

Council Assembly Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 4 July 2012

7.00 pm

Southwark College, Bermondsey Centre, Keetons Road, London, SE16
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Supplemental Agenda No.2

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Agenda Item 2.2

Item No. 2.2	Classification: Open	Date: 4 July 2012	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Public Question Time	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

1. QUESTION FROM JANE LOVEL TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING

The Dulwich Estate's Scheme of Management recently brought out revised policy guidelines for solar energy panels. Are you planning to submit comments and can they include views of many residents who have found the current guidelines to be a barrier to investing in renewable energy, lacking in transparency or scrutiny?

AUDIT TRAIL

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Item No. 2.3	Classification: Open	Date: 4 July 2012	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Requests on the Theme – Health in Southwark	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That council assembly notes the deputation requests received for consideration by this meeting as listed in paragraph 3 of the report.
2. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the groups listed in paragraph 8 of the report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Deputations received for this meeting

3. The following deputation requests have been received by the deadline for consideration by this meeting and they are list in the order received below:
 1. Closure of local nurseries
 2. Southwark Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Network - Health in the community
 3. Air Quality
 4. Cooltan Arts - Issues affecting people with mental ill health in the borough
 5. NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the council's new public health duty & significant Opportunities
 6. Walworth Society - The sale of the Manor Place Terrace site in Newington Ward.
4. The details for the deputations on the themed debate are set out in this report. The details of the other deputation are set out in item 4.

Procedure at the meeting

5. The council assembly procedure rule 2.6 (11) states that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting, and deputations shall be considered in the order of receipt. However the meeting can decide to suspend this rule in order to hear more or vary the order.
6. When considering whether to hear the deputation request, council assembly can decide:
 - to receive the deputation at this meeting or a future meeting; *or*
 - that the deputation not be received; *or*
 - to refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.

7. 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 on the themed debate

8. The following deputation requests received on the theme are listed in order of receipt.

1. Deputation from the Southwark Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Network to the Assembly discussion on health in the community

The deputation request states:

The local authority has key responsibilities under the equality act to ensure equity of provision for all of Southwark's diverse community, including its lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans community (LGBT).

The responsibilities for public health moving to local government in April 2013, include a range of areas where there is evidence of enhanced need in our LGBT community, although these have not historically been recognised in the joint strategic needs assessment beyond sexual health and HIV prevention.

The local evidence demonstrates significant health challenges affecting our communities, including:

- Increased rates of smoking and substance misuse
- Increase rates of suicide, self harm and depression
- Increased rates of domestic violence and crime
- Increased rates of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases
- Increased social isolation in older age.

There is national and international evidence which demonstrates the important links between discrimination and health behaviours and outcomes, particularly mental health. There is also a good evidence base demonstrating the importance of both targeted services for LGBT communities and tailoring of universal services to increase access and quality of services to improve access and acceptability.

The deputation seeks to make the assembly aware of the needs of the local LGBT community in Southwark in order to influence their discussion on health in the community.

2. Deputation on air quality

This deputation request has been received from a group of local residents. It states:

Poor air quality hasn't been chosen as one of Southwark's four health priorities, but it is one of the major causes of serious ill health. Research by the Department of Health's advisory committee on the medical effects of air pollutants has found that air pollution causes significantly more premature deaths than alcohol and obesity, and that it exacerbates symptoms faced by people with asthma and heart disease. Given that most of Southwark is an air quality management area, we would like to present the evidence and the need for air quality to be considered when supporting families to improve their health and promoting exercise. For example, it can be counter-productive to promote exercise in polluted areas during an air pollution episode, and there are steps the council can take to account for this.

3. Deputation from CoolTan Arts

The deputation states:

We would like to raise issues affecting people with mental ill health in the borough including:

The assessment process for personal budget allocation has/is taking too long

- Leaving people often in a state of anxiousness which can lead to crisis, often being picked up by the voluntary sector.

The need for intervention before crisis

- Strategies for achieving this through strong high quality community based activity/intervention; adequately funded and recognised.

4. NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

The deputation states:

From April 2013, the majority of NHS services in Southwark will be commissioned by the GP-led Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Every GP practice in Southwark will be a member of the CCG, and the CCG is at this time working towards being authorised for this important new role. The CCG will be a key partner in Southwark, and a member of the shadow health and wellbeing board. There are significant opportunities with this new organisation, with the local patient-knowledge and expertise that GPs bring from their day-to-day work, and in working with the council, notably with the new public health duty that the council will have, on our common agenda to improve the health and wellbeing of the borough.

Other deputation requests received by the deadline

9. The other deputation requests received by the deadline are set out in item 4.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228
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Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Title	Comments sought	Comments included
Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	No	No
Finance Director	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		3 July 2012

Item No. 3.2	Classification: Open	Date: 4 July 2012	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Questions from the Public on the Theme – Health in Southwark	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

1. QUESTION FROM DAVID LINFOOT TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING

Could you please inform me if there are any plans for an outdoor gym in Spa Gardens as this would encourage the community to keep fit, lose weight and give teenagers a way to keep off the streets and also to keep healthy?

2. QUESTION FROM KOLA ABIOLA TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE

How will Southwark Council ensure that in improving local mental health services, the professional resources of local cognitive behavioural therapists and other mental health practitioners are captured and well utilised?

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Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 4 July 2012	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Other Deputation Requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the groups listed in paragraph 5 of this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The full list of deputation requests received and the order in which they were submitted for this meeting is set out in item 2.3. The 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.
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KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Other deputation requests

5. The following deputation requests were received on issues other than the subject of the themed section of the meeting. The deputations are listed in order of receipt.
 1. **Deputation on the council's decision to phase out council-run children's nurseries in Southwark**

The deputation request states:

Our deputation is regarding the decision to phase out council-run children's nurseries in Southwark.

While we appreciate the budgetary constraints the council is under, we believe that the wrong decision has been made. Our opposition to the council's decision can be divided into two main areas, namely that:

- (1) the council's decision-making process in the matter has been inadequate;
- (2) the nurseries in question provide an excellent service to the community that will continue to be needed in the future.

In particular:

- From the various discussions that we have had with the council, it appears to be the case that it has been the council's desire, from the outset, to close the affected nurseries. No adequate prior thought appears to have been given as to what efficiencies could be made in order to avoid the wholesale closures. We request that the council reverse this approach and does all it can to keep these valuable resources open.
- We have been told that the council's decision was preceded by research that concluded that sufficient alternative childcare provision was available in close proximity to the affected nurseries. This does not correspond to the experience of local parents. The affected nurseries are not luxuries, but crucial in providing quality childcare in their respective communities.
- We believe that the provision of childcare in Southwark will remain an important issue, owing to various political and demographic developments. Cutting back on childcare provision now is certain to produce harmful and costly consequences in the immediate future.
- The above is only a rough outline of the main issues and we would very much like to expand on these, and related points, in a deputation.

2. Walworth Society - Manor Place Terrace

The deputation request states:

Southwark Council is currently selling the Manor Place Terrace of shops and homes in West Walworth for redevelopment. The terrace was built between 1875 and 1896. It contains some of last remaining Victorian buildings that were constructed on the site of historic Royal Surrey Gardens and are the last examples of Victorian retail within West Walworth.

It offers a strong link to the history of West Walworth and is a fine example of purpose built shops and homes from the late-Victorian era. They offer a real sense of how the streetscape would have been in the past. They are in perfect keeping with the local area being built with interesting detail and to a human scale.

West Walworth will change enormously in the next 10 years with a large number of development sites locally which will net Southwark Council tens and possibly hundreds of millions of pounds. The local community is supportive of the development which will occur.

We ask that as guardians of our local heritage and its assets, Southwark Council places a value on the terrace and its façade and says no to development which demolishes this historic terrace as is currently being proposed.

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AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.3.1 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME: THE THREAT TO ADULT CARE SERVICES IN THE SOUTH OF THE BOROUGH (see page 4 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor David Noakes
Seconded: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Add at end:

Council assembly believes that we all have a responsibility to care for the most vulnerable in our community.

Council assembly believes in the provision of day centres for Southwark's vulnerable and elderly residents, including those with dementia, physical disabilities, learning disabilities, and mental health problems.

Council assembly urges cabinet to properly and openly consult, communicate and work with service providers and users to ensure and enhance the future of day centre provision in Southwark.

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Dan Garfield
Seconded: Councillor Kevin Ahern

Delete all and insert:

- Council assembly notes that the Tory Liberal Democrat government has slashed local council budgets for older people's social care by over £1 billion since coming to power and will cut social care and disability payments by £8.6 billion by 2015.
- Council assembly also notes that the government has cut the council's overall budget by 25% or £90m in real terms since it came to power, and regrets that these cuts disproportionately fall on more deprived areas like Southwark. It is from within this context that the council is ensuring older people in Southwark continue to enjoy world class day services while finding the necessary savings to balance the council's books.
- Council assembly notes the council's intention to build a new centre for excellence for older people who are living with dementia or other complex needs which will focus on maximising independence and enable older people to live longer in their own homes.
- Council assembly notes that the centre of excellence would provide state-of-the-art facilities and activities for older people that are superior to those currently provided at Fred Francis and Southwark Park road. All users of Fred

Francis and Southwark Park Road with personal budgets would be guaranteed a place at the centre and provided with free transport to and from the new centre.

ITEM 3.3.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME: HEALTH AND WELLBEING PRIORITIES (see pages 4 – 5 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Catherine McDonald

Seconded: Councillor Nick Dolezal

In paragraph 5 **delete** “on cabinet members and” and “as priority work areas”

In paragraph 6 **delete** “to include councillors from all parties...” and **insert** “to consider ways to involve other parties...”

ITEM 3.3.3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME: HEALTH IN SOUTHWARK (see pages 5 – 6 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Paul Noblet

Seconded: Councillor Jonathan Mitchell

Delete points 3-6, renumber following points accordingly and **insert:**

3. Council assembly welcomes the national decrease in patient waiting times with 50,000 fewer patients waiting more than 18 weeks for treatment since the Labour government left office.
4. Council assembly notes the introduction of widespread privatisation in the NHS under the previous Labour government in the 2006 National Health Service Act.
5. Council assembly is concerned by the wasteful practice of the Labour government in paying £250 million to private providers for operations that were never performed.
6. Council assembly welcomes the coalition government’s real terms increase in NHS spending within this parliament.
7. Council assembly further welcomes the additional £7.2 billion funding allocation for adult social care which will make a vital difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable residents in Southwark.
8. Council assembly further notes with concern the disastrous impact of PFI contracts on the finances of hospitals, especially in South London, which were encouraged under the Labour government.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: SAVE SOUTHWARK NURSERIES (see pages 14
– 15 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle

Seconded: Councillor Renata Hamvas

Delete all and insert:

1. Council assembly notes that Tenda Road and Bishop’s House children’s centres will remain open and this has always been the case and regrets the mendacious campaign by local Liberal Democrat councillors that gave the impression that these centres would close.
2. Council assembly notes that the consultation will continue until 31 July and urges parents and relevant stakeholders to submit their views.
3. Council Assembly also notes that Southwark has had a real terms cut of 25% of its budget in the last 2 years – far greater than other local authorities including more affluent boroughs like Richmond.
4. It notes the hypocrisy of the local Liberal Democrat MP for Bermondsey and Old Southwark, Simon Hughes, to campaign against nursery closures while voting to cut their funding.
5. Council assembly calls on the leaders’ of each political group on the council and the local MP to write a joint letter to the Liberal Democrat Children’s Minister, Sarah Teather MP, urging her to rethink her cuts to nursery funding.

ITEM 8.4 – APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE – RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (see pages 132 - 138 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F**Moved:** Councillor Catherine Bowman**Seconded:** Councillor Anood Al-Samerai**Delete all and insert:**

1. Council assembly notes with concern the lack of transparency and accountability in the recruitment process for the position of chief executive and other members of the reorganised chief officer team.
2. Council assembly believes that Southwark Council should be an open organisation where everyone is given a fair chance of succeeding and that equality of opportunity exists for all.
3. Council assembly therefore instructs the appointments committee to embark on a full and open external recruitment process for the position of chief executive, the most senior position in the council.
4. Council assembly further believes that no officer of Southwark Borough Council should receive a salary greater than the prime minister (£142,500).
5. Council assembly therefore instructs the appointments committee to cap the salary offer for the successful applicant for the post of chief executive, along with all other senior posts, at this level.

Note: Parts 4 and 5 of the amendment would rescind a previous decision of council assembly made on 28 March 2012 (Pay policy statement). Council assembly procedure rules require that any amendment proposing such a change must be accompanied by a notice signed by at least 16 members, received four clear working days in advance of the meeting. Therefore council assembly would need to consider suspending council assembly procedure rule 1.11 to consider this part of the amendment.

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