



## **COUNCIL ASSEMBLY (ANNUAL MEETING)**

MINUTES of the Council Assembly held on Wednesday May 20 2009 at 7.00 pm at  
Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

---

**PRESENT:**

The Worshipful the Mayor for 2008-09 Councillor Eliza Mann  
The Worshipful the Mayor for 2009-10 Councillor Jeff Hook  
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai  
Councillor James Barber  
Councillor Paul Bates  
Councillor Columba Blango  
Councillor Denise Capstick  
Councillor Fiona Colley  
Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton  
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle  
Councillor Toby Eckersley  
Councillor John Friary  
Councillor Mark Glover  
Councillor Aubyn Graham  
Councillor James Gurling  
Councillor Barrie Hargrove  
Councillor Michelle Holford  
Councillor David Hubber  
Councillor Kim Humphreys  
Councillor Peter John  
Councillor Jenny Jones  
Councillor Susan Elan Jones  
Councillor Paul Kyriacou  
Councillor Jelil Ladipo  
Councillor Adedokun Lasaki  
Councillor Lorraine Lauder  
Councillor Richard Livingstone  
Councillor Linda Manchester  
Councillor Alison McGovern  
Councillor Tim McNally  
Councillor Kirsty McNeill  
Councillor Jonathan Mitchell  
Councillor Abdul Mohamed  
Councillor Adele Morris  
Councillor Gordon Nardell

Councillor Wilma Nelson  
Councillor David Noakes  
Councillor Paul Noblet  
Councillor Ola Oyewunmi  
Councillor Chris Page  
Councillor Andrew Pakes  
Councillor Caroline Pidgeon  
Councillor Lisa Rajan  
Councillor Sandra Rhule  
Councillor Lewis Robinson  
Councillor Jane Salmon  
Councillor Martin Seaton  
Councillor Mackie Sheik  
Councillor Tayo Situ  
Councillor Bob Skelly  
Councillor Robert Smeath  
Councillor Althea Smith  
Councillor Nick Stanton  
Councillor Richard Thomas  
Councillor Dominic Thorncroft  
Councillor Nick Vineall  
Councillor Veronica Ward  
Councillor Ian Wingfield  
Councillor Lorraine Zuleta

## 1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

### 1.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor asked for nominations for Mayor for the ensuing municipal year 2009-10.

Councillor Nick Stanton, seconded by Councillor Columba Blango, moved that Councillor Jeff Hook be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Southwark for the municipal year 2009-10.

Councillor Peter John, seconded by Councillor Chris Page, moved that Councillor Althea Smith be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Southwark for the municipal year 2009-10.

The two nominations were put to the vote and it was:

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Jeff Hook be elected Mayor of Southwark for the municipal year 2009-10.

Councillor Jeff Hook accepted the office of Mayor.

At this juncture Councillors James Barber, Peter John and Lewis Robinson paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor.

At 7.30pm the meeting adjourned to allow the outgoing Mayor and Mayor elect to exchange robes. The meeting reconvened at 7.35pm.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Eliza Mann, invested the Mayor elect with the badge of office. The new Mayor signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair.

The Mayor announced that he wished to appoint Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2009-10.

The Deputy Mayor was invested with the badge of office.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Eliza Mann, gave her outgoing speech and thanked the outgoing Deputy Mayor, officers and members for their hard work and support throughout the year. Thereafter, the outgoing Mayor was presented with a replica of the Mayoral badge of the London Borough of Southwark.

In his acceptance speech, the Mayor stated his consort would be his civil partner, Mr Alvin Foo Onn Lee, that his theme for the year would be 'Civic Pride' and that his chosen charity would be 'Help for Heroes'.

At 7.50pm the meeting adjourned for a short refreshment break. At 8.10pm the meeting reconvened.

## **2. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

## **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Mayor announced three recent bereavements:

- Former Transport and General Workers' Union chief Jack Jones, passed away in a care home in Peckham, on April 21 2009
- Colonel Michael Lowe, former Deputy Lieutenant for Southwark, passed away on April 29 2009
- John O'Grady, Leader of the Council from 1968 until 1982, passed away on the 8 April 2009. He was elected to the council to represent Dockyard Ward in 1965. He became an Honorary Alderman in 2005.

Tributes were paid by Councillors Nick Stanton, Peter John and Toby Eckersley. Thereafter one minute's silence was held.

The meeting sent its congratulations to Councillor Helen Jardine-Brown on the recent birth of her daughter.

**4. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE MAYOR DEEMS URGENT**

**THE MAYOR AGREED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING AS LATE BUSINESS:**

- Late amendment C13 on Item 6.6 - Rotherhithe and Peckham community councils
- Late amendment D on Item 6.3 – Contract standing orders
- Late Amendment E On Item 7 – Changes to the Executive Arrangements.

At this juncture Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Paul Bates, moved that under council assembly procedure rule 1.11(M), council assembly procedure rule 2.9(4) (Notice for amendments to be delivered), be suspended in order that the three late amendments listed above could be debated.

The procedure motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

**5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

**6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Helen Jardine-Brown, Mary Foulkes, Evrim Laws and Danny McCarthy.

**7. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The open minutes of the ordinary council assembly meeting held on Wednesday, April 8 2009, be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**8. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND EXECUTIVE, ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES**

The Mayor stated that in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.15(2), this being an officer report, the recommendations set out in the report were deemed to have been moved and were subject to amendment only. He announced that he intended to consider each recommendation where a decision was needed separately.

The Mayor stated that he had received two nomination for

recommendation 3 (election of leader), Councillors Peter John and Nick Stanton. No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nomination was put to the vote and it was agreed Councillor Nick Stanton be appointed leader of the council.

Councillor Nick Stanton as the newly appointed leader of the council moved recommendation 4, his nominations for the appointment of the deputy leader and the executive members and their portfolios. The portfolios and nominations were set out in a document circulated separately to the agenda. Councillor Kim Humphreys seconded these nominations. The nominations and portfolios were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The leader reported on his nominations for the membership of the executive committee – major projects board. The nominations were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The Mayor moved recommendation 6, to agree the size and composition of the other council ordinary committees, including appointments, planning, disciplinary appeals, audit and governance and corporate parenting committee. The motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The Mayor moved recommendation 7, to establish community councils. The motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The Mayor moved recommendation 8, to agree the size and composition of the overview and scrutiny committee. The motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The Mayor moved recommendation 10 and stated that one nomination had been received for the position of chair of the overview and scrutiny committee, Councillor Fiona Colley. No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nomination was put to the vote and council assembly appointed Councillor Fiona Colley as chair of overview and scrutiny committee.

The Mayor stated that one nomination had been received for the position of vice chair of the overview and scrutiny committee, Councillor Jane Salmon. No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nomination was put to the vote and council assembly appointed Councillor Jane Salmon as vice chair of overview and scrutiny committee.

The Mayor moved recommendation 11, appointment of chairs and vice chairs of other committees. The Mayor announced that he had received a number of contested nominations. The Mayor stated that contested and vacant positions would be dealt with separately.

**Chair of appointments committee:** The Mayor stated that he had received two nominations for chair of the appointments committee, Councillors Peter John and Nick Stanton. No further nominations were

forthcoming, therefore the nominations were put to the vote and it was agreed that Councillor Nick Stanton be appointed as chair of the appointments committee.

**Vice chair of appointments committee:** The Mayor stated that he had received two nominations for vice chair of the appointments committee, Councillors Fiona Colley and Lewis Robinson. No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nominations were put to the vote and it was agreed that Councillor Lewis Robinson be appointed as vice chair of the appointments committee.

**Chair of disciplinary appeals committee:** The Mayor stated that he had received two nominations for chair of the disciplinary appeals committee, Councillors Jelil Ladipo and Ian Wingfield. No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nominations were put to the vote and it was agreed that Councillor Jelil Ladipo be appointed as chair of disciplinary appeals committee.

**Chair of licensing committee:** The Mayor stated that he had received two nominations for chair of the licensing committee, Councillors David Hubber and Dominic Thorncroft. No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nominations were put to the vote and it was agreed that Councillor David Hubber be appointed as chair of the licensing committee.

**Chair of planning committee:** The Mayor stated that he had received two nominations for chair of the planning committee, Councillors James Gurling and Gordon Nardell. No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nominations were put to the vote and it was agreed that Councillor James Gurling be appointed as chair of the planning committee.

**Vice chair of planning committee:** The Mayor stated that he had received two nominations for vice chair of the planning committee, Councillors Toby Eckersley and Gordon Nardell. No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nominations were put to the vote and it was agreed that Councillor Toby Eckersley be appointed as vice chair of the planning committee.

Council assembly were asked to consider the uncontested nominations for the following:

- Chair and vice chair of audit and governance committee
- Vice chair of disciplinary appeals committee
- Chair and vice chair of corporate parenting committee
- Vice chair of licensing committee
- To formally approve the appointment of the executive member for children's services as the chair of the corporate parenting committee
- Chairs and vice-chairs of the eight community councils.

The nominations were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The Mayor announced he had received one amendment to recommendation 20. Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved Amendment A.

Following debate on Amendment A (Councillor Jenny Jones), Amendment A was put to the vote and declared to be lost. The clerk informed the meeting that as Amendment A was lost, Amendment C8 would now fall

Recommendation 21, the Local Government Association General Assembly allocation of representatives and votes, was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The Mayor announced he had received one amendment to paragraph 64 – Members' Allowances. Councillor Richard Livingstone, seconded by Councillor Paul Bates, moved Amendment B.

Following debate on Amendment B (Councillor Nick Stanton and James Gurling), Amendment B was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and was declared to be carried.

**RESOLVED:** That council assembly agreed the following in relation to the recommendations contained within the report and detailed above:

1. That the constitutional issues for the coming municipal year be noted.
2. That the appointment of political group leaders, deputies and whips as set out below be noted:

**Liberal Democrat Group**

Leader - Councillor Nick Stanton  
Deputy Leader - Councillor James Gurling  
Chief Whip - Councillor James Barber

**Labour Group**

Leader - Councillor Peter John  
Deputy Leader - Councillor Alison McGovern  
Chief Whip - Councillor Paul Bates

**Conservative Group**

Leader - Councillor Lewis Robinson  
Deputy Leader - Councillor Kim Humphreys

Chief Whip - Councillor Michelle Holford.

3. That Councillor Nick Stanton be appointed as leader of the council.
4. That the executive and executive portfolios as set below be agreed:

Councillor Nick Stanton - Leader of the council (Chair)  
Councillor Kim Humphreys - Deputy leader and housing (Vice chair)  
Councillor Lisa Rajan - Children's services  
Councillor Adele Morris - Citizenship, equalities and communities  
Councillor Linda Manchester- Community safety  
Councillor Lewis Robinson - Culture, leisure and sport  
Councillor Paul Kyriacou - Environment  
Councillor David Noakes - Health and adult care  
Councillor Paul Noblet - Regeneration  
Councillor Tim McNally - Resources.

5. That the major projects board be constituted and appointed as an executive committee with the membership set out below:

Councillor Nick Stanton - Leader of the council and education (Chair)  
Councillor Kim Humphreys - Deputy leader and housing (Vice chair)  
Councillor Lewis Robinson - Culture, leisure and sport  
Councillor Paul Noblet - Regeneration  
Councillor Tim McNally - Resources.

Meetings to be held every two months, and otherwise as required.

6. That the size and composition of the council's regulatory and other committees including appointments, planning, disciplinary appeals, audit and governance and corporate parenting committee be agreed as set out in the table below:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Labour</b>
Committee 1 - Appointments Committee	7	3	3
Committee 2 - Planning Committee	7	3	3
Committee 3 - Disciplinary Appeals	8	4	4



Committee			
Committee 4 - Audit and Governance Committee	5	2	2
Committee 5 - Corporate Parenting Committee	8	3	4
Total	35	15	16

7. That eight community councils be established as set out in appendix B.
8. That the size and composition of the overview and scrutiny committee as set out below be agreed:

Committee	Total	Liberal Democrats	Labour
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	9	4	4

9. That it be noted that the overview and scrutiny committee (OSC) would appoint its scrutiny sub-committees.
10. That Councillor Fiona Colley be appointed as chair of overview and scrutiny committee.
11. That Councillor Jane Salmon be appointed as the vice chair of the overview and scrutiny committee.
12. That chairs and vice-chairs for the 2009-10 municipal year be agreed as set out below:

**Appointment Committee**

Councillor Nick Stanton (Chair)  
Councillor Lewis Robinson (Vice chair)

**Audit and Governance Committee**

Councillor Bob Skelly (Chair)  
Councillor Richard Livingstone (Vice chair)

**Corporate Parenting Committee**

Councillor Lisa Rajan (Chair)  
Councillor Veronica Ward (Vice chair)

**Disciplinary Appeals Committee**

Councillor Jelil Ladipo (Chair)  
Councillor Ian Wingfield (Vice chair)

**Licensing Committee**

Councillor David Hubber (Chair)

Councillor Dominic Thorncroft (Vice chair)

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor Fiona Colley (Chair)

Councillor Jane Salmon (Vice chair)

**Planning Committee**

Councillor James Gurling (Chair)

Councillor Toby Eckersley (Vice chair)

**Community Councils**

**Bermondsey Community Council**

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai (Chair)

Councillor Bob Skelly (Vice chair)

**Borough and Bankside Community Council**

Councillor Mackie Sheik (Chair)

Councillor Lorraine Zuleta (Vice chair)

**Camberwell Community Council**

Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Chair)

Councillor Ian Wingfield (Vice chair)

**Dulwich Community Council**

Councillor Nick Vineall

Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton (Vice chair)

**Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council**

Councillor Mark Glover (Chair)

Councillor Althea Smith (Vice chair)

**Peckham Community Council**

Councillor Tayo Situ (Chair)

Councillor Mary Foulkes (Vice chair)

**Rotherhithe Community Council**

Copuncillor Columba Blango (Chair)

Councillor Wilma Nelson (Vice chair)

**Walworth Community Council**

Councillor Lorraine Lauder (Chair)

Councillor Abdul Mohamed (Vice chair)

13. That seven councillor be appointed to serve on the standards committee as set out below:

- Liberal Democrats 3 places; Labour 3; Conservatives 1.

14. That the number of reserves that political groups will

be entitled to nominate to serve on the standards committees be equivalent to the number of places on the committee.

15. That it be noted that the election of the chair and vice-chair of the standards committee would take place at the first meeting of the committee.
16. That 15 councillors be appointed to serve on the licensing committee with the following allocation of seats:
  - Liberal Democrats 7 places; Labour 7 and Conservative 1.
17. That a licensing sub committee be appointed with delegated authority to hear all license applications including personal and premises licenses, reviews of licenses and temporary event notices. The sub committee to comprise members of the licensing committee with a quorum of three members.
18. That the urgency committee be reconstituted (and sub-committees) to function during an interim period between a municipal election and council assembly with the terms of reference and membership as set out in Appendix B.
19. That the voluntary bodies appointment panel (VBAP) be established and constituted to be responsible for recommending the appointment of charity trustees to specific Southwark charities and recommending appointments to the position of school governor on local education authority secondary and special school governing bodies, comprised of 2 Liberal Democrat, 2 Labour and 1 Conservative member.
20. That the constitutional steering panel be established to comprised of the whips of each political group represented on the council, to be responsible for reviewing and recommending amendments to the constitution. It is also responsible for making recommendations to council assembly for the award of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough and Honorary Aldermen and to recommend changes to the members' allowances scheme.
21. That the following dates for meetings of council assembly be agreed and that these dates be fixed in the council calendar for the municipal year 2009-10:

- July 8 2009
- November 4 2009
- January 27 2010
- February 23 2010
- March 24 2010
- May 19 2010

*Note: The draft calendar of meetings is attached as Appendix C of the report.*

22. That the allocation of representatives and votes on Local Government Association General Assembly be agreed as follows:

Local Government Association General Assembly

Liberal Democrats	Councillor Nick Stanton (2 votes)
Labour	Councillor Peter John (2 votes)
Conservative	Councillor Toby Eckersley (1 vote)

23. That it be noted that the executive and other committees will appoint to other outside committees and bodies.

**9. NOMINATIONS TO LONDON COUNCILS COMMITTEES AND FORUMS 2009-10**

The nominations were circulated on blue paper. The nominations for each position were considered and voted upon in turn. The appointments are set out in the resolution below.

**RESOLVED:** That council assembly agreed the following in relation to the recommendations contained within the report:

<b>London Councils Leaders' Committee</b> (S101 Joint Committee)	Representative: Councillor Nick Stanton Deputies: Councillor Paul Noblet and Councillor Kim Humphreys
<b>London Councils Transport and Environment Committee</b> (Associated S101 Joint Committee)	Representative: Councillor Paul Kyriacou Deputy: Councillor Tim McNally

<b>London Councils Grants Committee</b>	Representative: Councillor Kim Humphreys Deputy: Councillor Adele Morris
<b>London Councils Children and Young People Forum</b>	Representative: Councillor Lisa Rajan Deputy: Councillor Veronica Ward
<b>London Councils Crime and Public Protection Forum</b>	Representative: Councillor Linda Manchester Deputy: Councillor John Friary
<b>London Councils Culture, Tourism and London 2012 Forum</b>	Representative: Councillor Lewis Robinson Deputy: Councillor Althea Smith
<b>London Councils Economic Development Forum</b>	Representative: Councillor Paul Noblet Deputy: Councillor Chris Page
<b>London Councils Health and Adult Services Forum</b>	Representative: Councillor David Noakes Deputy: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle
<b>London Councils Housing Forum</b>	Representative: Councillor Kim Humphreys Deputy: Councillor Ian Wingfield
<b>Greater London Employment Forum</b>	Representative: Councillor Lorraine Zuleta Deputy: Councillor Toby Eckersley
<b>London Councils Limited</b>	Representative: Councillor Nick Stanton

## 10. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

The Mayor stated that in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.15 (2), the recommendations from the constitutional steering panel set out in the report were deemed to have been moved and were subject to amendment only. He explained that several amendments had been received on various proposals therefore these would be voted upon separately.

Late Amendment D was moved by Councillor Gordon Nardell and formally seconded by Councillor Chris Page. Late Amendment D was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved Amendment C1. Following debate (Councillors John Friary, Nick Stanton, Susan Elan Jones, Paul Bates, David Hubber and Aubyn Graham), Amendment C1 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved Amendment C2. Following debate (Councillors Fiona Colley, Nick Stanton and Kim Humphreys), Amendment C2 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Peter John moved Amendment C3. Following debate (Councillor James Gurling), Amendment C3 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved Amendment C4. Following debate (Councillors Paul Noblet, Kim Humphreys, John Friary, Nick Stanton, Mark Glover, Lorraine Zuleta and Aubyn Graham), Councillor James Gurling, seconded by Councillor James Barber, moved that the question be put. The procedure motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Amendment C4 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved Amendment C5.. Following debate (Councillors Toby Eckersley, Bob Skelly, Richard Livingstone and Nick Vineall), Amendment C5 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved Amendment C6. Following debate (Councillors Lewis Robinson, Kim Humphreys, Mark Glover, Paul Noblet and Richard Thomas), Amendment C6 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved Amendment C7. Councillor Lorraine Zuleta, seconded by Councillor James Barber, moved that the question be put. The procedural motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Amendment C7 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

The clerk advised that as Amendment A had been lost, Amendment C8 fell.

Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved late Amendment C9. Following debate (Councillor Nick Stanton), Amendment C9 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

At 10.05pm the bell was rung and the Mayor informed the meeting that the guillotine had fallen. In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.10(4), the meeting had fifteen minutes to consider the report, thereafter the remaining amendments would be put to the vote without debate. Amendment C9 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Amendment C10 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Amendment C11 was moved by Councillor Chris Page and formally seconded by Councillor Peter John. Following debate (Councillors David Hubber and Kim Humphreys), Amendment C11 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

With the meeting's consent Councillor Chris Page proposed the following change to Amendment C12. (the additional wording is shown underlined):

#### **14. Co-opted Members**

**Delete** Overview and Scrutiny procedure rule 3.1 and **insert**:

"Overview and scrutiny committee and its sub-committees may appoint a number of people as non-voting co-optees, with the approval of the chair and vice chair of the overview and scrutiny committee who may be appointed to serve for the full year or for the duration of a specific task or review."

Thereafter Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved revised Amendment C12. Revised Amendment C12 was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Councillor Chris Page, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved late Amendment C13. Following debate (Councillors Columba Blango and Richard Livingstone), late Amendment C13 was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Councillor James Gurling, seconded by Councillor James Barber, moved that the member and officer protocol and the communication protocol be referred to the constitutional steering panel for consideration. The procedural motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The remainder of the substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the member and officer protocol be referred to the constitutional steering panel for consideration (see item 6.1).
2. That the communication protocol be referred to the constitutional steering panel for consideration (see item 6.2).
3. That the changes to financial standing orders and contract standing orders together with further work on contract standing orders as set out in item 6.3 be agreed subject to recommendations 4 and 5 below.
4. That the changes to financial standing orders and contract standing orders as outlined in item 6.3A, and as set out below, be agreed.

**Financial Standing Orders (FSOs)**

Section 5 Monitoring and control of the revenue budget

- i) That section 5 (c) (iii) be amended as follows:

“If the virement is in excess of £250,000, it cannot be actioned until the strategic director has notified it to the finance director who will report it to the executive at the earliest opportunity. This ~~must include the~~ rule applies where there is movement of an approved budget from one service to another and to adjustments between subjective categories of income and expenditure such as to reflect additional grant or other income and associated expenditure.”

**Contract Standing Orders (CSOs)**

Section 5.2 Contracts from £5,000 to £75,000

- ii) That council assembly commission officers to do further work on the £5,000 threshold with a view to coming back to council assembly in the autumn.

Section 8 Contract termination

- iii) That section 8 be reworded as follows:



“A contract may only be terminated early or suspended by a chief officer, and only after ~~consultation with~~ obtaining approval from the monitoring officer and finance director; all such decisions will be advised in writing by the chief officer to the relevant member of the executive and executive member for resources”.

5. That in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.3 of contract standing orders reference be made to the need to implement the council’s sustainable communities strategy as follows:

Appendix 2 – Contract Standing Orders

After paragraph 2.1, sub-paragraph (f) **insert** new sub-paragraph (g)

“(g) the council’s sustainable communities strategy”.

In paragraph 2.3, line 4, **delete** “and quality considerations” **insert**, “, quality considerations and the need to implement the council’s sustainable communities strategy”.

New sentence reads “Variation is made on a similar basis so as to ensure that value for money, quality considerations and the need to implement the council’s sustainable communities strategy, are taken into account.”

6. That the community council protocol (see item 6.4) be approved and included in the protocol section of the constitution. That the monitoring officer, after consultation with the chairs and vice chairs make any future changes to the protocols. That this be noted as an exception in Article 1.5(b) of the constitution.
7. That the constitutional change outlined on tree preservation orders in item 6.5 to Part 3H of the constitution be agreed as follows:

In respect of Part 3(H): under the heading, “Matters Reserved for Decision Planning functions (non-executive) Decision making,” insert a Paragraph 2 to read as follows:

“To consider the confirmation of Tree

Preservation Orders:"

In addition a sub-paragraph will be added to read as follows;

"Those which are the subject of a sustained objection, (a "sustained objection" is defined as an objection that is maintained, despite an attempt by officers to resolve it, or which officers consider incapable of resolution by negotiation)."

8. That the schedule of other constitutional changes set out in appendix A of item 6.6. be agreed.
9. That officers be authorised to undertake any consequential and cross referencing changes arising from the review of the constitution.

**11. CHANGES TO EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH AND ACT 2007**

The Mayor stated that in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.15 (2), the recommendations set out in the report were deemed to have been moved and were subject to amendment only. He explained that one amendment had been received on the report.

Amendment E was moved by Councillor Fiona Colley, and formally seconded by Councillor Paul Bates.

Following debate (Councillors Nick Stanton, Dominic Thorncroft, Barrie Hargrove, Kim Humphreys, John Friary, Richard Thomas and Alison McGovern), Amendment E was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the draft proposals attached in Appendix A of the report for the future executive arrangements of the council be agreed.
2. That, subject to consultation, option 1 (the strong leader model) be the preferred option for future executive arrangements.
3. That the monitoring officer be authorised to make any necessary amendments to the draft proposals and undertake the required

consultation as set out in this report.

4. That council assembly instructs the monitoring officer, following the consultation and in consultation with the constitutional steering panel, to draw up formal proposals for future executive arrangements, advertise them and present to council assembly for approval.

## **12. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Mayor stated that there was a closed report on the agenda that related to this item. He informed the meeting that he intended to consider the open and closed item together in the closed session as the closed report named specific individuals. The Mayor moved the motion to exclude the press and public which was seconded. The motion having been agreed the press and public were requested to leave the meeting.

The following motion was moved, seconded and approved:

“That under the access to information procedure rules of the Southwark constitution, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in section 1 of paragraph 10.4 of the procedure rules.”

The Mayor stated that in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.15 (2), the recommendations set out in the report were deemed to have been moved and were subject to amendment only. He explained that no amendments had been received on the report. The recommendations in the report were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The following is a summary of the decision taken in the closed section of the meeting.

The meeting agreed to appoint two individuals as independent voting members of the standards committee, subject to CRB checks and confirmation of the commencement date of the term of office by the strategic director of communities, law and governance.

The meeting closed at 10.40 pm.

**MAYOR:**

**DATED:**

