



## **Council Assembly (Ordinary Meeting)**

MINUTES of the Council Assembly (Ordinary Meeting) held on Wednesday 25 November 2015 at 7.00 pm at Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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### **PRESENT:**

The Worshipful the Mayor for 2015/16, Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE (Chair)

Councillor Evelyn Akoto	Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai	Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Jasmine Ali	Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor James Barber	Councillor Vijay Luthra
Councillor Radha Burgess	Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Sunil Chopra	Councillor Hamish McCallum
Councillor Fiona Colley	Councillor Darren Merrill
Councillor Neil Coyle	Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Stephanie Cryan	Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Helen Dennis	Councillor Jamille Mohammed
Councillor Nick Dolezal	Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Karl Eastham	Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Gavin Edwards	Councillor Damian O'Brien
Councillor Paul Fleming	Councillor James Okosun
Councillor Tom Flynn	Councillor Leo Pollak
Councillor Lucas Green	Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor Renata Hamvas	Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Barrie Hargrove	Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Jon Hartley	Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Helen Hayes	Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor David Hubber	Councillor Johnson Situ
Councillor Peter John	Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Ben Johnson	Councillor Charlie Smith
Councillor Eleanor Kerlake	Councillor Cleo Soanes
Councillor Sarah King	Councillor Kath Whittam
Councillor Anne Kirby	Councillor Bill Williams
Councillor Sunny Lambe	Councillor Kieron Williams
Councillor Octavia Lamb	Councillor Mark Williams
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE	Councillor Ian Wingfield

## 1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

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

Following the by-election on 15 October 2015, the Mayor welcomed Councillor Octavia Lamb to her first meeting of council assembly.

The cabinet member for finance, modernisation and performance, Councillor Fiona Colley, made an announcement on the government's comprehensive spending review and its impact on Southwark.

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

The Mayor agreed to accept two late community evidence submissions from Step Up and Construction Youth Trust and a late motion on the Housing and Planning Bill.

The Mayor formally moved the programme motion.

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai, seconded by Councillor David Noakes, moved that the programme motion be amended in order to receive a deputation from Southwark Youth Council. Following debate (Councillor Peter John), the amendment was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

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

#### RESOLVED:

1. That the meeting be conducted as follows:

#### **Item 2.2 - Public question time**

Meeting to hear from one public questioner.

#### **Item 3 - Themed debate**

##### **Community Evidence Submissions**

To receive submissions from the group listed in the themed section of the agenda and two late submissions:

- InSpired to Work
- STEP UP – The Upwardly Mobile Network
- Construction Youth Trust.

Five minute presentation from each group, followed by upto five minutes for questions from members (one question from each group).

### **Themed motion**

To give consent of the meeting to an alteration to the themed motion as follows:

In point 8 after “encourage the take up of apprenticeships”, add a new bullet point:

- Continue working collaboratively with the voluntary and community sector (VCS) to secure employment for the borough’s most vulnerable residents, and recognise the role of volunteering in Southwark for leading to employment opportunities.

### **Themed debate (45 minutes)**

1. Councillor Ian Wingfield, cabinet member for business, employment and culture (7 minutes).
2. Councillor Hamish McCallum, opposition spokesperson, to speak on the motion and move amendment (5 minutes).
3. Theme open to debate by all other councillors (30 minutes).
4. Councillor Ian Wingfield’s right of reply to the debate (3 minutes).

### **Item 4 – Deputations**

- Meeting to agree to hear a deputation from Arnold Estate tenants and residents association.
- To vary the order of business to hear the Arnold Estate deputation prior to consideration of the motion 5.2.1, i.e after members’ question time.
- Meeting to agree not to hear the remaining deputations listed in the agenda.

### **Item 5.2 - General Motions**

- To accept a late motion on the Housing and Planning Bill.
- General motions to be taken in order set out in agenda followed by the late motion.
- Each motion to have a single debate, subject to the guillotine.

### **Item 5.2.2 – Motion from Councillor Jon Hartley – End cuts to policing in London**

To give the consent of the meeting to an alteration to the motion as follows:

In paragraph 1 **delete** second sentence beginning “At the upcoming spending review...”

Revised paragraph 1 to read:

As a result of the spending review in 2010 the Metropolitan Police have faced cuts of almost £600m, totalling 20% of its budget. ~~At the upcoming spending review it is widely expected that the Metropolitan Police Service will face a minimum of another £800m in cuts with the media reporting the budget could be cut by as much as 43%.~~

**Delete** paragraph 2.

**Delete** paragraph 11.

At the end of paragraph 12 **insert:** “, particularly in light of the Chancellor’s announcement that there will be no further budget cuts to policing this year.”

Revised paragraph 12 to read:

To call on the Metropolitan Police Commissioner to engage with local authorities to find alternatives to the badly thought-out proposals to scrap neighbourhood PCSOs, particularly in light of the Chancellor’s announcement that there will be no further budget cuts to policing this year.

2. That relevant council assembly procedure rules be suspended:

- CAPR 1.6 Variation in order of business
- CAPR 2.7(10) Deadline for receipt of community evidence submissions
- CAPR 1.14(4) Single debate
- CAPR 2.10(3) Deadline for receipt of members motions.

### **1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

#### **Motion 5.2.5 - Trade Union Bill**

Councillor Sarah King stated that Councillors Gavin Edwards, Paul Fleming and Victoria Mills wished to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item as they or their partner worked for a trade union.

#### **Item 6.1 - Revised Canada Water AAP**

At 10.14pm and just prior to the meeting considering this report, Councillor Helen Hayes declared an interest in the item as she had previously been employed by a company that had worked in the Canada Water area. She stated that she intended to withdraw from this item when it was considered.

### **1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Maisie Anderson, Catherine Dale and Jane Lyons. Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillors James Barber, Neil Coyle, Paul Fleming, Helen Hayes, Victoria Mills and Adele Morris.

## 1.5 MINUTES

### RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the ordinary and extraordinary meetings held on 8 July 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

## 2. ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

### 2.1 PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

### 2.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

*(See page 1 of supplemental agenda 3 and green papers circulated at the meeting)*

There was one question from the public, the answer to which had been circulated on green paper at the meeting. The public questioner asked a supplemental question of the cabinet member for finance, modernisation and performance.

## 3. THEMED DEBATE - EMPLOYMENT AND LOCAL ECONOMY

### 3.1 COMMUNITY EVIDENCE

*(See pages 2 – 3 of supplemental agenda 3)*

The meeting agreed to receive submissions from the following:

#### **InSpired to Work**

Council assembly heard community evidence from InSpired to Work. The following members had questions of the submission: Councillors Lorraine Lauder and Ben Johnson.

At the close of the questioning, the Mayor then thanked InSpired to Work for their submission.

#### **Step Up – the Upwardly Mobile Network**

Council assembly heard community evidence from Step Up – the Upwardly Mobile Network. The following members had questions of the submission: Councillors Maria Linforth-Hall and Ian Wingfield.

At the close of the questioning, the Mayor then thanked Step Up – the Upwardly Mobile Network to Work for their submission.

## **Construction Youth Trust**

Council assembly heard community evidence from the Construction Youth Trust. The following members had questions of the submission: Councillors Mark Williams and Anood Al-Samerai .

At the close of the questioning, the Mayor then thanked the Construction Youth Trust to Work for their submission.

### **3.2 MOTION ON THE THEME**

#### **MOTION ON THE THEME – EMPLOYMENT AND LOCAL ECONOMY** (see pages 1 - 3 of the main agenda)

As part of the programme motion the meeting consented to the following alteration to the motion:

In point 8 after “encourage the take up of apprenticeships”, add a new bullet point:

- Continue working collaboratively with the voluntary and community sector (VCS) to secure employment for the borough’s most vulnerable residents, and recognise the role of volunteering in Southwark for leading to employment opportunities.

The deputy leader and cabinet member for business, employment and culture, Councillor Ian Wingfield, presented the motion on the themed debate.

Councillor Hamish McCallum, the majority opposition group spokesperson, responded to the cabinet member’s motion and proposed Amendment A.

Following debate (Councillors Gavin Edwards, Sunny Lambe, James Okosun, Jasmine Ali, Anood Al-Samerai, Karl Eastham, Damian O’Brien, Leo Pollak, Sunil Chopra and Kieron Williams), the deputy leader and cabinet member for business, employment and culture, Councillor Ian Wingfield, responded to the debate.

Amendment A was put to the vote and declared to be lost

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

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That supporting a strong local economy, improving skills and employment opportunities, and in particular helping some of Southwark’s most vulnerable residents to access jobs is key for the council’s plan to achieve a fairer future for all.
2. That despite the severe cuts to the council’s funding imposed on Southwark over the last five years under the Tory/Liberal Democrat coalition government, which continue to be imposed under the Tory government, this administration has continued to invest in the borough; growing the local economy, building more homes and creating more jobs and opportunities for local people.

3. That council assembly regrets that instead of supporting people into work, the Government is continuing the coalition's policies of penalising working families by cutting tax credits, hitting more than three million families in work who will lose £1,300 next year on average, and cutting Employment and Support Allowance pushing hundreds of thousands of sick and disabled people further away from employment.
4. That council assembly welcomes the steps this administration has taken to create employment opportunities for local people, including:
  - Supporting 1,450 residents into jobs since May 2014, including nearly 300 people with a range of complex barriers to employment including physical and mental health issues, caring responsibilities and other barriers.
  - Delivering employment support to residents in partnership with local and national organisations, including InSpire St Peters, St Giles Trust, Pecan, Royal Mencap and South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.
  - Promoting employer led skills provision through initiatives like the business forum and the creation of a new construction skills centre, due to open next year.
5. That council assembly welcomes the council's support for local businesses, including:
  - Supporting 24 business projects with £382,000 through the High Street Challenge.
  - Supporting Southwark employers to access £268,000 worth of finance to help their business to grow.
  - Providing direct access to council services for businesses through the council's online business portal.
  - Supporting small local businesses to take on young people through the Southwark Employment and Enterprise Development Scheme (SEEDS), helping local employers to stimulate business growth and generating sustainable jobs and apprenticeships for young people.
6. That council assembly welcomes this administration's commitment to giving young people in Southwark the opportunity to fulfil their potential by:
  - Creating 2,000 new apprenticeships to give young people the opportunity to develop their skills and become work-ready.
  - Guaranteeing opportunities for every school leaver in Southwark to learn, work or train through the youth guarantee.
  - Introducing the Southwark apprenticeship standard to guarantee quality

apprenticeships and ensure secure employment, a fair wage, quality training provision and mentoring support for apprentices.

7. That council assembly also welcomes the council's partnership work with neighbouring boroughs Lambeth and Lewisham, bringing in excess of £1 million worth of funding into the three boroughs to get residents up-skilled and into work through the 'pathways to employment' project, and establishing a joint committee to deliver a joined-up approach to employment and skills.
8. That council assembly calls on the cabinet to:
  - Continue work on the youth guarantee, to ensure every young person in Southwark has the opportunity for employment, education or training.
  - Continue to invest in skills directly through council apprenticeships, and work with local businesses and partners to expand apprenticeships, particularly focusing on industries like construction where there are job opportunities in the borough.
  - Work in partnership with businesses and organisations in the borough to promote the London Living Wage, and encourage the take up of apprenticeships.
  - Continue working collaboratively with the voluntary and community sector (VCS) to secure employment for the borough's most vulnerable residents, and recognise the role of volunteering in Southwark for leading to employment opportunities.
9. That council assembly recognises that national employment programmes do not always provide the right support at the right time to help people with more acute needs get back into work in places like Southwark. Therefore council assembly calls on the cabinet to work with other local authorities to campaign for greater devolution of employment and skills funding and powers to local government.

**Note:** This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

#### **4. DEPUTATIONS**

*(See pages 5 - 8 of supplemental agenda 3)*

As part of the programme motion the meeting:

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the deputation from Arnold Estate tenants and residents association be received.

#### **Arnold Estate tenants and residents association**

The deputation's spokesperson, Brefne Jowers, addressed the meeting.



Councillors Eliza Mann, Hamish McCallum, Richard Livingstone and Anood Al-Samerai asked questions of the deputation. Councillors Ian Wingfield and Richard Livingstone made points of personal explanation.

Thereafter the deputation returned to their seats in the public seating area.

As part of the programme motion the meeting

**RESOLVED:**

That the following deputations be not heard:

- A group of local residents about the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) advisory forum
- Southwark Youth Council regarding youth services
- Rotherhithe and Bermondsey youth community council members / Odessa Youth Club Members regarding youth services
- Southwark Trades Union Council regarding youth services
- A group of young people from the Peckham area regarding youth services.

**5. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS**

**5.1 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME**

*(See pages 1 - 6 of the supplemental agenda 1 and the lilac and salmon papers circulated at the meeting)*

There was one late question to the leader of the council, the written response to which was circulated on lilac paper at the meeting. Two supplemental questions were asked of the leader of the council.

There were 39 members' questions, the written responses to which were circulated on salmon paper at the meeting. There were 12 supplemental questions.

**5.2 MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

**MOTION 1 – ARNOLD ESTATE WARM, DRY AND SAFE WORKS PROGRAMME** *(See page 5 of the main agenda)*

This motion was considered prior to the guillotine having fallen.

Councillor Hamish McCallum, seconded by Councillor Eliza Mann, moved the motion.

The Mayor stated that there were two amendments to the motion.

Councillor Lucas Green, seconded by Councillor Eleanor Kerlake, moved Amendment B.

Councillor Ben Johnson, seconded by Anood Al-Samerai, moved Amendment C.

Following debate (Councillors David Noakes, Richard Livingstone, Peter John, James Barber and Nick Dolezal), Councillor Hamish McCallum exercised his right of reply.

Amendment B was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

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

**RESOLVED:**

That council assembly:

1. Welcomes the improvements currently underway on the Arnold Estate as part of the warm, dry and safe programme.
2. Notes that although the kitchens and bathrooms programme was brought forward to April 2015, the warm, dry and safe works on the Arnold Estate started before that, so it was not possible to bring the kitchens and bathrooms programme into the scope of the work.
3. Notes that the council is spending £303.9m on housing investment works during 2015/16, which is significantly more than the council has ever spent before in a year.
4. Regrets however that the impact of the Chancellor's post-election decision to impose rent reductions on councils and housing associations without compensation, which will result in a net loss of £62m to the HRA over the next four years, unfortunately means that the council has to slow the proposed major works programme from that originally envisaged.
5. Notes that no decision has yet been taken on when the kitchens and bathrooms work will take place at the Arnold Estate, as all proposals from 2017/18 onwards are currently being consulted on and a final decision will not be taken until March 2016, and therefore asks that cabinet consider carefully the views on the programme set out by the tenants and residents of Arnold Estate carefully before taking its decision in March.
6. Calls on the cabinet to ensure that despite the significant financial challenge, the kitchens and bathrooms programme is still delivered to all council properties, including the Arnold Estate.

**Note:** This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

**REVISED MOTION 2 – END CUTS TO POLICING IN LONDON** (See pages 5 - 6 of the main agenda)

As part of the programme motion the meeting consented to the following alteration to the motion:

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This motion was considered prior to the guillotine having fallen.

Councillor John Hartley, seconded by Kath Whittam, moved the revised motion.

At 10.05pm the Mayor announced that the guillotine had fallen.

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors David Hubber and David Noakes formally moved and seconded Amendment D.

Amendment D was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

#### **RESOLVED:**

That council assembly notes:

1. As a result of the spending review in 2010 the Metropolitan Police Service has faced cuts of almost £600 million, totalling 20% of its budget.
2. The ‘safer neighbourhood team’ (SNT) model introduced by the previous Labour Mayor was widely welcomed by communities and saw each ward allocated a dedicated team of six officers (one sergeant, two police constables (PCs) and three police community support officers (PCSOs)).
3. The introduction of Boris Johnson’s local policing model dismantled SNTs reducing

them to just a single dedicated PC and PCSO per ward, demonstrating the impact of a Tory Mayor on London and Londoners' safety.

4. Since May 2010, as a result of government cuts, London has lost 3,170 dedicated neighbourhood PCSOs, a cut of over 70% compared with May 2010. In Southwark 110 PCSOs have been lost since 2010.
5. In December, the Metropolitan Police Service management board will consider proposals to scrap neighbourhood PCSOs all together, resulting in a loss of over 1,000 officers if approved. In Southwark this proposal could mean losing all of the few remaining PCSOs in the borough.
6. That whilst PCSOs have been informed of the Metropolitan Police Service intention to make this decision, there has been no meaningful consultation with boroughs, the public or PCSOs about the impact of scrapping PCSOs.

That council assembly believes:

7. The introduction of neighbourhood policing teams transformed local policing, increased public confidence and provided a integral link between communities and the police.
8. The £600 million of cuts handed down from government have devastated the police service in the capital despite promises from the Mayor of London and Home Secretary that they would not hit the frontline.
9. Proposals to scrap all of London's neighbourhood PCSOs will have a profound impact on the shape of London's police force and should be subject to full public consultation if approved by the Metropolitan Police Service management board.

That council assembly resolves:

10. That the council consult residents on any proposed changes to its own community warden scheme.
11. To call on the Metropolitan Police Service Commissioner to engage with local authorities to find alternatives to the badly thought-out proposals to scrap neighbourhood PCSOs, particularly in light of the chancellor's announcement that there will be no further budget cuts to policing this year, including retaining at least one dedicated PCSO in each of the 21 wards across Southwark, as well as keeping the existing structure.
12. To call on the Mayor of London to set out the true impact of government cuts and engage in meaningful consultation with Londoners about the future of policing in the capital, including the option of not reducing the council tax precept next year to ensure PCSO numbers can remain at current levels in Southwark by raising extra funding for the Metropolitan Police.

**Note:** This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

**MOTION 3 – GREATER LONDON NATIONAL PARK CITY CAMPAIGN** (See pages 6 -

*7 of the main agenda)*

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors James Barber and Rosie Shimell formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Renata Hamvas and Sunny Lambe formally moved and seconded Amendment E.

Amendment E was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That council assembly:

1. Congratulates the council on the amount of open and green space available and maintained for residents in Southwark.
2. Acknowledges the health, environmental and leisure benefits of parks, green spaces and water in built-up urban areas.
3. Notes that Southwark has a large number of parks and green spaces we can be immensely proud of, including a record number of Green Flag parks, and that resident satisfaction with Southwark parks is very high.
4. Notes that parks in Southwark already have the planning protection required to ensure that they are not under threat.
5. Notes that Southwark is a leading borough in London for parks and green spaces and that the council is continuing to invest in parks open spaces, while many local authorities are scaling back investment because of budget cuts.
6. Welcomes the council's work to ensure that standards in Southwark parks continue to improve against a very difficult backdrop of central government cuts.
7. Notes that there is no real detail on the potential benefits and risks of a Greater London National Park City for local authority parks and it is not yet clear what the implications of the proposals would be on Southwark's parks and open spaces.
8. Calls on the cabinet to ensure that at a time of ever-growing budgetary pressure, the council focuses on protecting investment in Southwark's parks and green spaces, continuing to improve standards and fulfilling the manifesto promise to increase the number of Green Flag parks in the borough.

**Note:** This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration

**MOTION 4 – EXTEND THE 42 BUS ROUTE** (*See page 7 of the main agenda*)

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors Lorraine Lauder and Tom Flynn formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Damian O'Brien and Eliza Mann formally moved and seconded Amendment F.

Amendment F was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

**RESOLVED:**

1. That council assembly notes that the 42 bus route is a key route in Southwark linking the south-west to the north-east of the borough and providing a much needed direct link north across the river for our residents.
2. That council assembly recognises that residents in Camberwell and Walworth currently have to put up with an inadequate 42 bus service, which is unreliable and overcrowded, with people often being left at bus stops. This route does not run enough services and currently terminates at Sunray Avenue rather than the Sainsburys, which makes it difficult for residents travelling to the shop who have mobility issues or small children.
3. That council assembly therefore calls on cabinet to lobby Transport for London:
  - To deliver more frequent and reliable services
  - To turn the route into a double decker in order to increase capacity for passengers
  - To extend the southern terminating point to Sainsburys East Dulwich
4. That council assembly further notes that Transport for London has already announced a consultation on the extension of the 42 bus route to Sainsbury's East Dulwich for next month, including whether a double-decker is supported by both passengers and local residents.

**Note:** This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration

**MOTION 5 – TRADE UNION BILL** (*See page 7 of the main agenda*)

Councillors Gavin Edwards, Paul Fleming and Victoria Mills having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item withdrew from the meeting taking no part in the vote upon the matter.

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors Charlie Smith and Sarah King formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Anood Al-Samerai and David Noakes formally moved and seconded Amendment G.

Amendment G was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

**RESOLVED:**

1. That council assembly recognises the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces. This council values the constructive relationship that we have with our trade unions and we recognise their commitment, and the commitment of all our staff, to the delivery of good quality public services.
2. That council assembly notes with concern the Trade Union Bill which is currently being proposed by the government and which would affect this council's relationship with our trade unions and our workforce as a whole. Council assembly rejects this bill's attack on local democracy and the attack on our right to manage our own affairs.
3. That council assembly further notes that human rights groups Liberty, Amnesty International and the British Institute of Human Rights have all condemned the Bill as an attack on the basic right to protest and that the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development has branded this law an 'outdated response that could have potentially counter-productive consequences.'
4. That council assembly is clear that facility time, negotiated and agreed by us and our trade unions to suit our own specific needs, has a valuable role to play in the creation of good quality and responsive local services. Facility time should not be determined or controlled by government in Westminster.
5. That council assembly is happy with the arrangements we currently have in place for deducting trade union membership subscriptions through our payroll. We see this as an important part of our positive industrial relations and a cheap and easy to administer system that supports our staff. This system is an administrative matter for the council and should not be interfered with by the UK government.
6. That council assembly resolves to support the campaign against the unnecessary, anti-democratic and bureaucratic Trade Union Bill.
7. That council assembly calls on cabinet to support the campaign against the unnecessary, anti-democratic and bureaucratic Trade Union Bill and to seek to continue its own locally agreed industrial relations strategy and take every measure possible to maintain its autonomy with regard to facility time and the continuing use of check-off.

**Note:** This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration

**MOTION 6 – TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP** (See pages 8 - 9 of the main agenda)

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors Gavin Edwards and Helen Dennis formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Anood Al-Samerai and David Noakes formally moved and seconded Amendment H.

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

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

**RESOLVED:**

1. That council assembly notes that there has been no impact assessment about the potential impact of a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), currently being negotiated by the EU and USA, on local authorities, and that there has been no scrutiny of the negotiating texts by local government and no consultation with local government representatives.
2. That council assembly believes that TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making. In particular, TTIP could effectively prevent public services from being brought back in-house, which could have a negative impact on Southwark where significant improvements have been made by bringing services back in-house, such as the council's revenues and benefits service in 2011.
3. That council assembly notes that Labour MEPs have been campaigning to ensure that, should a trade agreement between the EU and the USA be concluded, it does not in any way limit the ability of public authorities, whether at local, national or European level, to act for the public interest. Council assembly welcomes the amendments to the recently adopted European parliament resolution successfully moved by Labour MEPS for a full exclusion of all public services, present or future, from the scope of the agreement, as well as a clear rejection of any type of measures that could undermine public authorities' autonomy and sovereignty, including at local level, and their commitment to veto any agreement that fails to address these concerns.
4. That council assembly believes that a thorough impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities must be undertaken before the negotiations can be concluded.
5. That council assembly calls on the cabinet to:
  - Write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, local MPs and London MEPs, raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.
  - Write to the Local Government Association to raise our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and ask them to raise these with government on our behalf.
  - Join with other local authorities and local campaigners to raise awareness about our concerns over TTIP and call for an impact assessment on the impact of TTIP on local authorities.

**Note:** This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration

**LATE MOTION – THE HOUSING AND PLANNING BILL** (See pages 56 - 57 of



*supplemental agenda 2)*

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors Richard Livingstone and Ben Johnson formally moved and seconded the motion.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That council assembly notes:

1. That the Housing and Planning Bill is currently being debated in Parliament, and if passed would threaten the provision of affordable homes for rent and buy through:
  - a) forcing 'high-value' council homes to be sold on the open market
  - b) extending the right-to-buy to housing association tenants, and
  - c) undermining Section 106 requirements on private developers to provide affordable homes.
2. That there is no commitment in the Bill that affordable homes will be replaced like-for-like in the local area.
3. That whilst measures to help first-time buyers are welcome, the 'starter homes' proposals in the Bill will be unaffordable to families and young people on ordinary incomes in most parts of the country, will not preserve the taxpayer investment and will be built at the expense of genuinely affordable homes to rent and buy.
4. That the Bill undermines localism by taking new wide and open-ended powers for the Secretary of State over councils and local communities, including the ability to override local plans, to mandate rents for social tenants, and to impose a levy on stock-holding councils, violating the terms of the housing revenue account self-financing deal.
5. That the Bill, whilst introducing some welcome measures to get to grips with rogue landlords, does not help with the high rents, poor conditions and insecurity affecting many of England's private renters - including one in four families with children - and does nothing to help arrest the recent rise in homelessness.

That council assembly calls on cabinet:

6. To analyse and report on the likely impact of the forced sale of council homes, the extension of right-to-buy and the 'starter homes' requirement on the local availability of affordable homes.
7. To analyse and report on any further likely impacts of the Bill on Southwark.
8. To use this information to:
  - a) write to the Secretary of State with our concerns regarding the Bill
  - b) set up an urgent meeting between the leader of the council and the chief executive with the local members of parliament to raise our concerns, and

- c) make public our concerns, including by publishing the above information on the council's website and promoting through the local press.

**Note:** This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

## **6. REPORT(S) FOR DECISION FROM THE CABINET**

### **6.1 REVISED CANADA WATER AREA ACTION PLAN (RCWAAP)**

*(See pages 10 – 89 of the main agenda)*

At 10.14pm and just prior to the debate on this item, Councillor Helen Hayes declared an interest in this item as she had previously been employed by a company that had worked in the Canada Water area. She withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the debate and vote upon the matter.

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) and (4), the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11 (1), Councillor Mark Williams, cabinet member for regeneration and new homes, moved the report.

Following debate (Councillors Lisa Rajan, Stephanie Cryan and David Hubber), Councillor Mark Williams exercised his right of reply.

The recommendations contained within the report were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Planning Inspector's report on the Revised Canada Water Area Action Plan (Appendix A of the report), be noted.
2. That the Revised Canada Water Area Action Plan (Appendix B of the report) and the Revisions to the Adopted Policies Map (Appendix C of the report), as amended by the Inspector's main modifications (Appendix D of the report) and the council's minor modifications (Appendix E of the report), be adopted.
3. That the Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix F of the report), Sustainability Appraisal Statement (Appendix G of the report), Equalities Analysis (Appendix H of the report), Consultation Report (Appendix I of the report) and Appropriate Assessment (Appendix J of the report), be noted.

**Note:** The cabinet recommendation had not been amended, therefore in accordance with the budget and policy framework procedure rule 2 (e), the decision can be implemented with immediate effect.

## **7. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

### **7.1 REPORT BACK ON MOTIONS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**

*(See pages 90 - 97 of the main agenda)*

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted.

## **8. OTHER REPORTS**

### **8.1 LICENSING ACT 2003: STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2015 - 2020**

*(See pages 98 - 111 of the main agenda and supplemental agenda containing appendices, pages 1 - 151)*

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) and (4), the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11 (1), Councillor Renata Hamvas, chair of the licensing committee, moved the report.

Following debate (Councillors Adele Morris and Charlie Smith), Councillor Renata Hamvas exercised her right of reply.

The recommendations contained within the report were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the council's three current special cumulative impact policy areas (as set out below), be maintained within the Southwark statement of licensing policy for 2015-2020:
  - Borough and Bankside
  - Camberwell
  - Peckham
2. That the contents of Table 1 (see pages 101 and 102 of the report), be incorporated within the Southwark statement of licensing policy 2015-2020, as this authority's recommended appropriate operating hours for the guidance of applicants for new licences.
3. That subject to resolutions (1) and (2) above, the draft Southwark statement of licensing policy 2015-2020, attached at Appendix C to the report, be adopted as the policy of this council as licensing authority for the area, with effect from 1 January

2016.

4. That officers carry out a review of the current special cumulative impact policy areas, including detailed consideration as to whether cumulative impact policies continue to be appropriate and necessary, and report back to the licensing committee.
5. That it be noted that the above decisions have had regard to the responses to the public consultation exercise on the revision of the Southwark statement for licensing policy for 2015-20 (Appendix A of the report), together with the further analysis provided by the partnership analyst and the council's Environmental Protection Team (Appendices B and C respectively) accompanying the report.

## **8.2 GAMBLING ACT 2005: SOUTHWARK STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY 2016-2019**

*(See pages 112 - 118 of the main agenda and supplemental agenda containing appendices, pages 152 - 201)*

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) and (4), the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11 (1), Councillor Renata Hamvas, chair of the licensing committee, moved the report.

Following debate (Councillor Adele Morris), the recommendations contained within the report were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the continuation of the Southwark statement of gambling licensing policy for 2013-2016 (as revised at Appendix A of the report) beyond 31 January 2016 be agreed, pending a full review of the policy document in the light of the publication of the fifth edition of the Gambling Commission guidance to local licensing authorities (September 2015).

## **8.3 TREASURY MANAGEMENT - MID YEAR UPDATE 2015/16**

*(See pages 119 - 131 of the main agenda)*

The meeting sent its best wishes to Karsan Varsani, finance officer, who had recently been admitted to hospital.

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) and (4), the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11 (2), the report was formally moved by the Mayor.

Following debate (Councillors Fiona Colley and Hamish McCallum), the recommendations contained within the report were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the 2015/16 mid-year treasury management update be noted.
2. That the progress made in establishing the London Local Government Pension Scheme Collective Investment Vehicle (the CIV) be noted.
3. That it be noted that the strategic director of finance and governance, after taking advice from the pensions advisory panel, will invest an estimated £150,000 in the CIV, which is required to meet the regulatory capital requirements needed for Financial Conduct Authority approval to operate.
4. That it be noted that the strategic director of finance and governance, will enter into contractual arrangements with the CIV on behalf of the pension fund.
5. That it be noted that the strategic director of finance and governance may, following consultation with the chair of the pensions advisory panel, take decisions to transfer pension fund assets to the CIV as set out in the report.

**8.4 APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER**

*(See pages 132 - 134 of the main agenda)*

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) and (4), the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11 (2), the report was formally moved by the Mayor.

The recommendations contained within the report were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Duncan Whitfield be appointed as Southwark Council's Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer.
2. That Frances Biggs be appointed as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer.

**8.5 CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES 2015/16**

*(See pages 135 - 138 of the main agenda)*

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) and (4), the report was afforded up to a

maximum of 15 minutes.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11 (2), the report was formally moved by the Mayor.

The Mayor explained that there were two elements to the report and the meeting would consider the appointments to committees first.

The Mayor stated that one nomination had been received for the position of chair of the standards committee, Councillor Catherine Dale.

No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nomination was put to the vote and council assembly appointed Councillor Catherine Dale as chair of the standards committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2015/16.

The Mayor stated that one nomination had been received for the position of vice chair of the Camberwell Community Council, Councillor Octavia Lamb.

No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nomination was put to the vote and council assembly appointed Councillor Octavia Lamb as the vice chair of the Camberwell Community Council for the remainder of the municipal year 2015/16.

The remaining recommendations contained within the report were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

## **RESOLVED:**

### **Appointments**

1. That Councillor Catherine Dale be appointed as the Chair of the Standards Committee for the remainder of the 2015/16 municipal year.
2. That Councillor Octavia Lamb be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Camberwell Community Council for the remainder of the 2015/16 municipal year.

### **Cabinet member question time**

3. That the change of date and format of the March 2016 meeting of council assembly, as set out in paragraphs 19 - 21 of the report, be agreed.
4. That a cabinet members' question time be held on the same evening of council assembly on 16 March 2016, in line with the principles and format as set out in paragraphs 11 - 18 of the report.

## **9. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments are set out in supplemental agenda 3, pages 9 – 16.

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

**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 10.4 of the access to information rules of the Southwark Constitution.

**MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the closed minutes of the extraordinary meeting of council assembly held on 8 July 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

The meeting closed at 10.44pm.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**