

## Cabinet

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 28 January 2014 at 4.00 pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Peter John (Chair)  
Councillor Ian Wingfield  
Councillor Fiona Colley  
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle  
Councillor Barrie Hargrove  
Councillor Richard Livingstone  
Councillor Victoria Mills  
Councillor Veronica Ward

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Catherine McDonald.

### 2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair gave notice that the following late item would be considered for reasons of urgency, to be specified in the relevant minute:

Item 7 – Deputation requests

### 3. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN A CLOSED MEETING, AND ANY REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

No representations were received in respect of the items listed as closed business for the meeting.

### 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

In respect of item 7, Deputation request from Creation Trust and local residents from the Aylesbury Estate, Councillor Fiona Colley declared that she was chair of the Creation Trust. However she had received advice from the legal department that this was not a disclosable interest.

Councillor Richard Livingstone also declared in respect of item 16, Blackfriars Road Supplementary Planning Document that he was a governor at Lewisham and Southwark College (the Waterloo site) which was within the boundary of the SPD. Again, he had been advised that this was not a disclosable interest.

## **5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)**

There were no public questions.

## **6. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the open minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

## **7. DEPUTATION REQUESTS**

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent as the requests had been submitted in line with the constitutional deadline for the receipt of deputation requests and were therefore eligible for consideration by cabinet.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the deputation requests be heard.

Summary of the deputations heard.

### **The Creation Trust and local residents from the Aylesbury Estate**

The deputation stated that the residents of the Aylesbury Estate were supportive of the re-development of the estate and urged the council to agree the sign off of the development partner. The deputation explained that the residents have been involved in the consultation processes for over 13 years, including helping to shape the Aylesbury area action plan. During the procurement process they had worked closely with the regeneration team, believing that this contract will be the best chance of the delivery of new and affordable homes. The deputation want to ensure that the project finally delivers for the residents of the Aylesbury and bring the improved opportunities and environment for local residents.

### **Local residents in the Blackfriars Road**

The deputation expressed their concerns about the draft Blackfriars Road supplementary planning document item contained elsewhere on the agenda. They felt that it would have a detrimental impact for the area if adopted. While not opposed to sympathetic development it was felt that the document should contain provisions, in particular with regard to building heights. The main point of the objection to the document related to building heights and it

was feared it could affect the community negatively and impact on the heritage and daylight aspects for residents. Additionally it was felt that vulnerable residents could be negatively impacted including sheltered housing residents.

**8. CABINET MEMBERS RESPONSE TO DEPUTATION FROM THE SOUTHWARK ASSOCIATION OF STREET TRADERS (SAST) AND THE WALWORTH TOWN TEAM**

**RESOLVED:**

That the response to the six point action plan proposed by a deputation of the Southwark Association of Street Traders (SAST) and the Walworth Town Team be noted.

**9. SELECTION OF A PREFERRED PARTNER TO WORK WITH THE COUNCIL TO DELIVER THE REGENERATION OF THE AYLESBURY ESTATE**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the selection of Notting Hill Housing Trust (Walworth Unlimited) as the council's preferred development partner for the regeneration of the Aylesbury Estate on the terms as set out within the report be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the chief executive to agree the final terms of the development partnership agreement and all associated contract documents with Walworth Unlimited (in consultation with the cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy) and to approve the award of the contract (Gateway 2).
3. That the selection of the second placed bidder, the consortium of L&Q\Countryside\Peabody (WE) as reserved partner be approved. In the event that it is not possible to agree the final terms of the development partnership agreement with Walworth Unlimited, that authority be delegated to the chief executive (in consultation with the cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy), to exclude Walworth Unlimited and revert to WE to agree the terms of a development partnership agreement to reflect its BAFO submission, provided that these terms conform with financial and commercial principles and the council's requirements set out in the report.
4. That the financial implications set out in paragraphs 137-146 of the report be noted.
5. That it be noted that the proposed Development Partnership Agreement will deliver £1.25m of funding over the years 2015-2020 for community development services in the Aylesbury area plus a long term income stream from the ground rents payable on the new private and intermediate units.

**10. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - FINAL RENT-SETTING AND BUDGET REPORT 2014/15**

Feedback from consultation meetings including Tenants Council was circulated at the

cabinet meeting. Additionally revised versions of Appendices A, D, E and F were circulated based on a predicated rent rise of 2.7%.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That a flat rate rent increase of 2.7% be applied to all housing revenue account (HRA) dwellings with effect from 7 April 2014. This percentage increase to be also applied to estate void and hostel properties from 7 April 2014.
2. That the council's response to the government consultation 'Social Rents in 2015/16' (Appendix I) and its implications for the council's letting policy, particularly the options put forward regarding setting rents for new-build and new-let tenancies at formula rent levels (paragraphs 34 to 37) of the report be noted.
3. That tenant service charges be set at the same level as 2013/14 as laid out in paragraph 38 of the report with effect from 7 April 2014.
4. That the standard charge for non-residential property (garages etc.) be set at the same level as 2013/14, as laid out in paragraphs 39 and 40 of the report with effect from 7 April 2014.
5. That heating and hot water charges be set at the same level as 2013/14 as laid out in paragraph 41 of the report with effect from 7 April 2014.
6. That sheltered housing charges be set at the same level as 2013/14 as laid out in paragraph 42 of the report with effect from 7 April 2014.
7. That it be noted that water and sewerage charges levied by Thames Water are liable to an inflationary uplift as set out at paragraph 43 of the report, but as yet the council has not been informed by Thames Water of what that increase will be.
8. That the revised housing revenue account (HRA) budget for 2014/15 (as set out in the revised Appendices A, D, E and F) be noted.

**11. POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2014/15 TO 2016/17 - PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the current balanced general fund budget proposals for 2014/15 following work undertaken to identify savings and efficiencies, including increased levels of inflation and commitments identified by departments since the report submitted to 22 October 2013 cabinet be noted.
2. That it be noted that the government's Autumn Statement was delivered on 5 December 2013.
3. That it be noted that the provisional settlement for Southwark council was received on 18 December 2013, and that the final settlement is expected to be confirmed in early February 2014.

4. That it be noted that this report was considered by the overview and scrutiny committee on 20 January 2014 and that there were no recommendations arising.
5. That it be noted that this report includes the 2014/15 provisional settlement figures, and with the use of reserves of £6.2m presents a balanced budget for 2014/15.
6. That the further £33.5m funding reduction announced within the illustrative figures for 2015/16 and the impact on the council following four successive years of significant savings be noted.
7. That an additional £800,000 contribution from reserves to the welfare hardship fund set up in 2013/14 be noted and that officers examine how funds can be more quickly directed to help those in financial difficulty.
8. That officers be instructed to take steps early in the new financial year to plan for the additional resources, efficiencies and savings that will be required to deliver a balanced budget in 2015/16, based on the illustrative figures supplied.
9. That representation be made to Ministers on the 2015/16 draft settlement and its impact on the council.
10. That the proposals in the report for a balanced budget based on a nil council tax increase for 2014/15 be agreed for recommendation to council assembly on 26 February 2014. Budget schedules are set out in Appendices B - E.

**NOTE:** In accordance with overview and scrutiny procedure rule 22.1(a) (budget and policy framework) these decisions are not subject to call-in.

## **12. VISION FOR A NEW HOUSING STRATEGY FOR SOUTHWARK**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the vision for a new thirty year housing strategy for Southwark for the period 2015-2045 as set out in paragraph 29 of the report be agreed.
2. That the next steps for the development of the new housing strategy, including stakeholder engagement, as set out in paragraphs 30 to 35 of the report be noted.

## **13. DEVELOPING LONG TERM PLANS FOR THE DELIVERY OF NEW COUNCIL HOMES**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the New Homes Housing Investment Plan report independently prepared by Savills UK (Appendix 1 of the report) and in particular the conclusions of that report and the suggested next steps set out at paragraph 8 of the report be noted.
2. That the ongoing development of a new long term housing strategy and local plan for the borough that will support delivery of the investment plan be noted.

3. That officers be instructed to further develop the investment plan and take appropriate action to build up the necessary development capacity to deliver the plan, reporting back to cabinet in July 2014.

**14. GATEWAY 1 - PROCUREMENT STRATEGY APPROVAL: SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITY SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORT**

**RESOLVED:**

That the procurement strategy outlined in the report for the SEND school bus transport service to undertake a competitive tender process to appoint a contractor to provide these services (for a period of five years and eight months) with a commencement date of 1 January 2015 and ending on 31 August 2020 with an estimated annual value of £1.95m be approved. The contract will have an extension provision for a further two periods of twelve months making an estimated total contract value of £15.9m.

**15. CONSISTENT RESPONSES TO ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the findings of the systemic service review of our antisocial behaviour (ASB) responses undertaken by officers from across the council be noted.
2. That the implementation of a Southwark Landlords Charter (Appendix 1 of the report) for handling all reports of antisocial behaviour, including standards of service based on our current minimum standards for antisocial behaviour be agreed. This includes:
  - Every complainant having a named point of contact who will deal with their case.
  - Closer cross departmental working and a case management approach to noise complaints.
3. That the progress made so far by officers to improve services for all victims of antisocial behaviour, as per the outcomes of the review be noted.
4. That it be noted that this report is the first stage of a review of the council's and partners' approach to addressing anti social behaviour in light of the new legislation and changing needs of our communities. That officers be instructed to report back in summer 2014 in more detail, including operational opportunities and implications.
5. That the proposed communications as part of the community reassurance strategy, to enhance the council's reputation for helping people to feel safe which will highlight the activity that the council is undertaking to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and their underlying causes be noted.

## **16. BLACKFRIARS ROAD SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

A letter that was sent to Councillor Fiona Colley and cabinet members in relation to the Blackfriars supplementary planning document was circulated at the meeting. This letter from Cathedrals ward councillors made representations in respect of this supplementary planning document.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Blackfriars Road Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (Appendix A of the report) be adopted.
2. That representations received on the draft Blackfriars Road SPD and the officer comments to the representations (Appendix B) be noted, and that the tracked change version of the Blackfriars Road SPD which takes into account the representations received on the draft Blackfriars Road SPD (Appendix C) also be noted.
3. That the consultation report (Appendix D), the updated equalities analysis (Appendix E), the updated sustainability appraisal (Appendix F), the sustainability appraisal statement (Appendix G), the appropriate assessment (Appendix H) the updated urban design study (Appendix I) and the updated business and retail background paper (Appendix J) be noted.

## **17. LAND AT SOUTHAMPTON WAY AND NEW CHURCH ROAD CAMBERWELL**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the council make a Compulsory Purchase Order under section 226(1)(a) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by section 99 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) and section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 for the acquisition of the land and new rights within the areas edged black and numbered 1-6 on the plan at Appendix 1 of the report for the purpose of improving and extending Burgess Park in accordance with the provisions of the saved policies of the Southwark Plan 2007 and the Core Strategy 2011.
2. That the head of property be authorised to:
  - a) take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Compulsory Purchase Order including the publication and service of all notices and the presentation of the council's case at Public Inquiry should one be called
  - b) acquire all interests in land within the compulsory purchase order areas either by agreement or compulsorily
  - c) approve agreements with land owners setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Orders, including where appropriate seeking exclusion of land from the Orders and
  - d) amend the boundaries of the Sites shown edged black on the plan at Appendix

One should the need arise.

## 18. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

### RESOLVED:

#### Local Business and Enterprise

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be agreed.

1. That council assembly welcomes this administration's commitment to supporting our residents and businesses in tough economic times and the difference this administration is making to jobs and growth across our borough.
2. That council assembly notes the council's recent economic wellbeing strategy and its important commitment to:
  - Narrow the gap between the Southwark and London employment rate
  - Make Southwark the place of choice to start and grow a business
  - Get our town centres and high streets thriving
  - Promote financial independence and resilience.
3. That council assembly welcomes the steps that the council has already taken to progress these ambitions. Council assembly further warmly welcomes the £1 million business support fund, the £1 million of youth fund a year through to 2016/17, focused on employment and assisting young people to remain in education and training and the council's ongoing commitment to securing jobs, training and employment support through section 106 and community infrastructure levy agreements with developers.
4. That council assembly recognises the progress this administration has made including:
5. That council assembly warmly welcomes the commitment of this administration to keep making a difference, including by:
  - Supporting 200 Southwark start-ups and small to medium enterprises (SMEs) to get investment-ready, helping to secure over £2 million worth of finance for Southwark businesses and making sure it is Southwark residents that get the job opportunities arising from this business growth
  - Supporting Southwark businesses to be 'fit to compete' for public and private sector contract opportunities, securing contracts with a value of £1.2 million this year and £3 million by the end of 2015
  - A £600,000 town centre growth initiative to help business-led groups to reinvigorate their local high streets.
6. That council assembly regrets the abject failure of the Tory Liberal Democrat



government to introduce policies that would maximise the huge opportunities of regeneration in Southwark and the huge talent and potential of our residents and to instead oversee three years of austerity-induced stagnation and continuously failing living standards across the UK. Council assembly further regrets the decision of the Tory Liberal Democrat government to scrap Labour-backed schemes such as the future jobs fund which helped to get unemployed people into work, and which was scrapped by the government despite a report from the Department for Work and Pensions which showed it produced a net benefit to society of approximately £7,750 per participant.

7. That council assembly welcomes the cabinet's commitment to prioritise delivering jobs and growth across Southwark and urges them to continue to prioritise these efforts so that Southwark is a place where residents can get on and where businesses and high streets can continue to thrive.

### **Small Business Saturday**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be agreed.

1. That council assembly commends the council's efforts to encourage people to shop locally and assist small businesses in their communities by supporting the Small Business Saturday campaign.
2. That council assembly resolves to call on cabinet to back local businesses throughout the borough, to do all they can to ensure the East Dulwich Cracker, taking place on Small Business Saturday, is a roaring success and continue to support the Herne Hill Christmas re-launch of those businesses affected by the August floods, taking place on 14 December, to help bring back much needed foot fall to Herne Hill.

### **Introducing a Supermarket Levy**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be agreed.

That council assembly:

1. Welcomes Labour's commitment to reverse the Tory - Liberal Democrats' government cut in corporation tax from 21 per cent to 20 per cent.
2. Welcomes the £1 billion this policy would save over two year's and Labour's commitment to use this revenue to reduce business rates on properties and commercial premises with an annual rental value of £50,000 or less, providing a much needed boost to small businesses across Southwark
3. Notes the Local Works campaign for a levy on large supermarkets and the use of such a scheme across the entirety of Northern Ireland.
4. Believes that to minimise any risk to Southwark residents, many of whom work and shop in large retail outlets in the borough, the best approach to a supermarket levy

would be a pan-London one.

5. Therefore call on cabinet to:

- Approach the Mayor of London to bring together all London boroughs to consult on introducing a supermarket levy
- Discuss this proposal with neighbouring councils to ensure a joined up approach to local business in South London.

### **Payday Lenders**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be agreed.

That council assembly:

1. Notes with concern the increase in “payday loan” outfits in our high streets, particularly in Peckham, the Walworth Road, Southwark Park Road and Tower Bridge Road.
2. Recognises the negative effect these lenders can have on people on low incomes, particularly given the very high interest rates that are often charged, and the tactics used by many lenders to encourage borrowing while failing to disclose the true cost of loans.
3. Believes lending of this kind is both socially and financially irresponsible and calls for all political parties in Southwark to support and prioritise alternative affordable models of lending.
4. Welcomes the cabinet’s announcement that Southwark residents will face less exposure to payday lenders following the agreement from two of the council’s billboard advertising contractors not to display payday loan adverts. Council assembly urges the council’s other contractor, JC Decaux, to follow this example and end payday loan advertising in Southwark.
5. Recognises the importance of small businesses for the local economy and acknowledges that these businesses are often ‘priced out’ of our high streets, allowing an increased number of payday lenders to open shops.
6. Praises the work of the London Mutual Credit Union for their commitment to responsible lending in the borough and encourages the council to further promote credit unions as an alternative to irresponsible payday lenders.
7. Welcomes the commitment of the cabinet member for communities and economic wellbeing to work with officers to make it more difficult for payday lenders to open on our high streets, including tackling payday loan shops through planning powers.
8. Welcomes the council's groundbreaking approval to bring into force Article 4 planning directions on change of use to help protect our high streets. This makes Southwark the first authority nationally to make such a change.

9. Urges cabinet to call on government to follow Southwark's lead in finding new ways of tackling the scourge of payday lenders on our high streets and better supporting local businesses.
10. Welcomes that councils are now able to vary business rates under the Localism Act (2011), and calls on cabinet, in consultation with community councils, to introduce relevant local business rates discounts and exemptions to encourage mixed high streets.

### **Bermondsey Business Improvement District**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be agreed.

That council assembly:

1. Congratulates the Bermondsey Business Association on the work they have done on supporting local businesses in Bermondsey and improving the local economy.
2. Supports the Bermondsey Business Association in their bid to create a business improvement district (BID) in Bermondsey.
3. Welcomes the council's £30,000 investment in Bermondsey through the community restoration fund which allowed the Bermondsey Business Association to start a full BID proposal and the council's continuing support to help make sure the BID becomes a reality.
4. Recognises the economic benefits that the creation of a BID will bring to the area, including marketing The Blue as a new and alternative shopping destination, partnering with existing and successful business districts such as Bankside and Borough Market, promoting the interests of The Blue and exploring opportunities for managing retail units as well as other initiatives to increase footfall, attract new businesses and further revitalise the town centre.
5. Also recognises the spate of burglaries which have occurred recently in and around The Blue, and commits to working with the police and other relevant partners to ensure the issue is tackled swiftly.
6. Welcomes Simon Bell opening the new butchers' shop in the Blue
7. Thanks Russell Dryden as the chair of the BBA and the work of the South Bermondsey Partnership in getting the Blue to a place where it is today.
8. Recognises that some shops in the area have been empty for many months, and calls on council to ensure that any prospective new businesses will add benefit to the area and its shopping mix.
9. Calls on the cabinet member for communities and economic development to continue to work with the Bermondsey Business Association to ensure that Bermondsey businesses have the support they need to thrive.

## **Whitworth House**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be agreed.

1. That council assembly welcomes the £130 million plus which has been spent (excluding the Leathermarket JMB) on this council's flagship warm, dry and safe (WDS) housing investment programme, which is on course to be fully complete by 2015/16. Through the WDS programme, funding to address the highest risk high rise blocks identified through fire risk assessments has been done, with over 5,000 individual boilers replaced and over 100 lifts refurbished. The major works programme continues to deliver for residents through a mixture of partnering contractors and traditional procurement. All of the original two year programme will complete this year (except for the Hawkstone). The 2012/13 programme is on site or completed and most of the 2013/14 is due on site this year. In addition the popularity and success of the WDS programme has allowed an estimated nearly £15 million of works to be brought forward from 2014/15 and another £13 million works from 2015/16 to commit in 2014/15.
2. That in addition the council assembly welcomes the new 100% target for tenancy checks which picks up repair and damp issues irrespective of major works noting that 60% tenants have been visited to date this year.
3. That council assembly notes that through this programme residents' concerns with the partnering contractors have been acted on immediately and that the council has already terminated two poorly performing contracts and installed a new framework for contractors to provide more choice than the current partnering arrangements. An example of this is Whitworth House, Falmouth Road on the Rockingham Estate, where in response to residents' concerns the council has tried to end the on-going relationship with the contractor on a mutually agreeable basis.
4. That in order to achieve this council assembly calls on the cabinet to:
  - Ensure all residents are visited to individually assess the outstanding issues relating to damp, repairs and door and window replacement as part of the major works and completions and through the 6 months and 12 months defects periods before any payment is made.
  - Agree with each resident a plan and timetable for resolving each issue by December before full and final payment is made.
  - Arrange for close supervision of the replacement contractor to ensure completion of the outstanding issues.
  - Provide compensation to the residents for the missed appointments and disruption for missed appointments
  - Review the management and oversight of major works and ensure that the WDS programme is subject to ongoing scrutiny through the major works core group composed of contractors, residents and officers and chaired by the cabinet member for housing management.

## **Pop Up Shops on Canada Water Plaza**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out

below be agreed.

That council assembly:

1. Notes that several of the units for let on Canada Water Plaza, which are part of the new development, are currently empty.
2. Notes the success of temporary 'pop up shops' in vacant retail units in East Street and Nunhead and considers this a good use of otherwise empty units to promote local business, develop the local economy and improve our high streets.
3. Calls on cabinet to:
  - Explore the possibility of the council taking a one year lease for the empty units on Canada Water Plaza
  - Work with the owners of the shops on Canada Water Plaza to use these empty units as 'pop up shops', similar to those in East Street and Nunhead.

### **Ending Council Investment in Tobacco and Arms**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be agreed.

That council assembly:

1. Welcomes the commitment of the leader of the council to undertake a survey of current and former staff who are members of the borough's pension scheme to understand their views on investment into Southwark's pension scheme, including issues around ethical investment.
2. Recognises that decisions on individual investments in the pension fund are made by the strategic director of finance and corporate services, on the advice of our cross-party pensions advisory panel, which has equal representation from each of the three main political parties.
3. Acknowledges that the council's pension fund has a legal duty to put the financial wellbeing of members of the pension scheme as its foremost concern.
4. Further acknowledges that a £200 million funding gap already exists in the council's pension fund, which could become even larger if the council chose to invest in areas that do not provide a substantial return. Council assembly notes that this could open up the prospect of law suits from members on the basis that the council was not investing in their best interests. It also notes that riskier investments would impact on future actuarial reviews of the fund, resulting in a need for larger contributions to the fund from the council and other members of the scheme. This in turn would require new savings from elsewhere in the council budget to fund.
5. Notes that investments in the council's pension fund have remained largely unchanged since the previous administration and welcomes the fact that, after years of inaction from the Liberal Democrats, Labour is now working with the cross-party

pension advisory group to find more ethical ways of investing in the pension fund.

6. Welcomes the agreement at the most recent pensions advisory panel meeting in September to further explore the adoption of ethical investment principles and further welcomes the commitment from the leader of the council that, subject to ensuring the best return for members, investment in some firms could be stopped. Council assembly calls on the pensions advisory panel to carefully consider how this can be done without negatively impacting the ability to pay employees who have invested in the fund in good faith during their working lives.

### **Fairtrade**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be agreed.

1. That Southwark Council achieved Fairtrade borough status in July 2007 with cross-party support. Council assembly recognises the work of the whole community in achieving this.
2. That given the council's proactive role in supporting Fairtrade, council assembly reconfirms its commitment to Fairtrade and expresses its support for the use, expansion and promotion of the range of Fairtrade products in the council's office and other establishments.
3. That council assembly calls on cabinet to continue to work with its catering contractors, staff, residents, visitors, businesses, the public and the voluntary sector to increase the availability and take up of 'Fairtrade' marked food, drink and clothing options.

### **Stop the Delay on Southwark Park Athletics Track**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be agreed.

That council assembly:

1. Notes with sadness the state of disrepair into which Southwark Park athletics track has fallen after 8 years of inaction, and welcomes the allocation of £1.09 million from various funding streams to redevelop the facility.
2. Further notes that the £1.09 million raised includes Olympic Legacy Funding for renewal work on the track and field. A capital bid will be made for 2014/15 for the remainder of the funding required to realise plans for a full development of the site, including re-modelling of the building and changing facilities.
3. Council assembly welcomes the current administration's commitment to the completion of all the projects funded by the Olympic Legacy Fund'.

### **Support for the British Nuclear Test Veterans Association**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out

below be agreed. It was noted that the deputy leader and cabinet member for housing management would write a letter in respect of recommendation 6 below.

That council assembly:

1. Notes that its commitment to the Armed Forces Community Covenant ensures the need of those residents of Southwark who serve, of have served, the country are recognised and supported at a local level.
2. Further notes that many other residents have, through a range of professions, served the country in equally significant measure, such as in national security and defence – including those who participated in the testing of Britain’s nuclear weapons in the 1950s and 1960s.
3. Welcomes that, following a Ministry of Defence commissioned Health Needs Analysis in 2011 of British nuclear test veterans, the NHS have introduced a number of practical measures to support them.
4. Believes that other parts of the public and voluntary sector should seek to introduce similar measures to support nuclear test veterans – and that the council should lead this at a local level by extending the provisions of the Armed Forces Community Covenant to those veterans who live in Southwark.
5. Urges the government to support the campaign of the British Nuclear Test Veterans Association by:
  - officially recognising the unique service of these veterans and acknowledge the nation’s continuing debt to them; and
  - supporting the intention to establish a benevolent fund of £25 million to provide assistance for those veterans and their descendants in need.
6. Calls on Southwark’s Members of Parliament to back this campaign and join the council in urging the government to support the requests outlined in this motion.

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was moved, seconded and

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in category 3 of paragraph 104 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Southwark Constitution.

The following is a summary of the closed part of the meeting.

**19. MINUTES**

The closed minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

**20. SELECTION OF A PREFERRED PARTNER TO WORK WITH THE COUNCIL TO DELIVER THE REGENERATION OF THE AYLESBURY ESTATE**

The cabinet considered the closed information relating to this item. See item 9 for decision.

**21. LAND AT SOUTHAMPTON WAY AND NEW CHURCH ROAD CAMBERWELL**

The cabinet considered the closed information relating to this item. See item 17 for decision.

Meeting ended at 6.20pm.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**

**DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2014.**

**WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 11 (POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK), THE ABOVE DECISIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE CABINET BE CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY, THEN THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION.**