats are committed to increasing community representation and devolving power.
2. The current model of multi-ward forums and community champions does not work either in principle or according to its own stated purposes.
3. The Southwark Liberal Democrat group therefore would welcome reform in this space, and have repeatedly made proposals to that end that the Labour group have rejected.
4. As a result, the proposals in this constitutional amendment fall short of genuinely empowering communities, and have not been consulted on with the very communities it purports to be supporting.
5. The proposals risk merely being a rebranding exercise of the current model, with no real reform of the role of community champions especially concerning.
6. They also do not result in any additional funding or powers being devolved down from the town hall.
7. These models – both existing and proposed – are comparatively regressive forms of community devolution compared to the community council model operated under the previous Liberal Democrat administration in Southwark
8. The existing model of community champions – which these proposals replicate - are failing in their roles, drawing a combined special responsibility allowance of £33,590 to chair 2 meetings a year each.
9. To that end – the group proposes the following amendments:

Delete the first sentence in paragraph 18 and **insert in place:**

18. The new role of Neighbourhoods Champion will be filled by five councillors chosen by and from the ward members within their respective neighbourhoods, to be formally approved at the annual meeting of council assembly in May 2025, with each one representing either one, two or three neighbourhood areas (as set out below).

Insert after paragraph 19:

20. Neighbourhood champions shall provide an annual report at the Annual Meeting, detailing their work to date and future plans.

Insert after paragraph 30:

31. The proposed changes shall go to wider public consultation before implementation, with a focus on engaging communities on:

- The neighbourhood area geographies
- Their experience of the current multi-ward forum arrangement, and role of community champions
- What additional powers and responsibilities communities would like to see new neighbourhoods and associated roles and forums have
- Consulting on the return of community councils with genuine powers and scrutiny functions.

ITEM 6.3: Member Allowances Scheme 2025-2026 and adjustment of member allowances in line with the national local government officer pay settlement (see pages 62-84 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Adam Hood

Seconded: Councillor Graham Neale

Insert after paragraph 27:

28. It is recommended that the following changes are made to the current SRAs:

- Regrade the community champion role to 1a (currently 1b)
- Cease provision of SRA for vice-chair of planning.
- Cease provision of SRAs to deputy cabinet members.
- Regrade chair of overview and scrutiny committee, and chair of planning committee, and chair of licensing committee to 1b (currently 2b in the proposals, up from 2a)
- Regrade scrutiny commission and audit, governance and standards chair roles to 1a (currently 1c and 1b respectively)
- Regrade planning committee chair (smaller applications) to 1b (currently 1c)

29. Introduce a new cap on total SRA budget paid for cabinet member positions of £162,563 – equivalent to 3 full-time cabinet position SRAs and one deputy leader SRA in 2025/26 scheme.

30. Changes outlined in sections 27 and 28 amount to a saving of £351,476 per year.

31. Require all members in receipt of an SRA to provide an annual report on their work relating to their role for which they receive an SRA in order to improve transparency and ensure Southwark residents are getting value for money.

Delete paragraph 28 and **replace** with:

28. The revised member allowances payments for 2025-2026 (i.e. from 1 April 2025) are as follows:

Basic Allowance	
All councillors	£14,592

Licensing sub-committee	
Per meeting	£153.72

Independent persons and co-optees (i.e. statutory co-optees to the education committee)	
Annual allowance (paid monthly)	£1,394

Band 1a	SRA
Vice-chair overview and scrutiny	£3,346
Chair audit & governance committee	£3,346
Deputy leader majority opposition	£3,346
Leader minority opposition	£3,346
Opposition whip	£3,346
Scrutiny commission chair	£3,346
Community champion	£3,346
Band 1b	SRA
Deputy Mayor	£6,718
Chair planning committee	£6,718
Chair licensing committee	£6,718
Chair overview and scrutiny	£6,718
Planning committee (smaller applications) chair	£6,718
Band 2a	SRA
Chief Whip	£17,445
Leader majority opposition	£17,445
Band 2b	SRA
Mayor	£24,849
Band 3	SRA
Cabinet member	£40,563
Deputy leader	£40,563
Band 4	SRA
Leader	£60,431

Renumber all paragraphs and sub-paragraphs accordingly.

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