

Council Assembly (Ordinary)

Wednesday 22 January 2014
7.00 pm
The Charter School, Red Post Hill, SE24 9JH

Councillors are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to consider the business contained herein

Eleanor Kelly
Chief Executive

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PART A - OPEN BUSINESS

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To receive any announcements from the Mayor, members of the cabinet or the chief executive.

1.2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE MAYOR DEEMS URGENT

In special circumstances an item of business may be added to an agenda within seven working days of the meeting.

1.3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Members to declare any interests and dispensations in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.

1.4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

1.5. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the open minutes of the council assembly meeting held on 27 November 2013 (to be circulated separately).

2. ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

2.1. PETITIONS

To formally receive any petitions lodged by members of the council or the public which have been received in advance of the meeting in accordance with council assembly procedure rules.

2.2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The deadline for public questions is Midnight, Thursday 16 January 2014. Questions can be emailed to constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk.

Questions from the public will be distributed in a supplemental agenda.

2.3. DEPUTATION REQUESTS ON THE THEME

The deadline for deputation requests is Midnight, Thursday 16 January 2014. Deputations can be emailed to constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk.

Deputation requests will be distributed in a supplemental agenda.

3. THEMED DEBATE - ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND THE ELDERLY

3.1. CABINET MEMBER STATEMENT

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The cabinet member for health, adult social care and equalities to present the theme for the meeting.

3.2. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE THEME

The deadline for public questions on the theme is Midnight, Thursday 16 January 2014. Questions can be emailed to constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk.

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3.3. MEMBERS' MOTIONS ON THE THEME

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To consider the following motions on the theme submitted by members of the council:

- “No Recourse to Public Funds”
- Housing for Older Residents
- Active Communities and Older People.

4. OTHER DEPUTATIONS

The deadline for deputation requests is Midnight, Thursday 16 January 2014. Deputations can be emailed to constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk.

Deputation requests will be distributed in a supplemental agenda.

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To receive any questions from members of the council.

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To consider the following motions:

- Cost of Child Care
- London Housing Strategy
- Urgent Review of Cycle Safety
- Safer Crossings on Borough High Street
- East Dulwich Police Station
- Billboard Advertisement at Elephant & Castle Roundabout
- Tribute to Grace Jones.

6. REPORT FOR INFORMATION FROM THE CABINET

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Council assembly referred several motions to the cabinet for consideration, this report sets out the cabinet's decision in relation to each motion.

7. OTHER REPORTS

7.1. COUNCIL TAX BASE AND NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATE BASE 2014/15 31 - 45

Council assembly is asked to note the decision of its November 2012 meeting in relation to discretionary discounts for long term empty properties and the discounts for exempt properties. It is also being asked to set the council tax base for 2014/15 and note that the council tax reduction scheme written policy for both working and pensionable age claimants remains unchanged. Council assembly will consider the national non domestic rate base for 2014/15.

8. AMENDMENTS

Any member of the council may submit an amendment to a report or motion on the agenda. The amendments will be circulated to all members in a supplemental agenda.

ANY OPEN ITEMS IDENTIFIED AS URGENT AT THE START OF THE MEETING

EXCLUSION MOTION (IF NECESSARY)

The following motion should be moved, seconded and approved if the council wishes to exclude the press and public to deal with reports revealing exempt information:

“That under the access to information procedure rules of the Southwark constitution, the 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 section(s) 1 – 7 of paragraph 10.4 of the procedure rules.”

PART B – CLOSED BUSINESS

ANY CLOSED ITEMS IDENTIFIED AS URGENT AT THE START OF THE MEETING

The Charter School: Transport and map

The Charter School, Red Post Hill, SE24 9JH; pedestrian and cycle entrance opposite Ardbeg Road

Buses:

P4 from Lewisham Station to Brixton Station

Stops at Elmwood Road/The Charter School

42 from Appold Street to Sunray Avenue

Stops at Sunray Avenue

37 from Putney Heath/Green Man to Peckham Bus Station

Stops at North Dulwich Station

The following link is a map of some bus routes close to the venue:

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/gettingaround/maps/buses/pdf/northdulwichanddulwichvillage-12497.pdf>

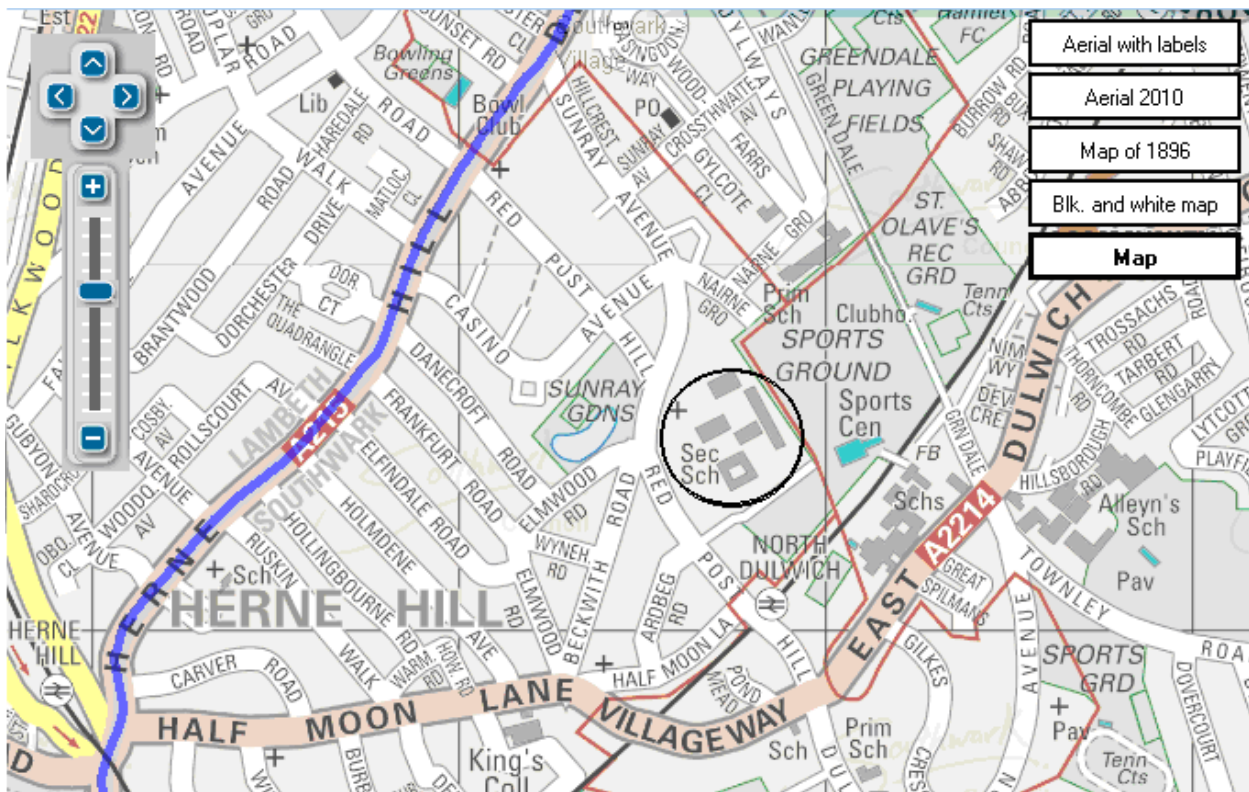
Train:

North Dulwich station is nearby; trains from London Bridge, West Croydon and Beckenham Junction.

The following link has a list of train timetables going through North Dulwich station:

<http://www.train-stations.co.uk/index.php?pageId=NDL>

Map of the venue and surrounding area:



Item No. 3.1	Classification: Open	Date: 22 January 2014	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Themed Debate: Active Communities and the Elderly	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Introduction

1. On 4 December 2012 the council assembly business panel met to agree the themes for the themed section of council assembly meetings for the 2013/14 municipal year. The council assembly business panel agreed that the theme for the themed section of council assembly in January 2014 should be 'Active Communities and the Elderly'.

What happens at the meeting?

2. At the meeting the agenda will be:
 - Cabinet member has 10 minutes in which to present the theme, plan or strategy
 - Shadow cabinet member has 5 minutes in which to reply
 - Public pre-submitted questions on the theme of the meeting (maximum of 15 minutes)
 - Member's motions on the cabinet theme using present principles to allow sufficient political balance and for political groups to hold cabinet to account.

One hour shall be allocated for the themed debate. The Mayor shall have the discretion to vary timings as appropriate.

Public questions on themed debate

3. The deadline for public questions is Midnight, Thursday 16 January 2014. To find out more visit www.southwark.gov.uk/democracy or to submit a public question email constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk.
4. The Mayor may reject a question if it is not relevant to the theme, plan, strategy or policy under discussion.
5. The time during which public questions shall be taken at a themed meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes and shall be conducted under the existing rules for public questions.

Members' motions

6. All motions shall be relevant to the topic under discussion and shall be conducted under the existing rules for members' motions. Normal deadlines shall apply for the submission of members' motions.
7. The order of motions and timings shall be determined by the Mayor.

Themes

8. The themes for each meeting are set by the council assembly business panel.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Ian Millichap, Constitutional Manager	
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Dated	9 January 2014	
Key decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer title	Comments sought	Comments included
Strategic Director Finance & Corporate Services	No	No
Director of Legal Services	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	9 January 2014	

Item No. 3.3	Classification: Open	Date: 22 January 2014	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
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Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the themed debate, council assembly may debate motions. Members' motions on the theme will use present principles to allow sufficient political balance and for political groups to hold cabinet to account.¹

Members are limited to moving one motion and seconding one motion in the themed section of the meeting.

All motions shall be relevant to the topic under discussion and shall be conducted under the existing rules for members' motions. Normal deadlines shall apply for the submission of members' motions.

The order in which motions are debated and timings shall be determined by the Mayor.²

- 1. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR TOBY ECKERSLEY** (Seconded by Councillor Michael Mitchell)

“No Recourse to Public Funds”

Council assembly notes the increasing budgetary pressures caused by recourse to council funds by persons who, by virtue of their immigration status, have "no recourse to public funds", and in particular the advice in respect of adult services provided to cabinet on 19 November 2013 as follows:

"Clients with no recourse to public funds are 25% higher than the previous year"

and calls upon the cabinet to consider a report on this problem as part of their budget-making for provision of services for the elderly, and other services, in January and February 2014.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

¹ Council assembly procedure rule 2.7 (3)

² Council assembly procedure rule 2.7 (9) and (10)

- 2. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS** (Seconded by Councillor Michael Bukola)

Housing for Older Residents

Council assembly:

1. Notes that suitable housing for older people in London remains in serious short supply and that demand is only likely to increase as our borough's population ages.
2. Recognises that there is a growing need for housing for older people to offer a range of different tenures and support options, including mainstream, specialist and residential care housing.
3. Believes that the council's housing and planning policies, working in partnership with key stakeholders including the NHS, should provide older people with real housing choices for their future which allow them to continue to lead independent, active lives.
4. Therefore urges the cabinet to:
 - (1) Work with housing associations and other specialist providers to increase the amount of good quality Lifetime Homes Standard accommodation for older people in the borough.
 - (2) Plan a new retirement village in Southwark, considering part of the Dulwich Hospital site.
 - (3) Better support older people in downsizing to smaller homes on the same estate.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

- 3. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR REBECCA LURY** (Seconded by Councillor Lorraine Lauder)

Active Communities and Older People

1. Council assembly welcomes this administration's commitment to supporting people to live long, healthy lives, and to helping older people stay independent in their own homes and integrated in our communities for as long as possible – in line with what people tell us they want.
2. Council assembly recognises that the 22,000 older people in Southwark form a very diverse group, including people who are: in their sixties through to people over 100; retired or in employment; carers (for example, for elderly parents, a partner or grandchildren); in full health, ill or frail; or disabled - as well as being diverse in terms of gender, ethnicity, sexuality and faith and belief.
3. Council assembly also recognises that almost all of the council's strategies and policies affect older people – including on the economy, environment,

transport, regeneration, culture and leisure, community safety, housing, health and social care.

Helping older people have healthy, active lives in our community

4. Council assembly notes the good work that the administration, across all departments, does with older people to help them stay healthy, active and integrated in our communities, including, for example:
 - (1) Providing employment support through Southwark Works and the independent living service.
 - (2) Enabling volunteering opportunities through our volunteering strategy. We applaud the valuable Olympics and Paralympics contribution that Southwark volunteers of all ages made, including older people.
 - (3) Offering reduced price or free access to physical activity for older people - including 60 pence swimming; free exercise classes; free group walks; and the 'Silver' programme in leisure centres.
 - (4) Working with GPs and hospitals to provide community exercise referrals and supporting older people identified through the health check programme to access physical activity as a preventative measure.
 - (5) Ensuring new homes are built to 'Lifetime Standards', making it easier to adapt homes to meet future changing needs.
 - (6) Tackling health inequalities and the addressing the causes of the borough's health challenges – including cardio-vascular disease, stroke, lung diseases, liver diseases cancers, diabetes, and sexually transmitted diseases – to help people live longer, healthier lives.
5. Council assembly recognises the excellent work done by voluntary and community organisations across the borough to help older people stay active and integrated in our community.

Caring for vulnerable and frail older people in our community

6. Council assembly notes that government cuts since 2010 have taken over £1.2 billion out of social care for older people in the UK. Despite these cuts, this administration has prioritised looking after vulnerable and frail people in our community, aiming to treat every person as we would wish a member of our family to be treated.
7. Council assembly welcomes the steps this administration has taken to help older people stay living independently in their own homes and communities for as long as possible and delaying or avoiding the need for hospital or residential care - in line with what people say they want, including:
 - (1) Halving the price people pay for meals on wheels to £1.71, the lowest price in London – after the price was hiked under the previous administration.

- (2) Agreeing plans to create a 'Centre of Excellence' day centre for older people with dementia and other complex needs – due to open in 2015 with enhanced, specialist facilities and guaranteed places for everyone using the council's existing day centres.
- (3) Working with partners - including Lambeth Council, hospitals, GPs and others – to integrate health and social care provision through the Southwark and Lambeth integrated care programme; helping people to avoid preventable hospital admissions.
- (4) Providing personal budgets to people who need social care, giving them choice and control over the support they have, to best fit their needs and aspirations. Southwark Council is in the top quartile of performance nationally for personal budgets.
- (5) Creating an 'Innovation Fund' to provide funding to voluntary sector providers, creating new services which give people real choice over how they allocate their personal budgets.
- (6) Creating a single social care phone line for people to get on-the-spot advice for themselves or their loved ones from social care experts.
- (7) Helping people stay living healthily and independently in their own homes and communities for longer, through home care; reablement; sheltered housing (where we recently reintroduced wardens); and an expansion of extra care housing – as well as our handyperson service.
- (8) Signing up to Unison's Ethical Homecare Charter and ensuring that workers providing care services are paid the London Living Wage and that care visits are not as short as 15 minutes.
- (9) Creating a new carers' strategy, to provide carers – many of them who are older people themselves - with support in their caring responsibilities and also support for themselves to stay healthy and pursue their other aspirations alongside caring.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Member Motions	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Andrew Weir 020 7525 7222

AUDIT TRAIL

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Item No. 5.1	Classification: Open	Date: 22 January 2014	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Members' Question Time	
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From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Members' question time shall not exceed 30 minutes. During this time, members may not question any one cabinet member or committee chair for longer than fifteen minutes.

Members are limited to one question at each meeting. One councillor from each community council will be able to submit a question on behalf of their community council.

Questions to the leader will be taken first, followed by question from community council councillors followed by questions to other cabinet members. The order in which the different political groups ask questions of the leader will be rotated. Questions to cabinet members will be taken in the order of receipt and portfolio. The order of portfolios will be rotated at each meeting such that the cabinet member answering questions immediately after the leader will be the last cabinet member to answer any questions at the next meeting of council assembly.

Cabinet members and committee chairs have discretion to refer a question to another cabinet member.

Responses to members' questions will be circulated on yellow paper around the council chamber on the evening of the meeting.

The Mayor will ask the member asking the question if they wish to ask one supplemental question to the member to whom the question was asked. The supplemental question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply. Therefore, supplemental questions to the leader or other cabinet members are not free ranging.

No question shall be asked on a matter concerning a planning or licensing application.

Notes:

1. The procedures on members' questions are set out in council assembly procedure rule 2.9 in the Southwark Constitution.
2. In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.9 (12) & (13) (prioritisation and rotation by the political groups) the order in which questions to the leader appear in this report may not necessarily be the order in which they are considered at the meeting.
3. A question from a community council must have been previously considered and noted by the relevant community council (CAPR 2.9.2).

1. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARK WILLIAMS

Can the leader confirm which councillors are the worst performing attendees of council meetings since 2010?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

How many families in Southwark have benefited from government's increased number of free childcare hours, broken down by age group?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

As the council approaches the end of the warm, dry, safe programme, what further plans does the leader have to improve housing in the borough?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI

For what reason has the proposed Mike Nelson 'pyramid' artwork at the Heygate been cancelled? Who made the decision to withdraw the proposal? What costs has the council already incurred on this project (including any amounts still to be paid)?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR REBECCA LURY

Can the leader provide an update on the progress of the council's commitment to build 11,000 new homes in the borough?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN

What is the average time it takes for the council to pay back rent account credit owed to tenants?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN HAYES

Can the leader update on what progress has been made London-wide on cycling safety since the recent deaths in the capital?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

What recent contact has he or other council representatives had with BT regarding improving broadband speeds in the Rotherhithe peninsula?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR PATRICK DIAMOND

What action is the cabinet taking to improve standards in the private rented sector?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

Does the leader think residents in Southwark who are subjected to large scale developments in close proximity to their homes that have a significant impact on the quality of their home lives and cumulatively exceed 24 months should be entitled to a reduction in their council tax, either paid for by the developers as part of their section 106 agreements or by the council as the planning authority? Will he ask officers to look into whether such a policy could be introduced in Southwark?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE

What further action is the council taking to tackle the rise of legal loan sharks in Southwark?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

Does he believe it was appropriate for the consultation on the demolition of Albion Street Library and Civic Centre to take place over the Christmas period after official notice of the proposed work was given on 19 December 2013? What account has it taken of the 622 petition signatures already submitted to the council opposing the plans?

13. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DARREN MERRILL

Does the leader agree that it is disappointing that the Deputy Prime Minister has failed to commit to free school meals for all and has not taken advantage of the opportunity to work cross-party with Southwark on this important initiative?

14. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DENISE CAPSTICK

What progress has been made on setting up a voluntary sector commission as proposed by Community Action Southwark?

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MARK WILLIAMS (CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

In view of the tragic death of a cyclist on the junction of Camberwell Road and Albany Road, when will the council install safety measures such as Trixi mirrors?

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES (PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Please could you provide an update on the consultation process, scheduled works and timescale for Network Rail Peckham Rye Station redevelopment project. Given that a lot of the arts based economic activity continues to recognise the established creative industries and will encourage new creative industries to emerge?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE, SPORT AND VOLUNTEERING FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON (BOROUGH, BANKSIDE AND WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

How many community organisations in the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council area have lost funding this financial year?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN HAYES (DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

What amounts have been disbursed by the council and Thames Water under their schemes to assist businesses in Herne Hill affected by the burst main in August 2013?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

Can the cabinet member provide an update on the delivery on the cemeteries strategy agreed by cabinet in June 2012, including what additional work is being undertaken with the London Environmental Directors Network (LEDNET) and the Greater London Authority to identify a regional solution to the shortage of burial space in London?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS

Can the cabinet member provide an update on the council's Clean Air 4 Schools (CA4S) programme?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR CLAIRE HICKSON

What plans does the council have to improve pedestrian safety on Borough High Street?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS

Can the cabinet member provide an update on the progress of the 20mph programme?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU

What does the cabinet member believe the implications would be were Barclays to withdraw sponsorship from the cycle hire scheme in 2015?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES

Can the cabinet member provide a progress update on the Herne Hill – Dulwich flood alleviation scheme?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL

Does the cabinet member agree with the Local Government Association that government plans to ban councils from operating CCTV parking patrols outside schools could put children at risk?

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

Following the council's recent decision to increase its target for journeys conducted by bike from 5% to 10% by 2026, what new schemes has the cabinet member

introduced to use the council's own powers to begin progress towards this new target? How has the cabinet member sought specifically to address renewed concerns about cycle safety following the tragic deaths of six cyclists on London's roads in a two week period in November 2013?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

What meetings has the cabinet member had with Cycling England since he was appointed as the council's Cycling England 'Member Champion for Cycling' in June 2013?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL KYRIACOU

How many times have the council ticketed delivery lorries on Southwark Park Road since 1 January 2011? How much has the council collected in fines from these vehicles? What is the council doing to discourage the regular illegal parking by delivery lorries to Tesco in Bermondsey?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR PODDY CLARK

Is the cabinet member aware of the bags of rubbish regularly piled up outside blocks of flats on Bath Terrace [Bath House, Devonshire House and Trinity House]? Will he look into what can be done to support residents in keeping this area free from rubbish bags outside of bin collection days?

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

How many council vehicles have been involved in road accidents involving cyclist since 1 January 2011? Please give details of each incident, including type of vehicle involved and any injuries or damage suffered.

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

What meetings has the cabinet member had with Transport for London (TfL) about reconfiguring Rotherhithe roundabout to help ease traffic congestion around Jamaica Road?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR TOBY ECKERSLEY

Would the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling set out what steps the council has taken and/or will take to obtain from Thames Water (a) the results of their forensic tests of the main that burst at Herne Hill on 7 Aug 2013, and (b) assurances that the main is fit for purpose throughout its length in Southwark?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL BUKOLA

What is the cabinet member doing to tackle repeat fly-tippers in and around Stevenson Crescent? How many prosecutions have been made in the past three years for fly-tipping a) around Stevenson Crescent and b) across the whole of Southwark?

34. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF HOOK

What is the average waiting time to receive an allotment once a request has been made? How many new allotment plots has the council made available from its own land in the past three years? What plans does the council have to make more land available for new allotments?

35. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GETTLESON

How many a) speeding tickets, b) parking tickets and c) fines for other road contraventions have been issued to council vehicles since 1 January 2011?

36. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR THE RIGHT REVEREND EMMANUEL OYEWOLE

Could the cabinet member explain what measures the council has in place to tackle fraud in housing services?

37. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DAN GARFIELD

Could the cabinet member update the council assembly on the current programme of improvement works to tenants and residents' association halls?

38. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR KEVIN AHERN

Could the cabinet member update the council assembly on the current programme of improvement works to sheltered accommodation?

39. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR CHRIS BROWN

Could the cabinet member detail how are local residents being involved in determining the future of the Lakanal block?

40. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GLOVER

Could the cabinet member describe the progress of the year on year level of tenancy checks and the initial findings of the current programme?

41. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR LEWIS ROBINSON

What steps will the cabinet member take to review and improve Southwark's tenant involvement work given the complete loss of confidence in Dulwich amongst elected members and representatives of tenants and residents in their performance?

42. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR NICK STANTON

How many officers (full time employment equivalent) are in the housing downsizing team at the council? How many residents have been helped to downsize to smaller properties in the past year? What is the latest update on changes to the IT system for mutual exchanges?

43. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR WILMA NELSON

What support is the council offering to residents of Frank Whymark House?

44. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ROBIN CROOKSHANK HILTON

How many empty homes are there in the borough? How many of these have been empty more than a) six months and b) two years?

45. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA

Can the cabinet member provide an update on the Nunhead Outer London Fund regeneration project?

46. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR ROWENNA DAVIS

Following recent claims about a lack of consultation with residents and traders around the Gateway to Peckham project, can the cabinet member provide an update on the project and reassurance that consultation is taking place?

47. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

Can the cabinet member tell me what steps we are taking to improve gateways into the Aylesbury estate, for example on West Moorland Road?

48. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR NORMA GIBBES

What progress is the council making with plans for the regeneration of Albion Street?

49. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL NOBLET

Will the council consider a compulsory purchase order for the land adjacent to Melville Court, at the junction of Lower Road and Croft Street, as part of plans for changes to the local road network?

50. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Does the cabinet member support Lambeth cabinet's recent decision to set out a table of appropriate licensing hours for different premises and different locations in the borough, in order that residents can be given greater protection from alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour? Does he agree with me that such measures could add value to the Borough and Bankside saturation policy – which despite its title does not in itself prevent any new premises from opening – and assist licensees to better understand the true nature of the local area in which they plan to operate? Would he consider introducing them in Southwark?

51. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR TIM McNALLY

How much of the council's £800,000 welfare hardship fund has been spent to date, broken down by type of spending?

52. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR JONATHAN MITCHELL

How many potential breaches of personal data have occurred since January 2011? For each case, please give a description of the data affected including date and how many records were affected.

53. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE, SPORT AND VOLUNTEERING FROM COUNCILLOR ALTHEA SMITH

What contribution is the sport and leisure services team currently making to tackle the problem of childhood obesity?

54. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR COLUMBA BLANGO

How many incidents of children in care going missing for more than 24 hours have been recorded in each of the past four years? How many children are currently missing from care, and for how long have they been missing in each case?

55. QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MITCHELL

Could the chair of planning committee set out the "special circumstances" which would justify departure from the council's policy of protecting Metropolitan Open Land?

Item No. 5.2	Classification: Open	Date: 22 January 2014	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Motions	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The councillor introducing or “moving” the motion may make a speech directed to the matter under discussion. This may not exceed five minutes¹.

A second councillor will then be asked by the Mayor to “second” the motion. This may not exceed three minutes without the consent of the Mayor.

The meeting will then debate the issue and any amendments on the motion will be dealt with.

At the end of the debate the mover of the motion may make a concluding speech, known as a “right of reply”. If an amendment is carried, the mover of the amendment shall hold the right of reply to any subsequent amendments and, if no further amendments are carried, at the conclusion of the debate on the substantive motion.

The Mayor will then ask councillors to vote on the motion (and any amendments).

IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution allocates responsibility for particular functions to council assembly, including approving the budget and policy framework, and allocates to the cabinet responsibility for developing and implementing the budget and policy framework and overseeing the running of council services on a day-to-day basis. Therefore any matters that are reserved to the cabinet (i.e. housing, social services, regeneration, environment, education etc) cannot be decided upon by council assembly without prior reference to the cabinet. While it would be in order for council assembly to discuss an issue, consideration of any of the following should be referred to the cabinet:

- to change or develop a new or existing policy
- to instruct officers to implement new procedures
- to allocate resources.

Note: In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.10 (7) & (8) (prioritisation and rotation by the political groups) the order in which motions appear in the agenda may not necessarily be the order in which they are considered at the meeting.

¹ Council assembly procedure rule 1.14 (9)

1. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL (Seconded by Councillor Lisa Rajan)

Cost of Child Care

Council assembly:

1. Recognises the significant cost of good quality childcare for families across the borough.
2. Welcomes the government's offer of 15 hours a week free early education for all four and three year olds, which has been expanded to eligible two year olds by the coalition government.
3. Also supports the coalition government's plans to further help parents by offering to pay 20 pence of childcare for every 80 pence paid by parents from 2015.
4. Calls on the cabinet to do everything in their power to promote this policy to parents in the borough to ensure they can take full advantage of free early education hours to give their children the best start in life.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

2. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MARK WILLIAMS (Seconded by Councillor Helen Hayes)

London Housing Strategy

1. London is facing a housing crisis, as housing supply fails to match the city's growing population. Home ownership in London has fallen below 50 per cent for the first time since records began and the rise in house prices has outstripped the increase in household incomes. In 2013, the average rent for a three bedroom flat typically consumed 59 per cent of a London family's income. Londoners now experience the highest levels of overcrowding in the country and the capital has record levels of homeless households in temporary accommodation.
2. Council assembly notes the Mayor of London's draft Housing Strategy and welcomes the commitment to increase housing building in London. Council assembly notes the ambition to build at least 42,000 new homes in London per annum for the next ten years, approximately twice as many as are currently built per year, but expresses concern that this number may not be sufficient to solve London's current housing crisis, with recent research suggesting that more than 60,000 new homes a year are needed to meet growing demand in the capital.
3. Council assembly welcomes the fact that the Mayor of London has accepted Labour's argument about the importance of genuinely affordable housing and welcomes the move in the Mayor's Housing Strategy to recognise the continued need for new homes at social rent.

4. However, council assembly expresses concern about the balance between “discounted rents”, which are set well above target rent levels for social housing but below market rents, and “capped rents” which are equivalent to the current social rent.
5. Of the 15,000 new affordable homes that the Mayor will seek to deliver each year:
 - Approximately 4,000 will be flexible low cost home ownership and 9,000 will be affordable rent.
 - Of the 9,000 affordable rent houses, only half of these homes will be “capped” at low affordable rents, with the remaining half set at “discounted” rents of up to 80% of market rent.
6. This means that social rented housing makes up only 11% of the Mayor’s annual housing target.
7. Council assembly expresses concern that the Mayor’s decision to allow “affordable” rents to be set at up to 80% of market prices will make renting unaffordable for many residents in the borough. Southwark Council, along with other London boroughs, has initiated a judicial review of this decision, the implication of which would be that councils will have little power to make sure new affordable housing is genuinely affordable for local people.
8. Council assembly welcomes the commitment of Southwark Council to building more homes in the borough, having built 2,300 new homes over the last two years, including 1,230 affordable homes.
9. It notes that Southwark is the fifth highest London borough in terms of house building over the last two years and also the fifth highest in building affordable housing.
10. Council assembly congratulates other Labour boroughs for their commitment to house building, making up seven of the top 10 London boroughs in terms of house building over the last two years, and nine out of the top 10 boroughs for building additional affordable housing in London.
11. Council assembly welcomes this administration’s commitment to build 11,000 new council homes. Council assembly notes that since 2010 the council has already approved over 10,000 new homes in the borough, including almost 3,000 new affordable homes.
12. Council assembly notes the acknowledgement in the Mayor’s draft London Housing Strategy that boroughs, the government, the Mayor and the public and private sectors must work together to achieve the 42,000 target for house building. However, council assembly also expresses concern that many London boroughs, particularly Conservative and Liberal Democrat boroughs, are likely to have significantly lower housing targets than Southwark.
13. Southwark is playing its part in solving London’s housing crisis; council assembly calls on other councils to do the same.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

3. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE** (Seconded by Councillor Geoffrey Thornton)

Urgent Review of Cycle Safety

Council assembly:

1. Notes with sadness the loss of cyclists' lives on London's roads in recent months and years, including the tragic death in November of Walworth resident and community volunteer Richard Muzira.
2. Welcomes the council's work towards Transport for London's central London cycling grid, but notes that the scheme will only improve facilities in a small corner of the borough.
3. Also welcomes the council leader's acknowledgement that a complete overhaul of cycling facilities is required across London.
4. Therefore calls on the cabinet to take real action now by conducting an urgent cross-party review of all the borough's main roads to identify the safety upgrades and changes to layout, including segregated cycle lanes, which are required across the network to make Southwark a safe and attractive borough for cyclists of all ages and confidence levels.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

4. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CLAIRE HICKSON** (Seconded by Councillor Gavin Edwards)

Safer Crossings on Borough High Street

Council assembly:

1. Applauds the work of local campaigners in organising the 'Safe Crossings on Borough High St Campaign'.
2. Notes that high numbers of people cross Borough High Street every day at its junctions at:
 - Great Dover Street and Marshalsea Road
 - Trinity Street and Great Suffolk Street.
3. Notes that many of the people who use these junctions are families who live to the east of Borough High Street and whose children go to schools on the west side of Borough High Street, including Charles Dickens Primary School, the Cathedral School and St Joseph's Primary School, Friars Primary School, the London Christian School, St Saviour's and St Olave's school, the Bright Horizons Nursery and The Arc Nursery.
4. Calls on cabinet to work with Transport for London to:
 - Review crossing safety on Borough High Street

- Create pedestrian crossings at the junction with Great Dover Street and Marshalsea Road, and at the junction with Trinity Street and Great Suffolk Street.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

- 5. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER** (Seconded by Councillor Jonathan Mitchell)

East Dulwich Police Station

Council assembly believes the former East Dulwich Police Station building should be used for the benefit of local residents and therefore calls on cabinet to support it being listed by Southwark Council as an asset of community value.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

- 6. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE** (Seconded by Councillor Martin Seaton)

Billboard Advertisement at Elephant & Castle Roundabout

Council assembly:

1. Applauds work of local community activists Vijay Luthra, Claire Maugham and Karl Eastham, who succeeded in getting an offensive billboard advert removed from the Elephant & Castle roundabout following public complaints.
2. Recognises the negative effect of inappropriate adverts anywhere in the borough and notes the council's guidelines to contractors about the types of adverts they display on council sites.
3. Congratulates the council for acting immediately to have the offensive advert removed and notes that the advert was taken down by council officers the same day they were alerted to the issue.
4. Welcomes the swift action of Primesight, the billboard operator, in responding quickly to the council's request.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

- 7. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN** (Seconded by Councillor Graham Neale)

Tribute to Grace Jones

Council assembly:

1. Notes with sadness the passing of the UK's oldest resident, Grace Jones from Bermondsey, who died in November aged 113.

2. Acknowledges her remarkable life which spanned the whole of the 20th century and her contribution to the local community.
3. Calls on the cabinet to pay a lasting tribute to the life of Grace Jones by naming a new public building after her at the earliest opportunity.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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From:		Cabinet	

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE RULE 2.10 (6) – MAKING SOUTHWARK A CARBON NEUTRAL COUNCIL

Cabinet on 19 November 2013 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on 16 October 2013 which had been moved by Councillor James Barber, seconded by Councillor Geoffrey Thornton and subsequently amended.

That council assembly:

- Recognises the urgent need to plan for a greener, healthier future for Southwark and notes the council’s existing commitment to reduce emissions in the borough by 80% on current levels by 2050.
- Welcomes the council’s energy and carbon reduction strategy which sets out what the council will do to reduce both council emissions and those from the borough as a whole.
- Notes that the strategy sets out the council’s plans to reduce operational emissions from all the council’s offices, schools, libraries and leisure centres. Council assembly further notes the council’s commitment to encouraging all council staff to work sustainability through monthly workshops and events as part of the council’s green buildings programme.
- Notes that the council itself is responsible for 14.5% of the borough’s total carbon emissions (including council homes), and believes the council should be leading the way in emissions reduction to encourage residents and local businesses to follow suit.
- Welcomes that this winter, Southwark is leading the way by delivering London’s first energy from waste district heating network. Energy from the SELCHP facility will provide heating and hot water to five housing estates in the north east of the borough, in the process reducing carbon emissions by 8,000 tonnes per annum.
- Council assembly therefore and calls on cabinet to ensure the borough continues to make progress against its carbon reduction targets and encourages members who have ideas about what more the council could be doing to bring them forward to cabinet to help the borough achieve its goal.

- Welcomes the real energy efficiency improvements that we are making to our housing stock, making use of funding opportunities such as the energy companies obligation to install cavity wall and solid wall insulation. Council assembly notes that one such project recently completed on 2,200 properties has reduced carbon emissions by around 2,000 tonnes per annum.
- Notes that the council continue to work with a large number of the biggest commercial carbon emitters in the borough through the 200 Club programme of events, providing a forum for encouraging and educating about sustainability and energy efficiency in the work environment.
- Recognises that as well as minimising impact on the environment, reducing emissions will also cut the council's energy bill, save money that can be put to good use elsewhere and reduce pollution.
- Believes that the aspiration of the council should be to be carbon neutral but that the environment is best served by setting challenging but realistic carbon emissions targets.
- Recognises that for a borough of the size and nature of Southwark to be carbon neutral, then both the investment and green technology needs to be available. Council assembly notes that with the government cuts the borough is facing and the green technologies currently available that this is not possible in the next four years.

We noted this motion.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE RULE 2.10 (6) – GREEN SOUTHWARK

Cabinet on 19 November 2013 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on 16 October 2013 which had been moved by Councillor Helen Hayes and seconded by Councillor Gavin Edwards.

- That council assembly welcomes this administration's commitment to improving Southwark's environment and notes the progress that has been made since 2010, despite aggressive cuts to local budgets from the government.
- That council assembly believes that a green Southwark not only improves our natural environment, but contributes to the health and wellbeing of our residents, the vibrancy of our communities and the richness of our heritage.
- That council assembly notes that 17 Southwark parks and green spaces are now in receipt of the prestigious Green Flag award – more than in the borough's history. It congratulates the fantastic work of the council's parks team, Friends Groups and volunteers who have all made this possible.
- That council assembly notes that Southwark is the 5th best in the whole of England for having sites of importance for nature conservation in positive management demonstrating the council's commitment to the preservation and enhancement of biodiversity across the borough.

- That council assembly welcomes this administration's £8 million investment in Burgess Park which has seen 331 newly planted trees, 92,000 plants and shrubs, new play areas and outdoor gym equipment, the planting of St Georges Gardens and of course a world class new BMX track.
- That council assembly believes that in order tackle climate change, the council itself must set an example and therefore welcomes the news that Southwark has achieved a 20.6% reduction of energy use on its operational estate and school buildings since 2009.
- That council assembly regrets the failure of the Tory Liberal Democrat government's to live up to its promise to be "the greenest government ever" after it slashed the budget for helping fuel poor households with their energy bills, failed to ensure that the energy companies meet their obligations on energy efficiency and failed to back a decarbonisation target.
- That council assembly welcomes the cabinet's commitment to creating a greener Southwark and urges them to continue to ensure that Southwark remains a green borough.
- That council assembly notes the introduction of a tree warden network to Southwark and, for the first time ever, a tree management strategy which records the borough's current tree stock, aims to increase community involvement in tree management and sets out the council's vision for trees for the coming years.
- That council assembly welcomes the opening of two new air quality stations in the borough, at the Old Kent Road and Elephant and Castle and welcomes this reversal of policy from the previous administration.
- That council assembly believes part of a green Southwark is to encourage sustainable forms of transport and notes that the number of people cycling and walking in the borough has increased with the help of key initiatives including free adult cyclist training.

We noted this motion.

**MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
PROCEDURE RULE 2.10 (6) – SAVE OUR LOCAL PUBS**

Cabinet on 19 November 2013 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on 16 October 2013 which had been moved by Councillor Tim McNally, seconded by Councillor Paul Kyriacou and subsequently amended.

That council assembly:

1. Recognises the important role local pubs play in the life of our borough by providing a community hub for residents to meet, relax, debate and do business.
2. Notes with regret the decline of community pubs in recent years, as the use of properties for other means has become more financially lucrative.

3. Recognises the community campaigns and their activists who have already successfully managed to get their pubs listed as assets of community value and looks forward to working with those who set up new businesses and create much needed employment.
4. Welcomes the council's groundbreaking approval to bring into force Article 4 planning directions on change of use to help protect our high streets and community assets such as pubs. This makes Southwark the first authority nationally to make such a change.
5. Recognises that highly indebted property companies own over half of Britain's pubs. These charge high rents to tied tenants of pubs. The Fair Deal for Your Local Campaign estimates that to pay these high rents a pint of lager is on average 80p per pint higher and ale is 65p per pint higher than justified by inflation and like for like changes in taxes since 1987. This is pricing pubs out of the market.
6. Council assembly therefore calls on the government to commit to statutory regulation of the relationship between large scale pub landlords and their tenants which specifically includes a "free of tie" option which will enable them to buy produce on the open market and pay a fair rent for their building.

We agreed this motion.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE RULE 2.10 (6) – SUPPORT FOR FREE HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS

Cabinet on 19 November 2013 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on 16 October 2013 which had been moved by Councillor Peter John and seconded by Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle.

That council assembly:

- welcomes the final stage of the roll out of free healthy school meals to all primary school children in the borough.
- notes the feedback from parents, carers and teachers who are reporting improved attainment, better concentration, fewer discipline issues, and healthy eating both inside and outside of school.
- is encouraged that such positive feedback will be contributing towards the challenge of childhood obesity in Southwark.
- welcomes the commitment from the coalition government that they will be following Southwark's example and introducing a national scheme of school meals for the youngest children in primary schools.

However, council assembly also:

- believes that the government scheme will fall short of what is needed by only providing free school meals for the youngest children.
- notes with concern that the government scheme will mean that primary school children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 would lose their free healthy school

meal unless local councils like Southwark have their own scheme in place and prioritises the budget to do so.

- notes that the Liberal Democrat Group in Southwark has consistently voted to remove the budget for free healthy school meals which would result in children losing this important meal each day.
- notes that free healthy school meals in Southwark have been opposed by Liberal Democrat members who have voted against them and by Bermondsey and Old Southwark MP, Simon Hughes, who was writing to constituents as recently as September opposing Southwark's plans.

That council assembly therefore:

- utterly condemns Southwark Liberal Democrat's record opposition to free healthy school meals in Southwark for all primary school children.
- asks cabinet to write to the Deputy Prime Minister welcoming his announcement on free school meals for all children in their first three years of school, urging an expansion of the scheme to all primary school children, and offering to work with government to show how Southwark has made this such a resounding success.
- calls on cabinet to continue to deliver free healthy school meals for all primary school children in Southwark.

We noted this motion. It was also noted that the Leader had written to the Deputy Prime Minister as requested above.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE RULE 2.10 (6) – GREEN FLAGS

Cabinet on 19 November 2013 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on 16 October 2013 which had been moved by Councillor Rosie Shimmell, seconded by Councillor Jonathan Mitchell and subsequently amended.

That council assembly:

1. Notes that Southwark residents benefit hugely from the many green spaces across the borough, and believes the council should do as much as possible to promote our parks to maximise use.
2. Further notes the great progress which has been made in this respect over recent years with Southwark having now been awarded a total of seventeen green flags across the borough.
3. Notes that the council can only apply for flags in parks it owns and maintains and so parks such as St Francis would not be eligible.
4. Calls on the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling and his team to commit to nominating other parks in Southwark for the Green Flag awards for 2014/15, including Nursery Row, Mint Street and Surrey Square which are all wonderful assets to their neighbouring communities.

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

We agreed this motion.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE RULE 2.10 (6) – DAMP IN PETER BUTLER HOUSE

Cabinet on 19 November 2013 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on 16 October 2013 which had been moved by Councillor Eliza Mann, seconded by Councillor Anood Al-Samerai and subsequently amended.

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

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

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

We noted this motion.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE RULE 2.10 (6) – CLEAN UP TOWER BRIDGE ROAD

Cabinet on 19 November 2013 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on 16 October 2013 which had been moved by Councillor Mark Gettleson and seconded by Councillor Denise Capstick and subsequently amended.

1. That council assembly welcomes the efforts of the Tower Bridge Road Business Alliance to improve Tower Bridge Road.
2. That council assembly welcomes the investment made through the community restoration fund that supported the creation of the Alliance and its initial activities.
3. That council assembly congratulates the Alliance on the success of its recent projects, funded through the cleaner greener safer budget, particularly the decoration of shop shutters, which have helped to improve the appearance of the street and allowed businesses to see the benefits of working with the Alliance.
4. That council assembly welcomes the high standards in street cleaning across the borough and the record public satisfaction with street cleanliness. It further welcomes the council's economic wellbeing strategy which sets out the council's plans to further improve partnership working with businesses to ensure that the council fully considers the different needs and expectations of businesses, their customers, local communities and residents when delivering basic services.

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

We noted this motion.

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE RULE 2.10 (6) – MAKING CATHEDRALS WARD SAFER FOR RESIDENTS AND CYCLISTS

Cabinet on 19 November 2013 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on 16 October 2013 which had been moved by Councillor Adele Morris and seconded by Councillor David Noakes and subsequently amended.

That council assembly:

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

That council assembly therefore calls upon cabinet to:

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

We agreed this motion.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet agenda and minutes – 19 November 2013. The document is available on the council's website (item 13).	Constitutional Team, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Paula Thornton 020 7525 4395

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Item No. 7.1	Classification: Open	Date: 22 January 2014	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Council Tax Base and National Non Domestic Rate Base for 2014/15	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That council assembly note that in accordance with the decisions of council assembly about council tax on 28 November 2012:
 - the local discretionary discount for homes counted as long-term empty (over 2 years) shall remain unchanged and be set at 150%
 - the discount for second homes shall remain unchanged and be set at 0%
 - the discount to replace Class A exemptions shall remain unchanged and be set at 0%
 - the discount to replace Class C exemptions shall remain unchanged and be set at 100% for a maximum of two months only.
2. That the council tax base for 2014/15 be set at 84,337.83 band D equivalent dwellings, as shown in paragraph 35.
3. That the assumed council tax collection level should be increased to 96.50% noting the risks outlined in paragraph 27.
4. That the council tax base for 2014/15 for St. Mary Newington be set at 10,690.01 band D equivalent dwellings.
5. That the council tax base for 2014/15 for St. Saviour's be set at 1,075.43 band D equivalent dwellings.
6. That the council tax reduction scheme (CTRS) for both working and pensionable age claimants shall remain unchanged in 2014/15, and note the consequential reduction in tax base of 19,496 band D equivalent dwellings as shown in paragraph 49.
7. That any minor and consequential amendments to the CTRS written policy are to remain delegated to the Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer.
8. That the net rate yield for national non domestic rates was not available when this report was finalised due to delays by the government in sending out guidance and submission document, and will be included as an addendum to this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9. Regulations require the council to inform its preceptors of the council tax base by 31 January 2014.
10. This report sets out the statutory information that members need in order to set the council's council tax base for 2014/15. A further report will be presented to council assembly in February 2014 setting out the level of council tax needed to meet the council's expenditure for the year 2014/15.
11. As part of the movement from formula grant to retained business rates, it is a requirement that the net rate yield for national non domestic rates (NNDR) be agreed in the same way as the council tax base. An addendum report will be circulated separately.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Council tax discounts

12. In November 2012 council assembly agreed a discount and exemption scheme to apply from 2013/14. This is in accordance with the statutory requirements or local discretion as granted under the Local Government Act 2003. No changes are proposed to the scheme for 2014/15.
13. On discounts for single persons, the council is required under statute to offer a 25% discount.
14. On discounts for "all except one person in a household disregarded" is required under statute to offer a 25% discount.
15. Where properties are empty for over two years, property owners will be charged full council tax and an additional 50% making a total of 150%, allowing the council to levy more council tax.
16. Therefore there are no proposed changes to council tax discounts for 2014/15 and will remain as follows:

Reason	Local / Statutory	Discount
Single Person	Statutory	25%
All except one person in household disregarded	Statutory	25%
All persons in household disregarded	Statutory	50%
Second Home	Local Statutory Minimum 10% Statutory Maximum 50%	0%
Discount to replace Class A exemptions		0%
Discount to replace Class C exemptions		100% for two months only
Empty (unoccupied) but furnished		0%
Empty for over 2 years	Local Statutory Minimum 0% Statutory Maximum 50%	+50%

Council tax base for 2014/15

17. Calculation of the council tax (“the tax”) is governed by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (“the Act”) and various regulations thereunder. In particular, Section 31B of the Act requires the basic (Band D) tax to be calculated by applying the formula:

The council tax requirement

Divided by

The council’s “Tax Base”

18. Although the council’s net budget requirement has not yet been determined, the “tax base” can be set and is subject to the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, made under section 33 of the Act and subsequent amendments. Regulation 8 of the 2012 Regulations requires the calculation for 2014/15 to be made between 1 December 2013 and 31 January 2014.
19. The proportions applicable to the various Council Tax bands (the “basic” band being D) are as follows:

Band	Proportion (ninths)
A	6
B	7
C	8
D	9
E	11
F	13
G	15
H	18

20. The council’s basic tax is calculated in respect of band D. Band A properties therefore pay 6/9 of the basic tax, band B pay 7/9 of the basic tax and so on up to band H where the tax is 18/9, or twice the tax at Band D.

Council tax collection rate performance

21. Current in-year collection performance as at the end of December 2013 is 80.90%. The performance compared to the same time last year has seen a reduction in the percentage of council tax collected by 0.60%. However, there has been a significant increase in the amount billed during this year following the introduction of CTRS, removal of discounts from last year’s review and the technical changes to reduce discounts which came into effect on 1 April 2013.
22. Arrears collection as at the end of December 2013 is £3.2 million against the annual target of £3.2 million.
23. Southwark continues to provide significant collection challenges with high levels of movement in the borough and as a result of the introduction of the CTRS. This has been reflected in the collection rate not only for collection in year but in total for the tax year over a 6 year period. The council tax collection and achieved and projected final collection is detailed in Appendix C.

24. During this year, the service has continued to providing a high level of customer service with prompt responses to customer enquiries and processing of changes to the council tax records.
25. Identifying accounts that should be written off continues to be part of business as usual activity alongside operational collection activity.
26. There has been further review of single person discounts undertaken during 2013/14 to ensure that customers who had been allowed a reduction in their council tax were entitled to continue receiving it. Approximately 3,000 single person discounts have been removed as part of the review process.
27. The strategic director of finance and corporate services recommends that, based on collection performance in previous years and to date in 2013/14 (see below), a 96.50% assumed collection rate would give the best estimate of the likely value to be obtained from the demands issued in April 2014.
28. A comparison of this rate to those currently levied and proposed for other inner London authorities is usually included as an appendix to this report. Owing to the early deadlines for completion of this report, this information was not available at the time of completion. If available, this appendix will be included in the addendum report referred to in paragraph 41.
29. Consideration has also been given to the age and status of debt when the service transferred in-house, the current economic climate and the high levels of transience and deprivation in Southwark which make collection increasingly challenging.
30. The collection rate of 96.50% for 2014/15 is considered achievable given that the service is now being delivered in-house and the work described in paragraphs 21 to 27 above. However, as there are considerable uncertainties arising from welfare reform, the localisation of council tax benefit, and the on-going economic climate, this figure is considered to be challenging.

Calculation of the council tax base

31. From 2013/14 there has been a significant change in the calculation of the council tax base. The localisation of council tax support has resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of band D equivalent properties in the tax base. Instead of council tax benefit claimants having council tax paid for through council tax benefit, from 1 April 2013 through Southwark's localised CTRS claimants receive a discount, from 100% discount for elderly people to 85% discount for working age claimants.
32. A calculation of the total number of dwellings net of discounts needs to be made for each of the bands A-H. This takes into account the number of dwellings on the official valuation list as at the 2014/15 CTB1 submission, the estimated number of dwellings that are exempt, attract disabled relief, attract single person discount, are empty, or have only disregarded residents, and estimated changes in the status of the dwellings during the year. Appendix A tabulates the above information for each of the bands. Line 5 of Appendix A (i) shows the total number of dwellings net of discounts for each band, which total 88,830.11

33. The line 5 total of 88,830.11 described above must be converted into the number of band D equivalents by applying the proportions shown in paragraph 19 above. The result for each of the bands is shown on line 6 of appendix A, which totals 87,396.72.
34. It is necessary to calculate the council's tax base by applying an estimated collection rate to the total of all properties converted to the average equivalent property at band D shown in Appendix A(i).

	Number of band D equivalent properties
For the parish of St. Mary Newington	11,077.73
For the parish of St. Saviour's	1,114.44
For the whole of the borough excluding the parishes of St. Mary Newington and St. Saviour's	75,204.55
For the whole borough	87,396.72

35. The resultant council tax base is calculated as follows:

Total of the relevant amounts (appendix A (i) line 6) **87,396.72**
 Estimated collection rate **96.50%**
 2014/15 council tax base **84,377.83**

36. Additional earmarked income may be available from Trust Funds, which can subsidise the council tax in the former parishes of St. Mary Newington and St. Saviour's. Separate calculations have to be made for these specific areas. These are set out at Appendices A (ii & iii). The subsidy to St Mary Newington is taken from interest earned on the Walworth Common Trust capital sum, divided by the taxbase to give a band D equivalent subsidy. The subsidy to St Saviour's comes from contributions from the Borough Market Trustees, again divided by the taxbase.
37. A comparison of how the current tax base compares with the 2013/14 tax base is shown below. If the CTRS adjustments are excluded the council tax base has increased by 1.0%.

	Band D equivalent properties			
	2013/14	2014/15	Change	% Change
Number of Chargeable dwellings	117,429	118,708	1,279	1.1%
Adjustments for discounts	-11,670	-12,023	-353	-3.0%
Adjustments for premiums	50	208	158	316.0%
Tax base excluding CTRS	105,809	106,893	1,084	1.0%
CTRS adjustment	-21,215	-19,496	1,719	8.1%
Total tax base before collection rate adjustment	84,594	87,397	2,803	3.3%

38. The CTRS caseload has reduced gradually during 2013/14, leading to an increase in the tax base. Analysis shows that the greatest reduction has been in the "working age other" element of the scheme representing greater than 50% of the entire reduction. This group are in receipt of passported benefits, job seekers allowance and income support. Typically this is indicative of claimants moving into work and therefore off benefits and eligibility for CTRS. Other movements can be attributed to a combination of movement in and out of the borough, individuals no longer qualifying for CTRS, changes in circumstances, and moving into work.

National non domestic rates

39. From 2013/14 it is a statutory requirement that the NNDR1 is given formal approval as part of the tax base setting process before submission to the government, and for 2013/14 was agreed by council assembly on 23 January 2013.
40. For 2014/15, due to delays by the government in sending out guidance and submission document, it has not been possible to include the NNDR1 figures in this report.
41. The guidance and documentation is expected to be received by 15 January 2014. To avoid any delays in despatching this report to members, the net rate yield will be included in an addendum to this report for consideration by council assembly on 22 January 2014.

Collection fund monitor 2013/14

Council tax

42. The estimated balance on the collection fund for council tax transactions to 31 March 2014 is a surplus of £1.753 million, of which Southwark's element is £1.316 million.

	£m
Southwark Council	1.316
Greater London Authority	<u>0.437</u>
Total surplus	<u>1.753</u>

43. The surplus must be accounted for in the council tax calculations for 2014/15. The surplus is one-off and must be utilised to reduce the demand on council tax payers in 2014/15.

Business rates

44. The estimated balance on the collection fund for business rates transactions to 31 March 2014 is a surplus of £36,000, of which Southwark's element is £11,000.

	£'000
Southwark Council (30%)	11
Government (50%)	7
Greater London Authority (20%)	<u>18</u>
Total surplus / (deficit)	<u>36</u>

45. The surplus must be accounted for as part of the resource calculations for 2014/15. The surplus is one-off and must be utilised to reduce the demand on council tax payers in 2014/15.
46. A total of £1.327 million will be utilised in 2014/15.

Revenue budget implications 2014/15

47. Subject to council assembly approval, the tax bases recommended and the projected surplus / deficit on the collection fund as at 31 March 2014 will be used in the calculation of the level of council tax that will be recommended to council assembly on 26 February 2014.

Council tax reduction scheme (CTRS)

48. On 28 November 2012 a report was presented to Assembly that set out the background and approach that had been adopted in relation to the CTRS scheme. Council assembly agreed to the adoption of a CTRS scheme that capped council tax support entitlement at 85% of current council tax benefit (CTB) entitlement levels and abolished second adult rebate for non-pensioners in 2013/14.
49. The council tax reduction scheme replaced council tax benefit and is passed on to claimants through a discount. Current estimates show that for 2014/15 this will reduce the overall council tax base by 22,739 equivalent properties (19,496 band D equivalents) before adjustment for collection.
50. Council assembly were presented with a draft version of Southwark's CTRS policy and advised that the written content of the final policy would be informed by the publication of prescribed regulations from central government that were at that time still in draft form. Officers recommended that the final CTRS written policy should be returned to council assembly for approval in January 2013 once final prescribed regulations had been published.
51. As anticipated, the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/2885) that delivered the statutory framework under which the policy was developed were published on 30 November 2012.
52. In accordance with the regulations, officers developed a CTRS policy for both pension age and working-age claimants and used as its base the previous CTB rules and regulations. This approach was considered to deliver the least amount of change for existing claimants, for staff administering the scheme and indeed those professional groups who were and are engaged in offering advice and support to claimants.
53. On 23 January 2013 council assembly were presented with the council tax base report within which the full CTRS policy document was referenced and attached. The decision of council assembly confirmed the adoption of this policy. Members are referred to that report for the detail of the written policy.
54. On 23 January 2013 council assembly also approved that decision making on any minor and consequential amendments to the CTRS written policy be delegated to the strategic director of finance and corporate services, in

consultation with the monitoring officer. It is expected that the DCLG will continue to release throughout 2014/15 further guidance, amendments and or corrections to the previously published complex regulations and which will result in additions and minor changes to the wording of the policy document itself. Officers consider therefore that these changes should not require council assembly approval and that the decision making on these future changes should remain delegated to the strategic director of finance and corporate services, in consultation with the monitoring officer

Consultation

55. Calculation of the council tax base forms an integral part of the revenue budget setting process for 2014/15. The budget is underpinned by the council's medium term resource strategy as agreed by cabinet on 21 June 2011.

Community impact statement

56. This report contains technical calculations relating to the council's tax base for 2014/15.
57. This report also contains technical calculations relating to the council's anticipated non-domestic rate retention for 2014/15, which forms part of the resource base for the council in 2014/15.
58. There is no direct community impact at this stage. The impact on the community of any potential change in service design, outcomes or access arising from recommendations relating to the 2014/15 revenue budget will need to be addressed and identified as part of the final budget submission to council assembly on 26 February 2014.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Legal Services

59. The director of legal services advises that decisions relating to the budget and the setting of local taxation are reserved to council assembly under part 3A of the council's constitution. Therefore council assembly is enabled to agree all of the recommendations in this report.
60. Members are reminded of the obligations pursuant to section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the restrictions on voting therein. Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to members in arrears of council tax in respect of their capacity to vote in meetings on certain financial matters.
61. Where a member has at least two months' arrears of council tax he or she must not vote on any matter which:
- (i) relates directly to the setting of the next year's council tax; or
 - (ii) recommends income or expenditure forming part of the next year's levy; or
 - (iii) relates to income or expenditure in the current year which is in excess of the current budget.
62. When a matter as described in paragraph 61 is to be considered at a meeting the member affected must declare that section 106 of the Local Government Act

1992 applies to him or her. The member may remain in the meeting and may speak, but he or she may not vote on the matter.

Recommendations 1 to 5 – council tax base

63. The legal basis for agreeing the recommendations relating to the setting of the Council tax base is found under Section 31B Local Government Finance Act 1992 which imposes a duty on a billing authority to calculate its council tax by applying a formula laid down in that Section. This relies on calculating a figure for the council tax base for the year. The Local Authority (Calculation of council tax base) (England) Regulations 2012 require a billing authority to use a given formula to calculate the council tax base.

Recommendation 6 and 7 – council tax reduction scheme

64. On 23 January 2013 council assembly adopted the CTRS written policy which had been developed by officers. This was in accordance with the decision making powers reserved to council assembly under Part 3A of the constitution.
65. On 23 January 2013 council assembly also approved that decision making on any minor and consequential amendments to the CTRS written policy be delegated to the strategic director of finance and corporate services, in consultation with the monitoring officer. The report author has outlined at paragraph 54 of the report the reasoning why officers consider any future minor and consequential changes should remain delegated to the strategic director of finance and corporate services in consultation with the monitoring officer. It is confirmed that council assembly has the power to delegate any of its decision making functions to an officer pursuant to section 101(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.
66. In respect of all recommendations, council assembly is reminded of the requirement to consider the public sector equality duty as set out in s.149 Equality Act 2010 before reaching a decision.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
CTB (1) Working Papers	Revenues and Benefits Second floor 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Dominic Cain – AD Revenues and Benefits 020 7525 0636

APPENDICES

Appendix	Title
Appendix A (i)	Council Tax Base for 2014/15 for the Whole Area
Appendix A (ii)	Council Tax Base for 2014/15 for the Parish of St Mary Newington
Appendix A (iii)	Council Tax Base for 2014/15 for the Parish of St Saviours
Appendix A (iv)	Council Tax Base for 2014/15 for the whole area excluding the parishes of St Mary Newington and St Saviours
Appendix B	Council Tax – Collection Achieved and Projected

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APPENDIX A (I)

COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2014/20154 FOR THE WHOLE AREA – FOR COUNCIL TAX SETTING

		BAND - A	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H	TOTAL
1	Number of Chargeable Dwellings	6.00	11,092.85	35,646.90	32,492.20	21,171.62	14,137.91	5,841.21	4,008.32	566.60	124,963.61
2	Adjustment for the number of dwellings subject to a discount	-0.75	-1,907.00	-5,112.00	-3,335.25	-1,780.00	-967.75	-335.25	-183.75	-28.75	-13,650.50
3	Adjustment for the number of dwellings subject to a premium	0.00	107.00	70.00	42.50	16.50	9.00	5.50	5.50	0.00	256.00
4	Adjustment for the localised council tax support scheme	0.00	-2,945.00	-9,072.00	-6,196.00	-2,875.00	-1,372.00	-216.00	-61.00	-2.00	-22,739.00
5	Total in band (1+2+3+4)	5.25	6,347.85	21,532.90	23,003.45	16,533.12	11,807.16	5,295.46	3,769.07	535.85	88,830.11
	Band Factor	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9	
6	Number of Band D Equivalents	2.92	4,231.90	16,747.81	20,447.51	16,533.12	14,430.98	7,649.00	6,281.78	1,071.70	87,396.72
7	Estimated Collection Level										96.50%
8	Estimated 2014 / 2015 TAX BASE (6) x (7)										84,337.83

APPENDIX A (II)

COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2014/2015 FOR ST MARY NEWINGTON – FOR COUNCIL TAX SETTING

		BAND - A	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H	TOTAL
1	Number of Chargeable Dwellings	1.00	2,734.00	6,921.00	5,014.00	1,840.00	1,361.00	452.00	73.00	20.00	18,416.00
2	Adjustment for the number of dwellings subject to a discount	-0.25	-443.75	-935.00	-481.25	-153.50	-84.25	-19.00	-3.50	-1.50	-2,122.00
3	Adjustment for the number of dwellings subject to a premium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Adjustment for the localised council tax support scheme	0.00	-337.00	-1,768.00	-1,025.00	-307.00	-249.00	-19.00	-6.00	0.00	-3,711.00
5	Total in band (1+2+3+4)	0.75	1,953.25	4,218.00	3,507.75	1,379.50	1,027.75	414.00	63.50	18.50	12,583.00
	Band Factor	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9	
6	Number of Band D Equivalents	0.42	1,302.17	3,280.67	3,118.00	1,379.50	1,256.14	598.00	105.83	37.00	11,077.73
7	Estimated Collection Level										96.50%
8	Estimated 2014 / 2015 TAX BASE (6) x (7)										10,690.01

APPENDIX A (III)

COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2014/2015 FOR ST SAVIOURS – FOR COUNCIL TAX SETTING

		BAND - A	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H	TOTAL
1	Number of Chargeable Dwellings	0.00	56.00	268.00	315.00	184.00	182.00	119.00	140.00	35.00	1,299.00
2	Adjustment for the number of dwellings subject to a discount	0.00	-9.75	-35.50	-38.25	-16.50	-14.25	-8.75	-9.00	-0.50	-132.50
3	Adjustment for the number of dwellings subject to a premium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Adjustment for the localised council tax support scheme	0.00	-6.00	-54.00	-75.00	-25.00	-19.00	-1.00	0.00	0.00	-180.00
5	Total in band (1+2+3+4)	0.00	40.25	178.50	201.75	142.50	148.75	109.25	131.00	34.50	986.50
	Band Factor	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9	
6	Number of Band D Equivalents	0.00	26.83	138.83	179.33	142.50	181.81	157.81	218.33	69.00	1,114.44
7	Estimated Collection Level										96.50%
8	Estimated 2014 / 2015 TAX BASE (6) x (7)										1,075.43

APPENDIX A (IV)

COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2014/2015 FOR THE WHOLE AREA EXCLUDING THE PARISHES OF ST MARY NEWINGTON AND ST SAVIOURS – FOR COUNCIL TAX SETTING

		BAND - A	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H	TOTAL
1	Number of Chargeable Dwellings	5.00	8,302.85	28,457.90	27,163.20	19,147.62	12,594.91	5,270.21	3,795.32	511.60	105,248.61
2	Adjustment for the number of dwellings subject to a discount	-0.50	-1,453.50	-4,141.50	-2,815.75	-1,610.00	-869.25	-307.50	-171.25	-26.75	-11,396.00
3	Adjustment for the number of dwellings subject to a premium	0.00	107.00	70.00	42.50	16.50	9.00	5.50	5.50	0.00	256.00
4	Adjustment for the localised council tax support scheme	0.00	-2,602.00	-7,250.00	-5,096.00	-2,543.00	-1,104.00	-196.00	-55.00	-2.00	-18,848.00
5	Total in band (1+2+3+4)	4.50	4,354.35	17,136.40	19,293.95	15,011.12	10,630.66	4,772.21	3,574.57	482.85	75,260.61
	Band Factor	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9	
6	Number of Band D Equivalentents	2.50	2,902.90	13,328.31	17,150.18	15,011.12	12,993.03	6,893.19	5,957.62	965.70	75,204.55
7	Estimated Collection Level										96.50%
8	Estimated 2014 / 2015 TAX BASE (6) x (7)										72,572.39

APPENDIX B

COUNCIL TAX - COLLECTION ACHIEVED & PROJECTED

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Total Debit	135,246	141,903	143,547	145,770	147,353	148,968	150,448
Exemptions	(7,502)	(8,070)	(8,446)	(8,208)	(7,673)	(7,775)	(5,697)
Disabled relief	(47)	(49)	(49)	(46)	(44)	(44)	(43)
Discounts	(14,964)	(14,867)	(14,901)	(15,396)	(15,454)	(14,709)	(14,780)
Council tax support scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	(23,694)
Collectable debit	112,733	118,918	120,150	122,119	124,182	126,439	106,233
Council Tax collected to date	(84,505)	(89,619)	(89,584)	(91,277)	(93,214)	(94,853)	(86,976)
Less credit balances	512	560	421	442	827	781	1,033
Migration Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CTax collection to date	(83,993)	(89,059)	(89,163)	(90,835)	(92,387)	(94,073)	(85,943)
Future collection adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	(400)	(16,599)
Total projected CTax collection	(83,993)	(89,059)	(89,163)	(90,835)	(92,387)	(94,473)	(102,542)
Benefits	(25,102)	(25,801)	(26,816)	(26,989)	(27,489)	(27,598)	-
Total projected income	(109,095)	(114,859)	(115,980)	(117,823)	(119,876)	(122,070)	(102,542)
Actual Collection to date (as at 31st December 2013)	96.8%	96.6%	96.5%	96.5%	96.5%	96.2%	80.9%
Projected final collection level	96.8%	96.6%	96.5%	96.5%	96.5%	96.5%	96.5%

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