

Council Assembly

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Harris Academy Peckham, 112 Peckham Road, London SE15 5DZ

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Agenda Item 2.1

Item No. 2.1	Classification: Open	Date: 27 March 2013	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Petition – Say No 2 Bail-Hostel Campaign	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		East Walworth, Livesey, South Bermondsey	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OFFICERS

Comments of the Chief Executive

1. Ellison House is an approved facility currently located within the first phase of the Aylesbury regeneration area. It is operated by the Probation Trust and the site is held on a long lease by the Ministry of Justice. The facility provides accommodation for up to 30 offenders who have completed their prison sentence. The residents are closely supervised by trained staff and subject to licence conditions and curfew during their time at the approved premises. The facility has operated in its current location for over 30 years.
2. The building forms part of the Aylesbury estate blocks which are at the end of their useful lives and the facility will need to be re-provided to enable the redevelopment of this phase and the overall regeneration to proceed.
3. Officers have considered a number of sites within the borough for the re-provision of this facility with a view to building a new stand alone building in the most suitable location. The sites considered included one at the junction of Rotherhithe New Road and the Old Kent Road.
4. A drop-in consultation on the option of using this site for the re-provision of Ellison House was held for local residents in February and officers attended a further meeting to discuss this proposal in March. The views of local residents have now been taken into account and the use of this site has now been reconsidered. Officers will now look at the possible alternative uses for this site, including housing that will contribute to the regeneration of the area. The re-provision of Ellison House within the Aylesbury area will also be reviewed.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Petition from Say No 2 Bail-Hostel Campaign	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John Constitutional Team 020 7525 7228

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Ian Millichap, Constitutional Manager
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Version	Final

Dated	20 March 2013	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Director of Legal Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
Chief Executive	Yes	Yes
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		26 March 2013

AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.3.1 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME: BASIC SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR RESIDENTS (see pages 3 - 4 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Cleo Soanes
Seconded: Councillor Lorraine Lauder

Delete all and insert:

1. Council assembly believes that crime and the fear of crime are among our residents’ main concerns and notes the council’s fairer future promise to crack down on anti-social behaviour and implement a violent crime strategy.
2. Council assembly notes the progress being made against the 5 priorities in the violent crime strategy including:
 - 9% reduction in violence with injury
 - 4% reduction in most serious violence
 - 22% reduction in knives used to injure
 - 19% reduction in youth violence
 - 10% reduction in domestic abuse.
3. Council assembly notes that despite savings to Southwark’s anti-social behaviour unit, the number of anti-social behaviour cases that have been managed by Southwark antisocial behaviour unit (SASBU and housing officers over the last three years has actually increased by 40%; the number of acceptable behaviour contracts issued increased by 19% on last year.
4. Council assembly welcomes the establishment of the Southwark anti-violence unit (SAVU), a multiagency team working together to support individuals and families affected by gang and serious youth violence. It welcomes the fact that, the first 10 months evaluation highlights that following engagement with SAVU, 45% of SAVU clients have not come to police notice, compared with the 12 months prior to their involvement in the scheme when 100% had come to notice. Council assembly further notes the favourable review of this work by the Home Office in October 2012, in which the council was praised by the review team for its 'political leaders recognising and prioritising ending gang and youth violence work and sending out a very strong signal that this is a priority for the borough and will be resourced and supported'.
5. Council assembly also welcomes the announcement in last month’s budget of £1.4m to upgrade outdated camera systems on Southwark’s housing estates as well as 30 new redeployable cameras and an upgraded control room. It notes that CCTV has supported the police in making around 900 arrests between April and March of 2012/13.
6. Council assembly regrets the government’s decision to cut the Met’s budget by 20% and the impact this has had on police officer numbers in the borough and on closures to police stations in Rotherhithe and East Dulwich. It welcomes the

council's decision to identify £750,000 for community safety initiatives including alternative police front counters.

7. Council assembly asks the cabinet to develop plans to:

- Work collaboratively with customs and excise, police and neighboring boroughs to tackle the drugs trade
- Work with communities and registered social landlords to develop new approaches to resolve conflicts within communities
- Help communities gain confidence to tackle anti-social behaviour in their midst
- Continue the excellent work of SAVU despite government cuts
- Develop further the work with our partners to reduce re-offending
- Work with Solace, the voluntary sector and local hospitals to develop innovative approaches to tackling violence against women and girls.

Note: If Amendment A is carried Motion 3.3.2 would fall.

ITEM 3.3.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME: CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (see pages 4 - 5 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Lewis Robinson

Seconded: Councillor Michael Mitchell

In paragraph 6 **delete** the first sentence and **insert**

"Council assembly welcomes the response by the Mayor’s Office of Policing and Crime (MOPAC) to the consultation on the local police estate and public access; in particular the recognition by the Metropolitan Police of the special requirements for Dulwich and Rotherhithe. It notes that further contact points are required in these areas. It re-affirms its support for the preferred solution in Dulwich being to provide a contact point and flexible police accommodation at the Gatehouse, Dulwich Hospital."

In paragraph 6 at the end of second sentence **insert:**

"and calls on all parties to get round the table and secure the best results for the communities of Dulwich and Rotherhithe"

In paragraph 6 **add** a third sentence.

"It also recognises the benefits for the south of the borough of the decisions to expand the role of the base in Seely Drive and retain a police presence at Gipsy Hill Police Station."

In paragraph 7 in bullet point 4 **delete** "despite government cuts".

Note: If Amendment B is carried section 1 of Amendment C would fall.

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor David Hubber

Seconded: Councillor Jonathan Mitchell

In paragraph 6 **delete** "government's" and **insert** "Mayor of London's"

In paragraph 7 bullet point 4 **delete** "despite government cuts".

In paragraph 7 after final bullet point **insert:**

"Prioritise resources for basic front line services to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the borough"

ITEM 5.2.1– MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: LOCALISING PLANNING DECISIONS (see page 14 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Helen Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Darrell Merrill

Delete all and insert:

1. Council assembly notes the concerns which residents and members from all parties have raised about travel times to Tooley Street from the south of the borough.
2. Council assembly recognises the need to make planning decision-making as accessible to all residents as possible.
3. Council assembly further recognises the need for financial efficiency across all departments in this time of austerity, and the additional unsustainable costs which would be incurred by holding planning committee meetings in a range of different venues across the borough.
4. Council assembly therefore proposes that some planning sub-committee meetings should be held at the council offices at Queen’s Road Peckham as soon as it is practical.
5. Council assembly requests the director of planning to report back on the impact of this change of venue in terms of the attendance of members of the public at planning sub-committee meetings in one year’s time.

ITEM 5.2.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: OFFENDER HOSTEL ON OLD KENT ROAD (see page 14 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Fiona Colley
Seconded: Councillor Richard Livingstone

Delete paragraph 1.

After paragraph 2 **delete** paragraphs 3 and 4 and **insert:**

- Council assembly notes that the council has recently been consulting residents in the Old Kent Road area of Southwark about the relocation of Ellison House approved premises to the area. Approved premises are used by the probation service to help ex-offenders readjust to society following a prison sentence.
- Council assembly notes that the council has listened to local views about the relocation and the future use of the site on the corner of Old Kent Road and Rotherhithe New Road. It has decided, based on that feedback, to seek an alternative site for Ellison House. This will most likely be as part of the regeneration of the Aylesbury estate where Ellison House is currently located.
- Council assembly thanks residents and local businesses for their involvement in discussions and notes the strength of local feeling regarding the need for regeneration of the Old Kent Road.
- Council assembly welcomes the news that the cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy has taken this on board and has asked officers to consider alternative plans for this prominent site as well as the wider area, including bringing more affordable housing to the area. Cabinet hopes to consult on plans later this year.
- Council assembly notes that it has always been the council’s aim to be open and transparent in conversations about the relocation about Ellison House, and resident feedback has been a crucial factor in its decision-making.

In paragraph 5 **delete** first bullet point.

**ITEM 7.1 – ESTABLISHING SOUTHWARK’S HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AS
A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL** (see pages 21 - 45 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor David Noakes
Seconded: Councillor Denise Capstick

Delete recommendations 1 and 2 and **insert:**

That council assembly:

1. Welcomes the transfer of public health responsibilities back to local authorities and the establishment of Southwark’s Health and Wellbeing Board as a committee of the council from 1 April 2013.
2. Welcomes the decision of the administration to accept the Liberal Democrat proposal to ensure the voluntary sector are represented on the board with the inclusion of the Chief Executive of Community Action Southwark.
3. Agrees the membership of the proposed board with the addition of two opposition councillors, one from each of the opposition parties represented on the council, which would ensure that one third of the board's members are democratically elected.

Renumber all subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

ITEM 7.2 – CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES – ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ASSEMBLY (see pages 46 - 56 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor Lisa Rajan
Seconded: Councillor Graham Neale

Delete paragraph 13 and renumber all subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

ITEM 7.3 – ANNUAL PAY POLICY STATEMENT (see pages 57 - 68 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT H

Moved: Councillor Tim McNally

Seconded: Councillor Catherine Bowman

Delete recommendation and **insert:**

1. That council assembly agrees that:

- performance-related pay schemes apply to Southwark's lowest paid staff instead of its highest paid staff
- no senior Southwark officer should be employed at a higher pay rate than the Prime Minister
- all chief officer posts should be recruited through external recruitment processes.

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