Open Agenda

Southwark Council

Council Assembly

Wednesday 23 September 2026
7.00 pm
Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

Supplemental Agenda No. 1

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Agenda Item 2.2

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Date:	23 September 2026
Report title:	Public Question Time
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From:	Proper Constitutional Officer

1. QUESTION FROM IAN WINGFIELD TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Deputy Leader of the Green Party was recently revealed to be a landlord, despite the Green Party's agreed position on abolishing private landlordism. Is it the policy of the council under the leadership of this Green-Liberal Democrat coalition that private landlords should be abolished in Southwark?

2. QUESTION FROM MICK BARNARD TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Can the leader give an update regarding the adoption by this council of the "right to challenge parking policy by Southwark Council," and the likely date of its implementation, and if not why not?

3. QUESTION FROM TARA HUDSON TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COUNCIL COORDINATION & CLIMATE

What immediate action will Southwark Council take to address the lack of general waste management on Rouel Road Estate? Residents have no way to get front-garden bins, communal bins or bin chutes, resulting in widespread fly-tipping, black bin bags, rats and waste, creating a serious and worsening public health concern.

4. QUESTION FROM OLA ZAJAC TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR INCLUSIVE ECONOMY, EQUALITIES & DEMOCRACY

Rye Lane traders have faced years of lost trade from reduced parking and rising charges. Now a council owned structure, left without safe maintenance, forced a sudden road closure, costing businesses thousands in lost sales and stock. What practical and financial support will the Council provide to help traders recover?

5. QUESTION FROM DAVID PARTON TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT

What support is the council giving to the SET Social community organisation given the possible redevelopment of its community space and the mixed messages coming from the Executive Member for Council Homes, who is offering conflicting support to both the developer and the campaigners who want to stop the development?

6. QUESTION FROM CAROLINE CARR TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

If the council believes that trans men are men, can you us know where a trans man is expected to get changed in a Southwark Leisure Centre, the male changing room or the female changing room?

7. QUESTION FROM DAVID STOJANOVSKI TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COUNCIL HOMES

What safeguards will Southwark put into the new £256M service contracts to prevent contractors from manipulating service level agreements through repeated closure and reopening of unresolved jobs, and ensure the council only pays for work actually delivered?

8. QUESTION FROM LINDON RANKIN TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR INCLUSIVE ECONOMY, EQUALITIES AND DEMOCRACY

Following unanimous agreement from North Walworth Councillors, the Cabinet approved the CIL-resourced East Street Market community solar project in April 2026.

Could the relevant executive member explain the delay, confirm its current status and delivery timetable, and explain why repeated correspondence to the current ward councillors remains unanswered?

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Meeting Name:	Council Assembly
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Introduction

1. The council assembly business panel agreed that the theme for council assembly in September 2026 should be “Making Southwark more affordable, safer and greener.”

Community evidence on the theme

2. The deadline for community evidence was 11.59pm, 17 September 2026.

3. The following request has 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 executive member who shall, after consideration, respond with an open reply to the sender.

Submissions

1. Southwark Living Streets

The community evidence requests states:

“We understand that the Borough Action Plan theme of “Affordable Safe and Green” will be discussed at the Council Assembly on Wednesday 23 September and one of the elements of this theme is “clean and green streets".

Southwark Living Streets is a community group that campaigns to improve conditions for pedestrians and, if possible, we would like to give community evidence on some of the steps that Southwark can take during this administration to

improve the conditions of those who are walking and wheeling - the most affordable and healthy of the modes of travel.

The condition and attractiveness of Southwark's streets and roads has improved significantly in the past decade and a half for people who are walking and wheeling and the Streets for People (SfP) policy that will guide delivery over the next few years is on a par with that of the leading London boroughs. There is, though, still a lot to do to create streets that can deliver the required modal shift towards sustainable and active forms of travel, to reduce traffic levels and to create streets that are fully clean and green. The tasks include:

a) delivering the Zones set out in the SfP strategy that people will enjoy walking and wheeling in, which are safe and attractive and offer high quality access to their local high streets and town centres,
b) to reduce the danger that exists on Southwark's main roads and especially on the Transport for London Road Network which is making progress towards Vision Zero casualty reduction targets so difficult,
c) responding to climate change by making our streets and roads far greener and more walkable in extreme weather,
d) integrating walking and wheeling with public transport and making a success of the Better Bus Southwark project and
e) creating accessible pavements that are safe and attractive for all users and in particular those with impaired mobility."

2. Southwark Pensioners Action Group

The community evidence requests states:

"SPAG will want to present to the Council on the theme of the meeting, which relates to the needs of older people and which SPAG has been actively involved on campaigning on over the past 15 years. Here is some further information:

- SPAG (Southwark Pensioners Action Group) meets at the Southwark Pensioners Centre, 305 - 307 Camberwell Road
- all involved with SPAG live in Southwark
- Our presentation will wish to ensure councillors understand the work we have been doing and how we wish to be heard and involved on our views and needs in creating a more affordable, safer and greener borough."

3. Neighbourhood Watch Southwark

The community evidence requests states:

"I wish to speak on the subject of Neighbourhood Watch and Crime / anti-social behaviour in Southwark. I will speak about the current situation in regards to Neighbourhood Watch, and about real world practical solutions to knife crime and violence against women and girls."

4. AtaLoss

The community evidence requests states:

"Under the theme of 'Making Southwark more affordable, safer and greener' I want to bring the perspective of a leading UK wide Bereavement Charity which signposts to a number of bereavement services within Southwark:

- *Affordable*: out-of-borough burial costs families more at the point of least financial capacity, and long after the funeral with travel costs being a barrier to grieving. The cost-of-living crisis and link to funeral poverty is well-established (UK Commission on Bereavement 2022)
- *Safe*: Visiting a grave provides a specific place of remembrance and a continuing bond, where someone can go when confronted with the reality of a death, which is the start of their grief journey. There are strong religious reasons amongst numbers of faith communities for wanting a burial. Unsupported bereavement is associated with loneliness, mental and physical ill-health, substance misuse, relationship breakdown and loss of employment (UKCB 2022)
- *Greener:* Local burial keeps travel within the borough and for years of family visits afterwards. Cemeteries are also valuable green space in their own right, as places of reflection used by the wider community."

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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Officer title		**Comments sought**	**Comments included**
Director of Law and Democracy		No	No
Strategic Director of Resources		No	No
Executive Member		No	No
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Agenda Item 4

Meeting Name:	Council Assembly
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Report title:	Deputation Requests
Ward(s) or groups affected:	All
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Reason for lateness (if applicable):	Not applicable
From:	Proper Constitutional Officer

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 Executive 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 Executive 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. Baitul Aziz Mosque, Dickens Square

The deputation request states:

"We wish to address Council Assembly regarding the recent change in parking enforcement around Baitul Aziz Mosque, Dickens Square SE1.

For many years, there has been an established practice allowing worshippers to park during the limited period of Friday prayers and funerals without enforcement action. Since May, this position appears to have changed without consultation with the mosque or local community, resulting in worshippers receiving Penalty Charge Notices and considerable uncertainty and distress. The change particularly affects elderly and disabled worshippers and those with mobility and accessibility needs, including wheelchair users.

We are therefore asking the Council to explain why this longstanding arrangement was changed without consultation, to consider the equality and accessibility implications, and to work urgently with the mosque to reinstate or agree a reasonable and practical parking arrangement for Friday prayers and funerals."

2. St James' Tenants

The deputation request states:

"182 households on St. James Estate are being displaced as the consequence of the sale of our homes by Notting Hill Genesis (NHG) to a group of investors who call themselves BMR. Their major objective is to convert our homes into super-profitable Homes of Multiple Occupation (HMOs).

Long term residents are being displaced, children are having to change schools, so that BMR can relet our homes to Lambeth Council as temporary accommodation.

We would like to bring a deputation to raise this issue with the Leader and Executive, to ask what support the council can give in preventing this displacement and holding NHG to account."

3. Copleston Centre

The deputation request states:

“While we are grateful for the opportunity to apply for funds such as Neighbourhood Funding, Pride, Black History Month and Warm Spaces, these are small grants each with their own separate applications, project delivery and monitoring.

We are currently unable to access larger amounts that are 'closed'. For example, we are currently not considered able to apply to become a COPSINS delivery organisation or to access any Common Purpose funding.

At a challenging time for VCS organisations such as ours, and also in recognition of the contribution our organisation makes in Rye Lane and neighbouring wards, we would appreciate the opportunity to represent our request to access these funding streams and to meet with Councillors Corn and Wise to discuss this.”

4. London LGBTQ+ Community Centre

The deputation request states:

“In my capacity as Centre Manager at London LGBTQ+ Community Centre since 2023, I talk to thousands of LGBTQ+ individuals each month who come to the Centre seeking support and community. Consequently, I have in-depth knowledge of the struggles our community faces today and how the current socio-political climate is impacting our communities - mentally and socially. Knowledge that is compounded by my own lived experience as a queer person myself.

Thus, I would like request to cover the following topics at the Council Assembly:

- The impact the UK Supreme Court Ruling of 16 April 2025 in ‘For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers’ has already had in our community.

- The foreseen consequences of the EHRC Code of Practice that entered in vigour on 5 August 2026 and the way this has impacted the LGBTQ+ community in Southwark.”

5. Residents of Rouel Road Estate

The deputation request states:

“This is about waste management and fly-tipping on Rouel Road estate and wider South Bermondsey Ward.”

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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Director of Law and Governance	No	No
Strategic Director, Resources	No	No
Executive Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		21 September 2026

Agenda Item 7

AMENDMENTS

ITEM 5.2.1: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Support Southwark residents, support Southwark staff (see pages 29-32 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Sam Foster
Seconded: Councillor Rachel Bentley

Delete all and **replace** with:

1. Council Assembly notes:

    a. The diligence and commitment of the 5000 council staff who, across every department, deliver the services our residents rely on and do the essential work necessary for the functioning of society

    b. The impact of the Labour government's so-called Fair Funding Review, which Southwark Labour failed to adequately oppose, which is leaving Southwark with a gap of £102 million

    c. The failure of the previous administration to prepare for this reality, instead opting for an irresponsible election budget which overspent by £34 million, failed to consider temporary accommodation pressures in its future forecasts and kicked difficult decisions down the road

    d. That the previous administration opted to hide this truth from the residents of Southwark, making zero mention of this funding gap in their manifesto despite knowing that any future administration would be under enormous budgetary pressure.

2. Council Assembly recognises:

    a. The achievements of the joint administration in its first 100 days despite these budget pressures, including but not limited to:

        i. Organising the distribution of 7000 pieces of school uniform for the children in Southwark who need them most
        ii. Launching one stop shops to make it easier for residents to resolve issues by talking to officers face to face
        iii. Creating a new voids taskforce to tackle the empty homes backlog
        iv. Tens of millions invested in new council homes, using money that Labour failed to spend
        v. Saving the Nest and Dementia Advisor services – funding for which Labour left to lapse
        vi. £600k of new money invested in the Night Time Uniform Patrol Service

vii. Announcing the return of community councils, letting residents shape decisions that affect their lives and local areas
viii. Negotiating a flat fee for Southwark residents with the main e-bike operators
ix. Standing with other progressive councils against Labour's cruel immigration raids & anti-trans politics
x. Investing £3 million in road safety to work to eliminate deaths on Southwark's roads
xi. Accelerating Southwark's heatwave response via a borough-wide plan
xii. The launch of Community Skips, which will help communities across the borough enjoy cleaner and greener streets.

3. Council Assembly believes:

a. The residents of Southwark deserve a council who will be honest with them and have a right to know the truth about the enormous strain the previous administration left the council under

b. That residents should have a genuine opportunity to shape the budget – so that their priorities are reflected in the decisions made by this administration

c. That the council of Southwark should be accountable to the residents of Southwark, not parties in Westminster.

4. Council Assembly resolves:

a. To deliver for residents, demonstrating that even in the face of severe financial pressures, the Green–Liberal Democrat change of administration will mean a change in priorities, a change in culture and tangible improvements to people's lives

b. To work with residents to tackle the challenges we face together and, unlike the previous administration, be honest with residents about the shape and scale of those challenges, providing clear context and information so that residents and councillors can properly understand the choices before us

c. To engage in a major borough-wide campaign engaging with residents ahead of the budget, ensuring their views run through the heart of council decision-making. We will publish a summary of the results, and be clear about how resident engagement has shaped the budget.

d. To do everything in our power to fight back against Labour's brutal austerity that is starving Southwark of the resources it desperately needs.

ITEM 5.2.3: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Southwark's Place in Europe (see pages 35-38 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Sam Dalton
Seconded: Councillor Richard Livingstone

In point 1. l., **after** "That Southwark Council's Brexit Panel found that approximately 41,000 non-Irish EU citizens lived in the borough…" **insert** ", and approximately 4000 Irish residents (according to the 2021 census)[…]", **before** "and highlighted concerns about…"

In point 1. n., **insert** "Southwark Labour, Greens and…" **after** "That the…" and **before** "Liberal Democrats…"

In point 1. n., **delete** "campaign" and **replace with** "campaigned"

In point 2. b., **delete**: "and now maintained by Labour"

Insert 2. g. "As Council Assembly agreed unanimously in 2025, all legally resident foreign nationals should be granted the right to vote."

In point 3. b. ii., **delete** "Campaign for the Government to…" and **replace** with "Recommend that the government…"

Insert 3. b. xi. "Call on the government to introduce a residence-based voter registration system in England and Northern Ireland such as the one used in Scotland and Wales, where all legally resident foreign nationals can vote."

Renumber all paragraphs accordingly

ITEM 5.2.4: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – National Year of Reading - making Southwark a borough of readers (see pages 38-42 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Vanessa Threadgold
Seconded: Councillor Jane Salmon

Delete all and replace:

1. Council Assembly notes:

    a. The worrying national decline in reading for pleasure among children and young people, with just 36% of 8-18-year-olds saying in 2026 that they enjoy reading in their free time and only one in five reading daily, with children from disadvantaged backgrounds less likely to read for pleasure.

    b. The particularly important role played by public libraries in ensuring that reading is accessible to everyone, irrespective of income or background, and the Education Committee's warning about the impact nationally of reductions in library provision.

    c. The incredible benefits to the children of the borough that the council's partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library has brought, including:
        i) The gift of over 40,000 books to 6,000 children across the borough since 2016
        ii) Enabling children to receive their own age-appropriate book every month from birth until their fifth birthday, helping families to build a library of books in their own homes.

    d. Dolly Parton's extraordinary contribution to children's literacy internationally through the Imagination Library, and the contribution of the Dollywood Foundation and its partners in making the scheme possible in Southwark.

    e. The enormous pressure that Southwark's libraries – and the council's finances more broadly – are under, thanks to the £102 million gap caused by the Labour Government's austerity, which the previous administration knew was coming yet failed to prepare for.

2. Council Assembly believes:

    a. Reading for pleasure should be available to every child, regardless of their family's income, background or circumstances, and access to books at home, at school and in public libraries is fundamental to achieving this.

b. The National Year of Reading provides an opportunity not simply to celebrate reading during 2026, but to establish a lasting reading legacy in Southwark.

c. The council should understand who currently benefits from its reading programmes and where there are gaps in participation, including whether participation varies according to deprivation, so that activity and resources can be targeted particularly towards children and communities who are least likely to read for pleasure.

3. Council Assembly resolves:

a. To do everything possible to protect library services across Southwark from the Labour Government's austerity and, unlike the previous administration, be fully transparent with the people of Southwark whilst we do so.

b. To continue the promotion of reading for pleasure – through schools, libraries, and local partners.

c. To work with partners across the borough and champion new initiatives such as the Marlborough Storyhouse which will ensure the children of Southwark have access to a diverse range of reading environments

ITEM 5.2.5: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Defending sanctuary in Southwark (see pages 42-45 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Sabina Emmanuel
Seconded: Councillor Sunny Lambe

Insert under 1):

e. The decision made by Southwark, Lewisham and Lambeth councils in 2019 to remove Home Office immigration officers embedded within the council and take action against the then Conservative government's "hostile environment" policies.

f. Cllr Jasmine Ali's hard work, alongside voluntary and community sector and partner organisations, to make Southwark a proud Borough of Sanctuary and her impassioned drive to speak truth to power when it comes to standing up for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants who make Southwark their home.

g. The council's commitment to anti-racism, embodied by Southwark Stands Together, which aims to amplify diverse voices within our organisations and address structural inequalities.

h. That in 2025, the Labour Administration approved new funding of £100,000 per year for the next four years to support asylum seekers, refugee settlement and community cohesion, issuing grants to fantastic partners such as Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers, Citizens Advice Southwark, Southwark Law Centre and Panjshir Aid.

Renumber all paragraphs accordingly

ITEM 5.2.7: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Building a Care System That Works: Southwark and the National Conversation on Care (see pages 49-51 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Adam Hood
Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Corn

Insert after 1a:

> "Sir Ed Davey's long-standing leadership on this issue – advocating for a fair deal for paid and unpaid carers, fighting for better outcomes for those receiving care, and pushing for a cross-party settlement to fix the care crisis."

Delete 1f, 1g

Insert at end of 1:

> "The development of a plan for Adult Social Care, education, and skills within the Borough Action Plan, as noted in the vision for Southwark, published in July 2026."

Delete 3d, 3e

Insert at end of 3:

> "e. Continue the work developing a positive plan for Adult Social Care in Southwark as a priority for the Joint Administration, both in the round and within its Borough Action Plan.
>
> f. Call on the Prime Minister to follow through with his commitment to solve this issue on a cross-party basis by expanding talks on care to all parties, including the Green Party."

Renumber all paragraphs accordingly

ITEM 5.2.8: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – A clean energy future for Southwark
(see pages 51-53 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Margy Newens
Seconded: Councillor Jen Thornton

Delete all, replace with:

1. Council Assembly notes:

    a. Southwark Labour led a cross-party declaration of a climate emergency in Southwark in 2019.

    b. Since then, Southwark has been independently ranked the third best local authority in the country for climate action.

    c. Under Labour, back in 2016, this council became one of the first local authorities in the country to declare its intention to decarbonise its pension scheme. We divested completely from fossil fuels and over 10 years have cut the carbon footprint (WACI) of the fund by 83% so far, more than any other local authority in the country.

    d. In 2026, we invested £14 million of grant funding from the Labour government to decarbonise and retrofit our leisure centres.

    e. The Labour council planted over 30,000 trees between 2020 and 2026, resulting in the council having over 100,000 trees in total on council land - becoming the first inner London borough to achieve this milestone.

    f. Labour's established the Community Energy Fund with grants allowing local community groups to generate and own their own energy production, reducing bills and cutting their carbon emissions.

    g. Labour worked with the community to launch the Southwark Green Investment Fund – the largest scheme of its kind in the country – raising £3.5 million so far toward its £6 million target.

    h. Under Labour, Southwark has consistently maintained one of the highest recycling rates in Inner London, being consistently ranked in first or second place.

    i. Under Labour, the council also:

        i. Installed 2,000 more bike hangar spaces since 2022.

ii. Installed over 1,800 EV charging points, the 4th highest in the country.

iii. Delivered over 100 pedestrian crossings from 2022-2026

iv. Installed over 2.5km of segregated cycle lanes and offered free cycling lessons for children & adults

v. Achieved 30 Green Flags awards for our parks.

vi. Installed the first WEEE banks (local electrical recycling points).

vii. Rolled out food waste recycling to every household (including all our estates).

viii. Launched a Green Skills Hub.

ix. Launched the Biodiversity Fund – rewilding our borough to boost biodiversity.

x. Boosted biodiversity in Rotherhithe with the Canada Water boardwalk.

j. Labour also introduced the council's first Climate Budget – ensuring money was being spent well to bring down carbon emissions.

2. Council Assembly welcomes:

a. The huge success of the Mayor of London's ULEZ scheme, bringing London's air quality within legal limits in just 9 years.

b. Rolling out 1,400 electric buses to electrify London's bus network.

c. Plans to ban wood burning stoves in new 'zero emission zones'.

d. The recent news that ULEZ and other emission reducing measures have resulted in the seismic restoration of children's lung capacity to normal levels.

3. Council Assembly also welcomes:

a. The Labour government's establishment of Great British Energy – taking control of our country's energy future by investing in renewables, boosting our energy security, and creating good jobs – investing £8.3 bn in the process.

b. The Labour government lifting the ban on onshore wind.

c. The Labour government's £15 billion Warm Homes Plan.

d. Labour's new requirements on private rented sector homes, which must now meet higher minimum efficiency standards by 2030.

e. Labour's planning reforms, which will prevent new solar and wind farms being unnecessarily blocked.

f. Labour's major expansion of nature-friendly farming.

g. Continued wind-down of reliance on fossil fuels for energy production and heating homes.

4. Council Assembly resolves to:

a. Ask the Executive to build on Labour's green legacy in Southwark, cutting emissions, investing in renewables, improving active travel infrastructure and boosting biodiversity in every part of our borough, and outline what steps it will take to progress this agenda.

b. Ask the Executive to work with the Labour government and Mayor of London to continue tackling the climate emergency and achieve a just transition for the people of Southwark.

c. Ask that Executive Members spend more of their time focussing on ensuring local policy in Southwark is at a high standard, rather than writing letters.

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