

Council Assembly (Ordinary)

Wednesday 16 October 2013

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Walworth Academy, 34 - 40 Shorncliffe Road, SE1 5UJ.

Supplemental Agenda No.3

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Agenda Item 3.3

Item No. 3.3	Classification: Open	Date: 16 October 2013	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Questions from the Public on the Theme – Green Southwark	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

1. QUESTION FROM DONNACHADH McCARTHY TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

How much has Southwark Council invested in fossil-fuel (oil/gas/coal/fracking) corporations, and will the assembly agree to discuss proposal at its next meeting to dis-invest from all fossil-fuel corporations and the banks and pension-funds that fund them, as other councils, universities and institutions are doing?"

2. QUESTION FROM PAULA ORR TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING

*What is the council doing to promote and conserve green spaces and build connections between these? Transition Town Peckham has produced a green spaces map, with a Southwark Council grant. Feedback shows local people want to promote and develop green trails to increase opportunities for recreation and support greater biodiversity.

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*Note: Question 2 was omitted at the time of Supplemental Agenda No.2 dispatch.

Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 16 October 2013	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Other Deputation Requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

1. 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.
2. The third deputation listed was received within the deadline for receipt of deputations but was omitted from the agenda as further advice was being sought on its content.
3. 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.
4. When considering whether to hear a 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.

Other deputation requests

1. Camberwell Library and Orchard

The deputation request states:

Camberwell has needed a proper library for the last 70 years and the current plans to address that need are welcomed!

But, build in haste regret at leisure aptly describes the current plans to build a library that is, on the drawing board, too small by half for current needs and by 2030 will be at best 1/3 the size of what will be needed to house a modern balance of books and computers, study space and meeting rooms.

There is room and need in Camberwell for BOTH a properly built library of well determined size to serve the Camberwell community well into the future and the existing, mature Orchard. We want the council to stop portraying this as either a library or a piece of unusual and much needed open space. There is good reason to doubt the council's sincerity, openness and honesty throughout the history of the battle to retain and cherish a rare oasis of dense quiet green space on an otherwise congested badly planted, planned and built loud urban intersection.

Camberwell Green and the adjacent Orchard are in one of the most cemented, ugly, desolate parts of Southwark. The Orchard must be taken off the table as a building site, for anything.

We want the council to stop an ill conceived plan to jam a very small building called a "library" simply by choice of a word into what could be developed into a spectacular piazza. The problem in this strange left over space in front of the Magistrate's Court is not the Camberwell Green Orchard but all the other awful buildings and the hodgepodge of terrible architecture and design and planning that has characterised this part of Southwark from the moment it stopped being farm land in the 1800's.

2. Deputation from Free Healthy School Meals Programme

The deputation states:

We are a group of parents and grandparents of children at Southwark schools.

We want to bring a deputation to council assembly on 16 October to call on the council to continue with their free healthy school meals programme. We are concerned that the new government scheme falls short of the scheme in Southwark, and with council's under increasing financial pressure, we want to ensure that the council make retaining this scheme for all primary children a priority.

3. Deputation from John Kennedy Campaign Group

The deputation states:

We want to raise pressing and serious concerns about the policy Southwark Council has got for collecting outstanding service charges from leaseholders, particularly in our block, John Kennedy House, on our Estate, the Hawkstone.

We want to know if the council's home ownership unit is talking to the council's financial collection department about specific programmes of major works where very large service charges seem to be generated at the moment – and if perhaps there can be more communication between them, because it appears to us that the council is negotiating with us with one handover these charges and strangling our throats for money with the other?

Surely Southwark council assembly can initiate a policy re-think for us - and all the other leaseholders in Southwark who stand to face sizeable major works service charge bills in the near future.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228
Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.6, Southwark Constitution	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
Director of Legal Services	No	No
Strategic Director Finance & Corporate Services	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	15 October 2013	

Item No. 7.1	Classification: Open	Date: 16 October 2013	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Question on report: Children and Young People's Plan 2013-2016	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

1. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN

Southwark has been named as one of the councils placing more than 80% of children in care in 'far-flung' care homes [more than 20 miles away]. What is the explanation for this approach?

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Item No. 8.1	Classification: Open	Date: 16 October 2013	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Questions on report: Representation to proposed Northern Line Extension	
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From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

1. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN

The report states that the council will provide oral evidence at the public inquiry if TfL fails to address its concerns about the project. Specifically which of the council's requirements must be met to avoid this scenario? Does the council demand that a certain maximum noise level must be agreed not to be surpassed by the construction work, and if so, what is that level?

2. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI

What is the council doing to ensure that the proposals offer benefits to local residents, rather than just the inconvenience associated with the construction work? Is the council calling for compensation to be offered to residents whose houses and living conditions are likely to be affected by the proposed works?

3. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

Does the council support TfL's proposal for the location of the permanent shaft, or is the council seeking further justification from TfL on the matter? Has the council challenged TfL's assertions that moving the permanent shaft would require sharp turns for trains and would also remove the option of using gallery tunnels to reinforce the ground in the Kennington area?

4. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THORNTON

Is the council privy to the views of Ramboll Ltd, Lambeth Council's adviser on technical matters, on the perceived need to locate the permanent shaft at Kennington Park House, and if so, what is Ramboll's view? Has Southwark Council considered commissioning its own technical advisers?

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Item No. 8.2	Classification: Open	Date: 16 October 2013	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Question on report: Constitutional Review 2013/14	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

1. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR TIM McNALLY

Has any review of the value for money that the deputy cabinet members provide for their allowances taken place since the posts were introduced? In the past month, how many hours have each of the deputy cabinet members spent on duties relating to their respective portfolios, and on what specifically was this time spent?

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AMENDMENTS

**ITEM 3.4 – MEMBERS’ MOTION ON THE THEME: MOTION 1 - MAKING SOUTHWARK
A CARBON NEUTRAL COUNCIL (see page 3 of the main agenda)**

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Barrie Hargrove

Seconded: Councillor Neil Coyle

After paragraph 1 insert:

- Welcomes the council’s energy and carbon reduction strategy which sets out what the council will do to reduce both council emissions and those from the borough as a whole.
- Notes that the strategy sets out the council’s plans to reduce operational emissions from all the council’s offices, schools, libraries and leisure centres. Council assembly further notes the council’s commitment to encouraging all council staff to work sustainability through monthly workshops and events as part of the council’s green buildings programme.

After paragraph 2 insert:

- Welcomes that this winter, Southwark is leading the way by delivering London’s first energy from waste district heating network. Energy from the SELCHP facility will provide heating and hot water to five housing estates in the north east of the borough, in the process reducing carbon emissions by 8,000 tonnes per annum.
- Welcomes the real energy efficiency improvements that we are making to our housing stock, making use of funding opportunities such as the energy companies obligation to install cavity wall and solid wall insulation. Council assembly notes that one such project recently completed on 2,200 properties has reduced carbon emissions by around 2,000 tonnes per annum.
- Notes that the council continue to work with a large number of the biggest commercial carbon emitters in the borough through the 200 Club programme of events, providing a forum for encouraging and educating about sustainability and energy efficiency in the work environment.

Delete paragraph 4 and insert:

- Believes that the aspiration of the council should be to be carbon neutral but that the environment is best served by setting challenging but realistic carbon emissions targets
- Recognises that for a borough of the size and nature of Southwark to be carbon neutral, then both the investment and green technology needs to be available. Council assembly notes that with the government cuts the borough is facing and the green technologies currently available that this is not possible in the next four years.

- Council assembly therefore and calls on cabinet to ensure the borough continues to make progress against its carbon reduction targets and encourages members who have ideas about what more the council could be doing to bring them forward to cabinet to help the borough achieve its goal.

ITEM 3.4 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME: MOTION 2 - GREEN SOUTHWARK (see pages 4 - 5 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Lisa Rajan
Seconded: Councillor Paul Noblet

Delete all and insert:

Council assembly:

- Welcomes all efforts by the current administration and recent previous administrations to create a greener Southwark.
- However believes progress by the current administration is too slow and lacking ambition.
- Believes that only a Liberal Democrat administration has the commitment and vision needed to turn Southwark into a green borough.
- Therefore calls on cabinet to back Liberal Democrat plans to make Southwark the most environmentally-friendly borough in London, beginning with a commitment to make the council carbon-neutral by 2018.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTION: MOTION 1 - SAVE OUR LOCAL PUBS (see page 15 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Victoria Mills
Seconded: Councillor Patrick Diamond

Delete paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 and **insert**

3. Recognises the community campaigns and their activists who have already successfully managed to get their pubs listed as assets of community value and looks forward to working with those who set up new businesses and create much needed employment.
4. Welcomes the council's groundbreaking approval to bring into force Article 4 planning directions on change of use to help protect our high streets and community assets such as pubs. This makes Southwark the first authority nationally to make such a change.
5. Recognises that highly indebted property companies own over half of Britain's pubs. These charge high rents to tied tenants of pubs. The Fair Deal for Your Local Campaign estimates that to pay these high rents a pint of lager is on average 80p per pint higher and ale is 65p per pint higher than justified by inflation and like for like changes in taxes since 1987. This is pricing pubs out of the market.

Council assembly therefore calls on the government to commit to statutory regulation of the relationship between large scale pub landlords and their tenants which specifically includes a "free of tie" option which will enable them to buy produce on the open market and pay a fair rent for their building.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 2 – SUPPORT FOR FREE HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS (see pages 15 - 16 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Seconded: Councillor Rosie Shimell

Delete bullet point 3 and **insert:**

- Hopes that universal free school meals will contribute to a reduction in childhood obesity in Southwark and looks forward to seeing empirical evidence of this in coming months.

Delete from “However” to end and **insert:**

- Notes that there have been legitimate concerns about the cost of universal free school meals in Southwark.
- Welcomes the fact that funding from the coalition government will now make the policy more affordable for Southwark Council and its residents, freeing up previously allocated council finances for use on other things.
- Notes that Southwark Liberal Democrats have committed to protect universal free school meals for all primary school children in the borough.
- Calls on cabinet to write to the Deputy Prime Minister welcoming the funding for free school meals in the first three years of primary school, and to launch a short consultation to consider how best to spend the £2m of council cash now freed up by the additional government funding.

ITEM 5.2 - MEMBERS' MOTIONS: MOTION 3 – GREEN FLAGS (see pages 16 - 17 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Rowenna Davis

Seconded: Councillor Nick Dolezal

In paragraph 2 **delete:**

“a total of fourteen green flags across the borough” and **insert:**

“a total of seventeen green flags across the borough”

Insert new paragraph 3 and renumber:

“Notes that the council can only apply for flags in parks it owns and maintains and so parks such as St Francis would not be eligible.”

In paragraph 4 **delete** from “award this year...” to “in Dulwich” and **insert**

“awards for 2014/15, including Nursery Row, Mint Street and Surrey Square.

Insert new paragraph 5:

Council assembly further calls on the cabinet member to consider other parks for future rounds of green flag awards including Goose Green and Dawsons Heights as well as Camberwell Green, Nunhead Green and Pasley Park.

ITEM 5.2 - MEMBERS' MOTIONS: MOTION 4 – DAMP IN PETER BUTLER HOUSE (see page 17 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Ian Wingfield
Seconded: Councillor Darren Merrill

Delete all and insert:

Council assembly notes that in the last three years, the council has received three formal complaints regarding damp in Peter Butler House – two which were due to condensation and one due to a defective balcony all of which have now been resolved.

Council assembly notes that officers have commissioned a survey to assess all dwellings within the block to identify any underlying issues and necessary remedial actions and welcomes the council's commitment to this.

Council assembly calls on the cabinet member for housing management to consider the outcome of the survey and take any remedial action necessary.

ITEM 5.2 - MEMBERS' MOTIONS: MOTION 5 – CLEAN UP TOWER BRIDGE ROAD
(see page 17 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor Claire Hickson

Seconded: Councillor the Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole

Delete paragraph 2 and **insert:**

Council Assembly welcomes the investment made through the community restoration fund that supported the creation of the Alliance and its initial activities.

Council assembly congratulates the Alliance on the success of its recent projects, funded through the cleaner greener safer budget, particularly the decoration of shop shutters, which have helped to improve the appearance of the street and allowed businesses to see the benefits of working with the Alliance.

Council assembly welcomes the high standards in street cleaning across the borough and the record public satisfaction with street cleanliness. It further welcomes the council's economic wellbeing strategy which sets out the council's plans to further improve partnership working with businesses to ensure that the council fully considers the different needs and expectations of businesses, their customers, local communities and residents when delivering basic services.

Council assembly calls on the cabinet to:

- continue to ensure that the planned improvements to Tower Bridge Road by Transport for London respond to the needs of local businesses and results improve the general appearance of the street
- Implement plans in the economic wellbeing strategy so that businesses on Tower Bridge Road and elsewhere in the borough can have more input into ensuring that local services meet their needs.

ITEM 5.2 - MEMBERS' MOTIONS: MOTION 6 – MAKING CATHEDRALS WARD SAFER FOR RESIDENTS AND CYCLIST (see supplemental agenda 1, page 86)

AMENDMENT H

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Lury

Seconded: Councillor Martin Seaton

At the end of paragraph 1 **insert:**

“and other areas of the borough and that this brings with it significant construction traffic and logistical challenges”

Delete paragraphs 2 and 3 and **insert:**

- Notes that all construction sites in the area have to have agreed construction management plans in place to demonstrate how deliveries will take place. This often results in a local road closure or a pit lane being installed to ensure HGV's can safely access and unload next to sites
- Notes that construction management plans must take account of the safety of other road users around the site including pedestrians and cyclists and that this is rigorously enforced
- Notes that all contractors have logistics companies working for them who arrange delivery slots so there should not be any local parking - all deliveries are just-in-time
- Notes that for very large projects contractors may need to rent a logistics site such as holding bays on Druid Street for the Shard and London Bridge Station.
- Notes that the council takes action against any contractors caught parking up locally such highways inspectors taking action against parking on Hopton Street.

Council assembly therefore calls upon cabinet to:

- instruct officers to work with contractors to assist them in finding suitable sites to use as waiting areas for construction vehicles which arrive before their allotted time and to continue to rigorously enforce against any use of local streets for circling or parking of vehicles.

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