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AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME - MOTION 2: A VISION FOR SOUTHWARK (see pages 4 - 5 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Althea Smith

Seconded: Councillor Stephen Govier

In paragraph 1 **delete** all after “Council assembly” and **insert:**

“notes the future vision of the All People’s Party for a fairer Southwark for all and not just the few which:

1. will ensure there is equality at the top
 2. will work for all and not just the few
 3. will freeze council tax until 2018
 4. will ensure 35% social housing in all new housing development
 5. will create 1000 jobs and apprenticeships for Southwark residents in the council and with the council’s partners
 6. will ensure security doors are repaired within 24 hours of reporting
 7. will cut rent for market traders by 25%
 8. will eliminate pests and potholes by 2015
 9. will provide free access to swimming and recreational facilities for our older people and less able people
 10. will promote healthy living and protect the welfare of our older people
 11. will find 10% savings by streamlining central and support services
 12. will celebrate the diversity of Southwark by organising at least 4 free community events per year for all generations to attend.
2. Council assembly believes we must have 50% talented minorities at the top political decision making table in Southwark by 2018 as it is unacceptable that out of the top 13 political leaders in Southwark, we have only one minority leader. It is an insult to talented minorities that only 8% of political power is given at the top to those who number 45% of the borough’s population. Council assembly should stand up for all talented minorities.
 3. Council assembly believes we must have interview panels at every level and in all fields, made up of diverse people, so talented minorities may not be unfairly removed from positions of power and have equal opportunities to the top leadership positions.
 4. Council assembly will put our community first with policy in support of the belief we are one people irrespective of our background and journey and therefore it rejects placing blind party politics before community and understands it needs to work to ensure our communities come first before party loyalty if the needs of our communities are to be met as residents must come first and we will always give all the people a chance.

5. Council assembly supports the introduction of a “Meat Free Monday” in all Southwark schools and council buildings as part of meeting its social responsibility for public health and the planet. Meat option to be available upon request.
6. Council assembly remains concerned by the sale of council homes and the transfer of council land for the building of private homes.
7. Council assembly calls upon the cabinet to work towards delivering a real and fair future for all the people of Southwark, and in particular by:
 1. Creating quality council owned homes at social rents and other quality social rented homes in Southwark, and through the planning process encourage the building of even more homes of every kind for local people.
 2. Making sure all council properties are retained and maintained in an excellent state of repair.
 3. Increasing the recycling rate to 50% and reduce payments made for landfill.
 4. Using capital funds, as some Southwark roads have been left in a dire state of repair due to a policy of cuts and underinvestment, to greatly improve road surfaces with priority given to those road surfaces where cyclists are put at risk.
 5. Making roads safer for all people on bikes including spending a minimum of 10% of the transport budget on safer cycling / pedestrian infrastructure.
 6. Working to secure and be prepared to fight for and fund a Bakerloo line extension south beyond Elephant and Castle.
 7. Supporting people of all ages in Southwark to lead healthy and active lives, preventing barriers that prevent people from getting fit, by working to ensure good health for all, especially older people; by seeking to ensure that other vulnerable people, such as those with disabilities and those suffering mental distress, receive the appropriate services when they need them; by working with Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group, GPs, health professionals and residents to ensure that the best possible health care is provided and by treating drug and alcohol addiction as a health issue instead of waiting for it to become a crime issue.
 8. Taking pride in all our Southwark by protecting open space and supporting green energy.
 9. Generating 10% yearly savings by streamlining services and looking for opportunities to share resources at all levels with other local authorities and government agencies with frontline services always protected.
 10. Opening up the budget making process for public scrutiny so council assembly makes better council tax setting decisions each year including the use of constructive engagement with residents such as handing over more local decisions and money to ward and/or community councils including budgets to fund voluntary groups in every area and funds to improve public space.
 11. Adopting an implementable “idea of the month” from the public every month to significantly improve the council’s performance.
 12. Modernising the way council staff work by improving communications including the better use of new technologies.

13. Adopting a robust mechanism to give residents the opportunity to provide performance feedback on council staff making such feedback part of their annual performance review.
14. Implementing a system to allow residents and councillors to log every single casework (including complaints) and monitor progress until satisfactory resolution, just like how you can track your purchases at Amazon.
15. Overhauling and refurbishing the Seven Islands leisure centre.
16. Working with communities to ensure there is more shared use of public buildings.
17. Supporting local theatres, the free public library at Westow Hill, libraries, arts and culture including a diverse programme of events throughout the year.
18. Working to protect the arts and culture of Peckham during the regeneration of this area.
19. Providing more space for outdoor theatre / music / job fairs / cultural fairs for all the community to enjoy.
20. Opening up all schools for more community use after school hours.
21. Providing free access to physical activities for older people including free swimming and access to all Southwark's leisure centres.
22. Working to ensure that both old and disabled people will be able to benefit from jobs, homes, skills and other opportunities with equality for them at all levels.
23. Agreeing to reduce the price of meals on wheels by 40% to £1 per meal and creating a "senior citizens support team" to help them with housing, money and health issues and access to all the entitlements they are due.
24. Making sure everyone who is eligible for a freedom pass has one.
25. Continuing to support older people to live safely at home, with an increase use of technology, and to continue to work closely with Southwark Pensioners Centre, Blackfriars Settlement, Dulwich Helpline and Southwark Circle.
26. Consider the allocation of resources towards organising free social events for the elderly, including afternoon coffees and bingo so they are not forgotten or overlooked in any sense.
27. Taking urgent measures to significantly improve pest control services ensuring Southwark are in the top 50% of all boroughs in London by 2015 rather than as now the second worst.
28. Allocating both capital and revenue resources to make Southwark pothole free with all potholes filled within 7 days.
29. Implementing 20 mph on all roads for which the council is responsible and monitor it vigorously.
30. Giving priority to local small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to tender for local authority contracts wherever possible.
31. Making use of local caterers and entertainment companies for all council's social events.
32. Evaluating and adjusting upwardly, if applicable, the council tax paid by multi-national corporations
33. Establishing social enterprise zones in the borough.
34. Lower rents for East Street Market and other similar markets by 25%.
35. Undertake a review of parking fees to ensure they are fair and not designed to make a profit.
36. Making council car parks free during the evenings and weekends.
37. Increase CCTV coverage in the areas where it is most needed.

38. Enforces zero tolerance for low level crime and disorder like dog-fouling, noise and all other forms of anti-social behaviour.
 39. Ensure the new community trigger process will be properly resourced and implemented to bring about reductions in anti-social behaviour.
 40. Ensuring all security doors for council maintained properties are repaired within 24 hours of a fault being reported and publishing performance monthly.
 41. Working with all businesses, especially global, operating in the borough to allocate at least 10% of their job vacancies and apprenticeships for Southwark residents.
 42. Giving 20% of the youth services budget to young people to manage through the Youth Council.
 43. Ensuring all children from ages 2-4 are entitled to 15 hours a week free childcare.
 44. Providing free healthy school meals for all primary school children.
 45. Ensuring children have a good primary school within one mile of their home.
 46. Protecting residents affected by the bedroom tax including not evicting residents due to outstanding payment of the bedroom tax.
 47. Carry out an urgent review into service charges and the way they are levied on leaseholders.
 48. Seeking to impose a 200% council tax for vacant residential properties used as investments.
 49. Implementing the recommendations of the Independent Housing Commission Report.
 50. Creating a letting agent charter, similar to that in Newham, which protects residents and requires all private landlords to licence their properties.
 51. Empowering tenants and residents associations to make their council officers more accountable for maintenance work so every home is liveable at all times.
 52. Generating income by using council assets to offset government cuts including the use of municipal bond issues and to allocate more money for building social housing.
8. Council assembly will celebrate the diversity of Southwark by making sure the Freedom of the Borough award, the highest award given in the borough, is bestowed upon individuals to reflect the real diversity of Southwark and ensure greater openness and transparency with regard to all civic awards.

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Andy Simmons
Seconded: Councillor Renata Hamvas

After (4i) **insert:**

- London faces a housing crisis and needs new homes. Council assembly welcomes that this administration has already given permission for over 11,000 new homes of every type in the borough and has also started building 11,000 new council homes. Council assembly supports Labour's commitment to:

- Ensure there are more homes for local people, whether your home is privately rented, shared ownership, council or private.
- Ensure that at least 50% of all new council homes go to people from that area, with the rest going to other Southwark residents.
- Keep improving council homes and deliver a quality kitchen and bathroom for every council tenant.

After (4ii) insert:

- Council assembly welcome's Labour's commitment to quality affordable childcare and the administration's decision to keep all our popular nurseries open despite the Liberal Democrat/Tory government cutting the money available for nurseries. Council assembly supports Labour's commitment to:
 - Invest in the borough's children's centres and work with parents to set up two new community nurseries to increase the number of affordable places in the borough.
 - Launch a Childcare Commission to bring together experts, parents, providers and employers to find new ways to guarantee care and early education to help parents and carers to balance work and family life.
 - Guarantee a local primary place for every child and open new secondary schools to meet demand.

After (4iii) insert:

- Southwark is a borough of growth and opportunity: a great place to do business, and to work. Council assembly supports Labour's commitment to:
 - Ensure that this growth continues, by supporting 5,000 local people into jobs and creating 2,000 new apprenticeships over the next four years.
 - Ensure that our young people are ready for work; we will guarantee that every school leaver has something to do whether training, education or a job.
 - Provide an hour's free parking in our shopping parades to support small shopping parades, which rely on local and passing trade, and to help residents to shop locally.

After (4iv) insert:

- Council assembly condemns the Liberal Democrat/Tory government for their savage cuts to Southwark's budget. Council assembly condemns Liberal Democrats and Tories in Southwark who have failed to stand up for the interests of people putting party interest before local need. Council assembly welcomes that this administration has been using money wisely, so even with 25% less money from the coalition government the council is keeping our streets clean, improving bin collection and making the borough safer. This administration has doubled recycling rates; council assembly supports Labour's commitment to continue to drive up recycling rates and divert more than 95% of waste away from landfill.
- Historic underinvestment in roads means the council is faced with expensive bills to fill potholes. Council assembly supports Labour's

commitment to double capital investment into roads making them safer with better surfaces for all roads users.

After (4v) **insert**:

- Council assembly notes that this administration wants to make it easier for people to be healthy, so that residents in Southwark can live a full life, whatever their age. Council assembly supports Labour's commitment to help residents to keep fit by making swimming and gym use free for all residents in our leisure centres.
- Council assembly welcomes the council's investment in better cycling and is making Southwark a 20mph borough to make our streets safer. Council assembly supports Labour's commitment to use Dutch expertise to deliver Southwark a safer cycling network and work with the Mayor to extend bike hire across the borough.

After (4vi) **insert**:

- After years of the Liberal Democrats and Tories talking down Southwark, council assembly welcomes that Labour is transforming our borough, through huge investment in Walworth, Camberwell and Peckham, and big improvements at the Elephant and Castle and Canada Water. Government cuts mean lots of councils are closing libraries. Council assembly supports Labour's commitment to invest in Southwark's libraries and keep them open, increasing access by giving a free library card to every secondary school child.
- The Tory Mayor has cut over 300 Southwark police officers and PCSOs since 2010. Council assembly supports Labour's commitment to campaign to get them back.

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Paul Noblet

Seconded: Councillor Jonathan Mitchell

Delete all and insert:

Council assembly:

1. Puts on record its disappointment with the performance of the current Labour administration in Southwark over the past four years and notes with concern the lack of vision of Labour leaders in the borough.
2. Contrasts this to the excellent record of the previous Liberal Democrat administration, and the Liberal Democrat's ambitious new plan for Southwark focussed on homes, kids, jobs and a council tax cut.
3. Therefore implores residents of Southwark to support a new Liberal Democrat administration for the borough in May's local elections.

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor James Barber

Seconded: Councillor Tim McNally

Insert at end:

“Council assembly also calls on cabinet to help local parents by funding additional childcare hours on top of those already offered by government.”

ITEM 3.3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME - MOTION 3: VISION FOR LOCALISM (see pages 5 – 6 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Martin Seaton
Seconded: Councillor Mark Glover

Following “engage with local politicians”, **delete** all and **add**:

Council assembly warmly welcomes the steps that have been taken by this administration to improve consultation with local people through community conversations with thousands of residents. Council assembly welcomes the fact that this feedback from residents has been used to shape policy on issues such as priorities for council services, setting the budget and the future of council housing, and that the outcomes of this consultation have then been fed back to the community.

Council assembly also welcomes the council’s work as an acknowledged leader in devolving control of housing services to residents through the creation of tenant management organisations (TMOs). Council assembly notes that residents on the D'Eynesford and Gloucester Grove estates have recently voted to create TMOs for their areas, and will join Styles House which launched in January 2014 and 12 other TMOs in Southwark who provide housing services to over 4200 homes.

Council assembly notes that this administration has also successfully sought to allow residents even greater control through the creation of the country's first 'self-financing' TMO in the Leathermarket Joint Management Board (JMB), giving residents control of all rents and service charges in their area.

Council assembly calls on the cabinet to continue working with local people in Southwark to encourage community involvement in decision-making and to ensure council policies reflect the priorities of local people.

Note: If Amendment E is carried, then Amendment F will fall.

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Graham Neale
Seconded: Councillor Adele Morris

After “including executive and planning powers,” **insert**:

“more responsibility for road maintenance and street cleaning,”

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 1 – LOCAL DECISION MAKING (see page 16 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor Darren Merrill

Seconded: Councillor Sunil Chopra

In paragraph 1, after “neighbourhoods” **add**:

1. Council assembly notes that the government has devolved some powers to local councils, such as neighbourhood plans, community right to bid and community right to challenge. However, council assembly is concerned that despite its rhetoric, the coalition government has failed to really deliver localism properly and has in fact centralised more decision making in Whitehall. Council assembly notes that the government still does not allow councils to make local decisions on schools, council tax, or how and when we speak to our community. Council assembly notes with concern that the coalition government has now acquired sweeping powers to shut down hospitals at short notice without local consultation, even if they are performing strongly, despite opposition by Labour MPs.

Delete “therefore” and 2i.

ReNUMBER paragraphs accordingly.

AMENDMENT H

Moved: Councillor David Hubber

Seconded: Councillor Lisa Rajan

After paragraph 2(ii) **insert**:

- iii. Welcomes work by local councillors, Simon Hughes MP and others to raise the issue of slow broadband in Rotherhithe and Surrey Docks, and the setting up of a community broadband working group to find ways to tackle the problem.
- iv. Calls on cabinet to organise a meeting with relevant ward councillors and BT to discuss progress on the issue of slow broadband in the Rotherhithe peninsula and further press them to take meaningful action.

At beginning of paragraph 2(iii) **insert**:

“Also”

ReNUMBER paragraphs accordingly.

AMENDMENT I

Moved: Councillor Rosie Shimell

Seconded: Councillor James Barber

After paragraph 2(ii) **insert:**

- iii. Notes the campaign by parents and local councillors in East Dulwich to secure new schools in the area, and calls on cabinet to initiate a change to the Dulwich Hospital planning brief to include a new secondary school on the site.

At beginning of paragraph 2(iii) **insert:**

“Also”

Renumber paragraphs accordingly.

AMENDMENT J

Moved: Councillor Adele Morris

Seconded: Councillor Catherine Bowman

After paragraph 2(ii) **insert:**

- iii. Welcomes the proposed rebuild of Elephant & Castle shopping centre, however recognises the concerns of traders about being priced out of the area.
- iv. Believes that, as the instigator of this project, the council has the responsibility to oversee the vision for the area and protect the vibrant mix of businesses at the shopping centre.
- v. Therefore calls on cabinet to take practical steps to ensure the developer allows local businesses meaningful involvement in plans for the area and offers a fair long-term rental agreement to existing tenants.

At beginning of paragraph 2(iii) **insert:**

“Also”

Renumber paragraphs accordingly.

AMENDMENT K

Moved: Councillor Tim McNally

Seconded: Councillor Poddy Clark

After paragraph 2(ii) **insert:**

- iii. Notes local concerns about the neglect of Dickens Square Park in Chaucer ward.

- iv. Calls on cabinet to end the dither and delay on implementing the masterplan and design for the park, which was commissioned in 2009 and completed in 2011, and start work on the plan as soon as possible.

At beginning of paragraph 2(iii) **insert:**

“Also”

Re-number paragraphs accordingly.

AMENDMENT L

Moved: Councillor Paul Kyriacou
Seconded: Councillor Graham Neale

After paragraph 2(ii) **insert:**

- iii. Recognises the concerns of residents in South Bermondsey about shortage of good quality affordable housing in the area, and in particular the pressure on family-sized council homes.
- iv. Therefore calls on cabinet to stop its mass sell-off of council homes.

At beginning of paragraph 2(iii) **insert:**

“Also”

Re-number paragraphs accordingly.

AMENDMENT M

Moved: Councillor Eliza Mann
Seconded: Councillor Nick Stanton

After paragraph 2(ii) **insert:**

- iii. Notes the serious concerns of residents and local councillors about the internal conditions of homes on the Arnold Estate.
- iv. Calls on cabinet to carry out a full investigation and remedial works into the problems of damp and mould on the estate, and to agree to install new kitchens and bathrooms for all council tenants on the estate within the next 12 months.

At beginning of paragraph 2(iii) **insert:**

“Also”

Re-number paragraphs accordingly.

AMENDMENT N

Moved: Councillor Jeff Hook
Seconded: Councillor Wilma Nelson

After paragraph 2(ii) **insert:**

- iii. Notes the acute pressure on school places in Rotherhithe, and calls on cabinet to support the Liberal Democrats' campaign for a new primary and a new secondary school in the area.

At beginning of paragraph 2(iii) **insert:**

“Also”

Re-number paragraphs accordingly.

AMENDMENT O

Moved: Councillor Mark Gettleson
Seconded: Councillor Denise Capstick

After paragraph 2(ii) **insert:**

- iii. Recognises the concerns raised by local councillors and others about traffic problems around Bermondsey Street, Kipling Street and Neckinger Estate.
- iv. Calls on cabinet to undertake a full traffic management study to help improve road safety, tackle increased traffic volumes and preserve the unique character of the area.

At beginning of paragraph 2(iii) **insert:**

“Also”

Re-number paragraphs accordingly.

AMENDMENT P

Moved: Councillor David Noakes
Seconded: Councillor Geoffrey Thornton

After paragraph 2(ii) **insert:**

Notes that payments negotiated from developers in-lieu of on-site affordable homes in Cathedrals ward are regularly being spent miles away from the community affected by the new development, and calls on cabinet to ensure more of this money is spent in the ward in future in order to secure a mixed and balanced community.

At beginning of paragraph 2(iii) **insert:**

“Also”

Reorder paragraphs accordingly.

AMENDMENT Q

Moved: Councillor Jonathan Mitchell

Seconded: Councillor Michael Bukola

After paragraph 2(ii) **insert:**

- iii. Calls on cabinet to further devolve planning away from Tooley Street by holding planning committee meetings in Dulwich.

At beginning of paragraph 2(iii) **insert:**

“Also”

Reorder paragraphs accordingly.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 2 – FREE SCHOOL MEALS (see pages 16 - 17 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT R

Moved: Councillor Nick Stanton

Seconded: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Delete all and insert:

Council assembly:

1. Welcomes the announcement by Nick Clegg last Autumn that the coalition will be funding free school meals for 4-7 year olds from September, a policy which will provide Southwark with around £1.5 million in extra government funding that it was not previously expecting.
2. Notes that, given Southwark already offers universal free school meals in primary schools, concerns about implementation of the policy nationally will not affect the borough in any way and are not relevant to council business in Southwark.
3. Believes that instead of worrying about how other boroughs will implement the policy, cabinet members in Southwark should be thanking Mr Clegg and his Liberal Democrat colleagues in parliament for freeing up council cash which can be used for other services in the borough.
4. Therefore calls on cabinet to write to Nick Clegg thanking him for the extra funding, and to put the money into the free childcare hours that Labour councillors voted for in January but subsequently reneged on only one month later.

**ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION – REGULATION ON PAYDAY
LENDERS** (see pages 17 - 18 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT S

Moved: Councillor Geoffrey Thornton
Seconded: Councillor David Hubber

In paragraph 4(ii) **delete** “Using” and **insert** “Introducing”

At end of paragraph 4(ii) **insert:**

“, as suggested by Liberal Democrat councillors on Overview and Scrutiny
Committee”

AMENDMENT T

Moved: Councillor Catherine Bowman
Seconded: Councillor David Noakes

At paragraph 6(ii), **insert** at end:

“, including a new credit union on Walworth Road”

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 5 – FIXED ODDS BETTING TERMINALS (see pages 18 - 20 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT U

Moved: Councillor Michael Bukola

Seconded: Councillor Eliza Mann

After paragraph 6 **insert:**

7. Council assembly notes that the Gambling Act (2005), introduced by the previous Labour government, deregulated many forms of gambling and had the consequence of encouraging a proliferation of betting shops in some areas.

Insert at end:

- c) Backs Southwark Liberal Democrats’ plan for business and jobs in the borough, which includes measures to support mixed high streets in the borough, variable business rates and giving communities more say over local neighbourhoods.

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