

## Council Assembly

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Council Assembly held on Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 7.00 pm at Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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**PRESENT:**

- Councillor Kath Whittam (Chair)
- Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
- Councillor Jasmine Ali
- Councillor Maisie Anderson
- Councillor James Barber
- Councillor Radha Burgess
- Councillor Sunil Chopra
- Councillor James Coldwell
- Councillor Fiona Colley
- Councillor Stephanie Cryan
- Councillor Catherine Dale
- Councillor Helen Dennis
- Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE
- Councillor Nick Dolezal
- Councillor Karl Eastham
- Councillor Gavin Edwards
- Councillor Tom Flynn
- Councillor Renata Hamvas
- Councillor Barrie Hargrove
- Councillor Jon Hartley
- Councillor David Hubber
- Councillor Peter John OBE
- Councillor Ben Johnson
- Councillor Samantha Jury-Dada
- Councillor Eleanor Kerslake
- Councillor Sarah King
- Councillor Sunny Lambe
- Councillor Octavia Lamb
- Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
- Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall
- Councillor Richard Livingstone
- Councillor Rebecca Lury
- Councillor Jane Lyons
- Councillor Eliza Mann
- Councillor Hamish McCallum

Councillor Darren Merrill  
Councillor Victoria Mills  
Councillor Michael Mitchell  
Councillor Jamille Mohammed  
Councillor Adele Morris  
Councillor David Noakes  
Councillor Damian O'Brien  
Councillor Leo Pollak  
Councillor Sandra Rhule  
Councillor Catherine Rose  
Councillor Martin Seaton  
Councillor Rosie Shimell  
Councillor Andy Simmons  
Councillor Johnson Situ  
Councillor Michael Situ  
Councillor Charlie Smith  
Councillor Cleo Soanes  
Councillor Dan Whitehead  
Councillor Bill Williams  
Councillor Kieron Williams  
Councillor Mark Williams  
Councillor Ian Wingfield

## **1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

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

The Mayor of Southwark, Councillor Charlie Smith, announced the outcome of a request for an extraordinary council assembly meeting relating to the Ledbury Estate.

Councillor Peter John, leader of the council, announced the appointment of Michael Scorer as the new strategic director of housing and modernisation, and offered his thanks to Gerri Scott, the outgoing strategic director of housing and modernisation, for her service and support.

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

At this juncture the meeting agreed the programme motion.

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

Councillor Gavin Edwards declared a pecuniary interest in motion 5.2.3: Local Government Pay Cap, as he is employed by a trade union.

Councillor Vikki Mills declared a pecuniary interest in motion 5.2.3: Local Government Pay Cap, as her partner is employed by a trade union.

Councillor David Noakes declared a pecuniary interest in motion 5.2.3: Local Government Pay Cap, as he is employed by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

Councillor Leo Pollak declared a pecuniary interest in motion 5.2.3: Local Government Pay Cap, as he is employed by the London Borough of Hackney.

Councillor Bill Williams declared a pecuniary interest in motion 5.2.3: Local Government Pay Cap, as he is employed by an organisation on the NJC pay scale.

## **1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Evelyn Akoto (on maternity leave), Paul Fleming, Lucas Green, Anne Kirby, Vijay Luthra, James Okosun and Cleo Soanes.

## **1.5 MINUTES**

The minutes of the council assembly meeting held on 12 July 2017, amended to update the list of attendees and the chair of the meeting, were agreed as a correct record.

## **2. ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

### **2.1 PETITION - SAVE UMANA YANA**

A petition was received from local residents on the subject of "Save Umana Yana". Members (Councillors Michael Mitchell, Rosie Shimell, Mark Williams and Ian Wingfield) debated the petition.

#### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the appropriate cabinet member would explore what can be done, including meeting with petitioners, raising the issues of an Article 4 direction with the planning department, writing to the relevant ministers and MPs directly, and raising this with the London Borough of Lambeth as the highways authority responsible for the area.

### **2.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

There were three questions from the public, the answers to which had been circulated on white paper at the meeting. Two public questioners asked supplemental questions of the cabinet members.

## **3. THEMED DEBATE - CULTURE AND WELLBEING**

### **3.1 COMMUNITY EVIDENCE**

The meeting agreed to receive submissions from the following:

## **Vital OKR**

The group's representatives spoke to the meeting for five minutes and thereafter asked a question of the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes.

Four members (Councillors Mark Williams, Damian O'Brien, Anood Al-Samerai and James Barber) asked questions of the group's representatives.

## **Belham Parents Air Quality Group**

The group's representatives spoke to the meeting for five minutes and thereafter asked a question of the cabinet member for public health and social regeneration.

Three members (Sunil Chopra, Octavia Lamb, Martin Seaton) asked questions of the group's representatives.

## **3.2 MOTION ON THE THEME**

The cabinet member for public health and social regeneration, Councillor Maisie Anderson, presented the motion on the themed debate.

Councillor Ben Johnson, the majority opposition group spokesperson, responded to the cabinet member's motion and proposed Amendment A.

Following debate (Councillors Catherine Dale, Jasmine Ali, Dan Whitehead, Kieron Williams, Peter John, Richard Livingstone, Damian O'Brien, Eleanor Kerslake, Johnson Situ, Anood Al-Samerai, Adele Morris), the cabinet member for public health and social regeneration, Councillor Maisie Anderson, responded to the debate.

Amendment A was put to the vote and declared to be Carried.

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

## **RESOLVED:**

1. Council assembly notes:
  - Air quality is a significant problem across London, including in Southwark
  - In 2013, 45% of the population of Southwark was exposed to levels of NO<sub>2</sub> above the annual average objective limit
  - That in Southwark, diesel accounts for 91% of the total NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in the borough and 58% of the total PM<sub>10</sub>
  - That poor air quality directly impacts on the health and wellbeing of Southwark residents, and affects children, older people, and those with conditions such as heart or lung disease, or asthma most severely
  - That across the UK, around 40,000 deaths are attributable to air pollution each year, incurring £20bn in health costs
  - That 30% of TfL's bus fleet are diesel-electric hybrids, which produce up to 40% less emissions than standard diesel buses.
2. Council assembly believes:
  - That Southwark Council is already taking proactive steps to tackle the problem of poor air quality by encouraging and facilitating a culture of active travel

- That promoting forms of active travel is an essential part of improving the wellbeing of our residents, both because it reduces the number of people travelling in pollutant emitting vehicles, and because physical activity improves wellness in itself
  - That facilitating a reduction in the number of diesel vehicles should be a priority for the government
  - That reducing the number of diesel buses should be a priority for Transport for London (TfL)
  - That small business, charities, schools and low income households might struggle to replace diesel vehicles due to financial constraints
  - The proposed National Diesel Scrappage Fund would provide support for small business, charities, schools and low income households to replace their diesel vehicles with lower emission vehicles
  - That poor air quality directly and negatively impacts on the wellbeing of residents in Southwark, and that this council should continue to work to tackle this problem.
3. Council assembly therefore resolves to call on cabinet:
- To lobby TfL to increase the number of diesel-electric hybrid buses on routes through Southwark.
  - To continue to press the government and the Secretary of State for Transport to reform the Vehicle Excise Duty and to create a National Diesel Scrappage Fund to encourage the removal of the most polluting vehicles on our roads.
  - To continue to promote active forms of travel, such as walking and cycling.
  - To extend the Cycle Hire scheme to Bermondsey and Rotherhithe by committing funding for the capital costs associated
  - To support the campaign for an extra station on the Bakerloo Line Extension at Bricklayer's Arms/New Kent Road.
  - To install air pollution monitors in the most polluted schools, including all schools near main roads; and pilot the use of public pollution monitors outside these schools.
  - To strengthen air quality measures in local planning policy, by guaranteeing that all section 106 levied for air quality on new developments is spent on air quality mitigation.

#### **4. DEPUTATION REQUESTS**

As part of the programme motion the meeting agreed to hear deputations from:

##### **Chambers Wharf Local Residents**

The group's representative spoke to the meeting for five minutes and thereafter asked a question of the leader of the council.

Councillors Anood Al-Samerai and Barrie Hargrove asked questions of the deputation.

##### **Latin American Business Community in Elephant & Castle**

The group's representatives spoke to the meeting for five minutes and thereafter asked a question of the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes.

Councillors Maria Linforth-Hall and Rebecca Lury asked questions of the deputation.

## **Dulwich Hamlet Football Club**

The group's representatives spoke to the meeting for five minutes and thereafter asked a question of the leader of the council.

Councillors Johnson Situ, Sarah King and Stephanie Cryan asked questions of the deputation.

## **5. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS**

### **5.1 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME**

*(See pages 20 - 26 of the main agenda and the additional papers circulated at the meeting)*

There was one late question to the leader from Councillor Anood Al-Samerai, the written response to which was circulated on yellow paper at the meeting. There were two supplemental questions.

There were 41 members' questions, the written responses to which were circulated on yellow paper at the meeting. There were 16 supplemental questions.

### **5.2 MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

A motion to extend the guillotine by 30 minutes was moved by Councillor Sarah King and seconded by Councillor David Hubber. This was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

#### **MOTION 1: SOUTHWARK'S BID FOR LONDON BOROUGH OF CULTURE**

*(See page 28 of the main agenda)*

Councillor Octavia Lamb, seconded by Councillor Damian O'Brien, moved the motion.

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai, seconded by Councillor Adele Morris, moved Amendment B.

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

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

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

#### **1. Council assembly notes:**

- In July 2017, the Mayor of London launched the London Borough of Culture - a new competition for the 32 London boroughs to apply for funding to lead a game changing cultural programme. Two winning boroughs will be named London Borough of Culture, one in 2019 and one in 2020, and up to six other

boroughs will receive support to deliver bespoke cultural projects.

- As well as being named the London Borough of Culture, the winning boroughs will be awarded £1.1 million each. The Heritage Lottery Fund and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation will also work with the winning boroughs to help them secure extra funding for bespoke cultural projects.
- The creative industry is one of Southwark's fastest growing industries, with internationally acclaimed institutions matched by grassroots vibrancy across the borough.
- A recent report produced by the Creative Industry Federation found that 'For every pound invested in arts and culture, an additional £1.06 is generated in the economy'.
- The great reputation Southwark has as the home of cultural expression dating back to the completion of the Globe in the 16th Century.
- The recently published 'Creative Southwark', Southwark's Cultural Strategy leading up to 2022.
- Communities right across the borough have fed into process of putting Southwark's bid together, with multiple workshops over a number of weeks.

2. Council assembly believes:

- The arts and culture plays a significant role in bringing communities together in the borough.
- Cultural organisations across the borough have played a key part in addressing wellbeing issues, such as isolation, obesity and improving residents' mental health.
- Southwark is a diverse and culturally rich borough and if successful, the borough's year of culture will amongst other things seek to promote this.
- Culture is not solely about a few large institutions, but also about multiple smaller-scale local projects. Moreover, cultural life does not emerge from nowhere but is produced by people and communities that have the opportunity, location and ability to create.
- Southwark's exceptional cultural richness primarily derives from its breadth of communities of differing heritage and financial wealth.
- The much-needed development plans in Southwark must keep these communities in mind and ensure they can continue to afford to live and thrive in Southwark, in the years and decade ahead. Cultural events and programmes, which may well be welcome in themselves, will be skin-deep if the people that provide our communities' hearts are in practice removed and the affordable homes and small businesses that provide their life-blood are effectively left to drain away.

3. Council assembly therefore resolves:

- To endorse Southwark's bid to be the London Borough of Culture.

## **MOTION 2: SOUTHWARK RESPONSE TO MOPED CRIME**

*(See pages 28 - 30 of the main agenda)*

The guillotine haven fallen, Amendment C was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

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

### 1. Council assembly notes:

- The dramatic rise in 'moped-enabled' crime across London in the last year – from around 7,500 to 17,500 offences.
- That, in Southwark, the number of robberies on mopeds rose from 581 in 2015/16 to 777 in 2016/17.
- The numerous reports from residents who have witnessed or experienced these crimes in Southwark – and want to know how the council is going to respond.

### 2. Council assembly calls on Southwark Council to explore if it is feasible to:

- Introduce urgent preventative measures before moped crime culture becomes entrenched in the borough.
- Establish an early intervention scheme, focused on areas where young people are most exposed to moped gangs.
- Establish an outcomes-based re-offending scheme for prison leavers, tailored to those convicted of moped-enabled crime.
- Install 'moped hangars' across Southwark to reduce theft – especially in high-risk areas.
- Create incentives for moped dealerships in the borough (through a responsible retailers list and business rate reduction) to:
  - Bundle locking devices (disc locks, grip locks, chain locks), alarms, immobilisers and tracking technology with moped sales
  - Mark bike parts with the vehicle identification number (VIN) number
  - Check and record driving licences and CBT (Compulsory Basic Training) certificates
  - Require additional details from buyers (name, address, contacts)
  - Not to accept cash payments for mopeds, scooters or accessories
- Recognise the work of Southwark Police on both thefts of mopeds and moped-enabled robberies and assaults – and work with the police to identify high-risk



areas in Southwark.

- Fill gaps in CCTV coverage at moped-enabled crime hotspots and fund wider use of RDCs (Rapid Deployment Cameras).
  - Introduce a 'whistleblower' policy for moped crime, signposting the Crimestoppers hotline and guaranteeing anonymity for residents who report on moped gangs.
3. Council assembly calls on the Mayor of London to:
- Lobby for a change in the law to require mopeds and motorbikes to display both a front and rear number plate.
  - Create London-wide incentives for moped dealerships to:
    - Bundle locking devices (disc locks, grip locks, chain locks), alarms, immobilisers and tracking technology with moped sales
    - Mark bike parts with the vehicle identification number (VIN) number
    - Check and record driving licences and CBT (Compulsory Basic Training) certificates
    - Require additional details from buyers (name, address, contacts)
    - Not to accept cash payments for mopeds, scooters or accessories
  - Introduce warning signs for mopeds and motorbikes using cycle lanes.
  - Launch an awareness campaign at tourist spots, bus stops, tube stations and other target locations to warn the public about moped crime techniques, flag high-risk areas and discourage texting-and-walking.
  - Press the Home Office for a full review of police powers on moped-enabled crime.
4. Council assembly recognises that this Conservative Government has consistently underfunded the Metropolitan Police Service, and that the Met will have to make £400m of savings by 2021. Council assembly regrets that as a result of this underfunding front counters in police stations across London will have to close.
5. Council assembly welcomes that despite the cuts to their budget, the Mayor of London has made, and is fulfilling, a commitment to have at least two Dedicated Ward Officers (DWO) in every ward in London.

### **MOTION 3: LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY CAP**

Councillors Gavin Edwards, Vikki Mills, David Noakes, Leo Pollak and Bill Williams, having previously declared a pecuniary interest in this motion, did not vote on this item.

*(See pages 30 - 31 of the main agenda)*

The guillotine haven fallen, Amendment D was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

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

1. Council assembly notes that:

- For workers in local government and schools, pay and other terms and conditions are determined by a negotiating body; the National Joint Council (NJC) for local government services
- Local government basic pay has fallen by 21% since 2010 in real terms
- Local government workers had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012
- Local government pay is the lowest in the public sector
- The increased National Living Wage and the London Living Wage have led to pay scales being squeezed and distorted
- Local government has been hit hard by government cuts, with Southwark Council facing some of the harshest cuts losing £130m of funding since 2010 - a 44% cut.

2. Council assembly believes that:

- Local government workers provide essential public services and should be fairly remunerated for the work that they do
- Local government pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector
- The Government should provide additional funding to fund a decent pay rise for council and other NJC employees.
- Given the wide range in salaries at Southwark Council – with some as high as £197,000 a year – pay rises should be targeted towards those on low and medium incomes.

3. Council assembly therefore:

- Welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine
- Supports the 5% NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by the employee side on behalf of council and school workers
- Supports the immediate end of the public sector pay cap.

4. Council assembly calls on cabinet:

- To call immediately on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review and notify us of their action in this regard
- To write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking additional funding to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.

**MOTION 4: TIDEWAY**

*(See pages 31 - 32 of the main agenda)*

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

Amendment E was formally moved and seconded, put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

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

i. Council assembly notes that:

1. That the construction of the Thames Tideway Tunnel 'Super Sewer' is expected to last until 2023 and is the largest infrastructure project in London since Crossrail.
2. The Tideway Site at Chambers Wharf is one of the most compacted across London with approximately residential 500 properties within 75m of the site boundary.
3. That the planning inspectorate considered the impact on residents surrounding the Chambers Wharf site to be the most severe along the 25km route of the tunnel.
4. Local residents at Chambers Wharf have repeatedly voiced their concerns about the ways that Tideway are carrying out works.
5. Southwark Council opposed the Thames Tideway Tunnel on this site, but the Conservative Government granted a development consent order which allowed for three concrete pours per week which are allowed to last until 10pm. Southwark Council also had no legal alternative but to consent to additional digging works to continue until 10pm on a strictly limited basis.
6. On two occasions, works have overrun as late as 1.50am, and in response to these overruns Southwark Council warned contractors that this cannot happen regularly, and amended their s.61 consent to strengthen the community notification requirements.
7. Southwark Council has persuaded Tideway to fund a community liaison officer to act as a mediator between Tideway and residents, and has asked Tideway to review their decision to change the format of Community Liaison Working Group (CLWG) meetings to ensure that residents' concerns are being heard.
8. Residents remain concerned about the level of dust and noise. Southwark Council has installed 11 permanent noise meters that are independently operated to investigate all resident complaints within 24 hours. There are also two Environmental Health Officers monitoring the site and enforcing Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Control of Pollution Act 1974 to minimise dust, noise and vibrations as far as possible.
9. Late working is exacerbating the issue of light pollution from floodlights.
10. Lorries delivering to site persistently breach the vehicle access agreements, either by parking on local streets or driving along prohibited roads.
11. The recent South London and Maudsley (SLAM) Mental Health and Wellbeing focus group report has highlighted the impact of this work on some residents. Although Southwark Council opposed the Thames Tideway scheme, Council Assembly notes that Southwark remains committed to working with Tideway to ensure the delivery of the scheme with minimal disturbance to the wellbeing of local residents.

ii. Council assembly asserts that Tideway must now:

1. Abide by the directives and limitations that have been agreed and set.
2. Take seriously the issues of noise, dust and light pollution, including following

- up on the mental health and wellbeing impact report.
3. Look again at their decision to change the format of CLWG meetings to drop-in sessions, and to continue to work with Southwark Council to minimise disruption and inconvenience to local residents.

## **MOTION 5: SUPPORT FOR DULWICH HAMLET FOOTBALL CLUB (DHFC)**

*(See pages 32 - 34 of the main agenda)*

The guillotine having fallen, the late amendment to Amendment F was put to the vote and declared to be carried. Amendment F was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

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

### **1. Council assembly notes:**

- The leader of the council, Councillor Peter John's support for DHFC and his statement that "We are never going to let the club fail" is welcome support for the club.
- That Dulwich Hamlet has continuously occupied a site on the Green Dale site since 1902, first Freemans Field and finally settling on the adjacent plot its current location in 1931. This followed moving from sites in the Dulwich area; Woodward Road, College farm and Sunray Avenue. The 1931 Stadium was in use until 1991 until it fell into poor repair and foul of legislation that required football clubs to adopt modern safety standards.
- That the use of the site as a football stadium with its sporting facilities is a long established use and is one of the few remaining venues of those used in the 1948 London Olympics. The site, or an adjacent site, has been in continual use by the club since it moved to Green Dale and provides facilities for the local community, schools, charities and other professional football events.
- The significant contribution Dulwich Hamlet Football Club has made to the national, London and Southwark's sporting, cultural and social history to modern football. Rooted in working class communities organising themselves at the end of the 19th century, as a means of enriching the lives of those that played for and supported these clubs. The club shares its late Victorian origins with the Herne Hill Velodrome that was recently granted planning permission to improve its stadium and make better use of its site. The DHFC hosted the amateur football games of the 1948 Summer Olympics on Green Dale in the identical way as the Veldrome hosted cycling events during the same Olympics. Dulwich Hamlet Football Club is meshed into the fabric of our borough and the hearts of fans since 1893, when founded by Pa Wilson. A club established on the key principles of "not just how we play the game... but how we improve the game".
- That in the 20th century, club players lived up to the ideals of the amateur tradition; working gentlemen that contributed to their local communities and inspired others through loyalty, leadership, noble actions and sporting success. Men such as Charles Tyson, Hussein Hegazi, Edgar Kail, Reg Meritt, Tommy Jover and the current club President Jack Payne. This year, as we bid to become London Borough of Culture, these are true Southwark Pioneers.
- DHFC's popularity with residents in the borough, with over 2,800 supporters

attending matches and recent league success.

- That Gavin Rose, DHFC's manager was recently awarded Isthmian League's Mitre Premier Division Manager of the month for October, and that award is recognition of not only recent league success, but of years of hard-work and effort that Gavin Rose, Junior Kadi, Kevin James and all the coaching and physio teams invest into both DHFC and Aspire Football Academy, week in week out. These men and women, together with the current squad are the latest generation of dedicated DHFC stars, who are forever pink and blue.
- That next year will be the Club's 125th anniversary.
- That the Club's contribution to the Isthmian League was recognised in both 2015 and 2017 through the award of the Barry East Trophy at the League's Annual Awards Ceremony for the Club's outstanding community work off the pitch.
- That the club received the accolade of "Football Foundation Community Club of the Year" at the National Game Awards last year.

2. Council assembly recognises:

- That since the relocation to the current stadium in 1991, the club has undertaken a number of attempts to improve its facilities, to build a more efficient building to manage, maintain and to use for sporting and community events.
- That the club has sought to improve the playing pitch to allow for greater use for playing and the community by replacing the grass pitch with a modern artificial, league compliant, playing surface.
- That the recent attempt to improve clubs facilities combined with a residential development undertaken by Meadow Residential LLP has stalled and as a consequence has put the financial future of the club at serious risk.
- That full disclosure of financial information to all those involved in the future of the club should happen as a matter of urgency to allow all stakeholders (Meadow, club owner, team management, club supporters, the council and any other interests that may be involved) to better understand the financial management and financial future of the club.
- That as a consequence of Meadow Residential LLP's stalled proposals, that DHFC is now crowd funding for the management costs and players' wages.
- That the club is supportive of plans for an all-weather artificial pitch.
- That this would raise revenue on weekdays – estimated in the region of £4,000 per week – helping to stabilise the club's finances and allowing for future investment in the bar and other commercial activities.
- That on non-matchdays, an artificial pitch would provide much-needed community facilities for sports and local events.
- That local primary schools could also be given access to an artificial pitch.
- That management of commercial activities – including the bar, food and merchandise – by the club or Supporters' Trust is likely to dramatically increase profit margins.

3. Council assembly resolves to:

- Thank the DHST and DHFC 12th Man, for their hard work, dedication and effort in supporting the DHFC Football Committee, including recent actions to meet management costs and players wages and to maintain the financial viability of the club.

- Commends and congratulates Gavin Rose, DHFC's manager, on his recent award and the ongoing commitment given to young people in this community and beyond through the Aspire Academy.
- To call on the leader of the council to use best endeavours for the council to work with DHFC; to provide practical support for the remainder of this season if needed; allowing the club to plan for the longer term.
- To call on the leader of the council to use best endeavours for the Council to work with DHFC to ensure that the fans can be at the heart of determining its future.
- To call on the leader of the council to write to Meadow Residential LLP to discuss how they may continue to support the club with the payment of management costs and players wages until such time as the future of any current proposals become clear; that for all involved demand that a clear timetable with key milestones for any future proposals for the renewal of the club facilities, the residential development and any continued financial support be drafted.
- To stand with The Rabble. Forward the Hamlet.
- Call on the council to support a fan ownership model for Dulwich Hamlet Football Club.
- Calls on the council to acquire the pitch and stadium at its present location, and work with the club and Supporters' Trust to secure the long term future of Dulwich Hamlet FC – with the objective for a fan-owned club, under a co-operative or mutual structure.

## **MOTION 6: THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AFTER BREXIT**

*(See pages 34 - 35 of the main agenda)*

The guillotine having fallen, the motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

1. Council assembly reiterates its belief in the importance of Southwark's cultural, ethnic and religious diversity, and that this diversity helps to make our borough such an exciting and vibrant area to live in.
2. In particular, council assembly recognises the role played by Latin American residents in Southwark. Their presence has greatly enhanced the unique cultural character of our borough for many decades.
3. Council assembly notes its concern at reports from Latin Elephant, Teléfono de la Esperanza UK (TEUK), Latin American Disabled People's Project, Su Mano Amiga (SMA) and others, of an increase in mental health problems among Southwark's Latin American community following last year's Brexit vote. The widespread uncertainty brought about by the referendum result has led to higher anxiety and stress levels among many residents who have lived in Southwark all their lives. In addition to the higher costs everyone has faced because of a weaker pound, many of Southwark's Latin American community have for over a year been unsure as to their future status as citizens in this country. Hate crime has soared by 41% after the Brexit vote. This is a further factor facing the Latin community.
4. The psychological effects of Brexit are especially noticeable in the Latin community.

The levels of anxiety fear and uncertainty caused by the Referendum and the daily news of the negotiations and possibility of a hard Brexit has created a further insecurity.

5. There is recent growing research that highlights the consequences for patient's physical and mental health, of being unable to resolve difficulties with problems like housing, welfare benefits, relationship breakdown, and immigration employment.
6. TEUK have experienced a fourfold increase in crisis intervention since Brexit. SMA has seen a similar rise, with many cases related to Brexit anxiety.
7. Council assembly resolves to ensure that Latin American residents are fully informed about the full range of mental health services on offer in Southwark. It is more important than ever, during this time of uncertainty, that all our residents know how to access council services when they need them most.
8. People who receive welfare advice experience lower anxiety, better general health, better relations and housing stability. The right advice at the right time helps people to manage their own lives and promotes better physical and mental health.
9. Council assembly fully acknowledges, however, that mental health and general well-being are not purely matters of individuals having access to the Council's mental health services. Being included as part of a flourishing, closely-knit and strongly rooted community that provides mutual support, friendship and enjoyment is even more important. Southwark's Latin American community has taken generations to organically develop, as have the distinctive local traders and businesses that have emerged to serve and sustain it. They must be cherished and protected.
10. As plans to develop areas like the Elephant & Castle proceed, Council Assembly acknowledges the importance of ensuring that any temporary disruptions do not result in permanent dispersion of local communities, including the Latin American community, and welcomes the steps that the Council has already taken to ensure existing traders benefit from the investment in the area.
11. Council assembly again reaffirms its deeply-held and cross-party belief that the Latin American community is a cherished, embedded, and intrinsic part of Southwark. Furthermore, it wishes to reassure EU citizens and other ethnic and cultural minorities that despite Brexit, London remains open, London remains progressive, and London remains their home.

#### **MOTION 7: ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM**

*(See pages 35 - 36 of the main agenda)*

The guillotine having fallen, the motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

1. Council assembly notes:
  - That the committee on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial called on the

International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Plenary in Budapest in 2015 to adopt a working definition of antisemitism

- That in December 2016, the UK Government formally adopted the IHRA working definition of antisemitism; and was the first EU country to do so
- That antisemitism is a significant and growing problem in the UK
- That the number of antisemitic incidents reported in the UK rose by more than a third in 2016 and reached the highest ever recorded levels

2. Council assembly believes:

- That examples of antisemitism include, but are not limited to:
  - Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
  - Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
  - Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
  - Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
  - Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
  - Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
  - Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
  - Applying double standards by requiring of it behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation, taking criticism further than would be expected and using Nazi comparisons when criticising Israel.
  - Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- That Southwark Council takes all incidents of antisemitism very seriously
- That adopting this definition would demonstrate the seriousness with which we take antisemitism

3. Council assembly resolves:

- To therefore adopt the IHRA's non legally binding working definition of antisemitism:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

**MOTION 8: UPHOLDING A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO A LEGAL ABORTION**



*(See pages 36 - 37 of the main agenda)*

Motion – Carried

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

Council assembly notes:

1. That 50 years ago the Abortion Act 1967, was introduced by Liberal MP David Steel as a Private Members Bill, and passed in a free vote, making abortion legal in Great Britain, although not Northern Ireland.
2. That this motion is not about the arguments for or against abortion but rather about a woman's legal right to go to a clinic without intimidation or harassment.
3. That members will have their own personal views about abortion and that these should be respected.
4. That anti-abortion protesters have been protesting outside Blackfriars Medical Centre in Colombo Street, SE1, which is an NHS GP practice, for at least 3 years where a British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) clinic is based.
5. That the anti-abortion protestors have emotional and distressing images and have body cameras, that they claim to have for their own protection, which can also capture those coming and going from the clinic.
6. The cross party campaign by a number of members of parliament, including Labour MPs Diane Abbott and Rupa Huq, to introduce "buffer zones" and notes a recent YouGov survey that showed that over half the MPs who responded supported a change in the law.
7. The motion passed by Ealing Council which "commits to fully explore every possible option" and "to take all necessary actions within its powers, utilising all necessary resources, to prevent anti-abortion protesters from intimidating and harassing women outside the Marie Stopes Clinic on Mattock Lane".

Council assembly resolves:

8. That while the right to protest is an important right in a free society, the right to advice and a legal safe abortion without intimidation and harassment for women should not be compromised by these protests.
9. To engage with other interested parties including BPAS, Blackfriars Medical Centre, Southwark Police, Neil Coyle MP, Cathedrals ward councillors, Southwark CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) and local residents to consider whether similar action should be pursued outside the Blackfriars Medical Centre/BPAS clinic in Colombo Street and if necessary any other clinics in Southwark.
10. To investigate whether Southwark Council should work with Ealing Council, and other interested local councils such as Lambeth Council in regards to identifying the appropriate legislation to use to install a "buffer zone" outside our clinics and defend any potential legal challenge, recognising that Southwark residents may travel

outside the borough to access abortions.

11. To support the campaign for new legislation to be introduced by the Government to legalise “buffer zones” outside abortion clinics.

## **6. REPORTS FOR DECISION FROM THE CABINET**

### **6.1 NEW SOUTHWARK PLAN PROPOSED SUBMISSION VERSION: PUBLICATION VERSION**

*(See pages 39 - 47 of the main agenda.)*

Councillors Mark Williams and Adele Morris spoke to the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That council assembly:
  - a. Agreed the New Southwark Plan Proposed Submission Version: Publication Version (Appendix A of the report) for consultation; and
  - b. Noted the Consultation Plan (Appendix B of the report), Consultation Report (Appendix C of the report), Integrated Impact Assessment (Appendix D of the report) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (Appendix E of the report); and
  - c. Delegated the approval of any minor non-substantive amendments resulting from consultation on the New Southwark Plan Proposed Submission Version to the director of planning in consultation with the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes to create the New Southwark Plan Submission Version prior to its submission to the Secretary of State; and
  - d. Agreed the New Southwark Plan Submission Version, as per recommendation C, for submission to the Secretary of State, provided no substantive changes are necessary following consultation.

### **6.2 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

*(See pages 48 - 66 of the main agenda.)*

Councillor Mark Williams spoke to the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That council assembly:
  - a. Considered the Examiner’s Report on the revisions to the Southwark Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) (Appendix A of the report).
  - b. Approved the Revised Southwark CIL Charging Schedule (Appendix B of the report) and brings it into effect on 1 December 2017.

- c. Approved the revisions to Southwark's "Regulation 123 List" (Appendix C of the report).
- d. Noted the Revised Southwark CIL Infrastructure Plan (Appendix D of the report), the Equalities Analysis (Appendix E of the report) and Consultation Report (Appendix F of the report).
- e. Noted that the January 2017 Addendum to the Section 106 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy Supplementary Planning Document (2015) (Appendix G of the report) will be rescinded on 1 December 2017, subject to approval of the Revised Southwark CIL.

## **7. OTHER REPORTS**

### **7.1 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES**

*(See pages 67 - 69 of the main agenda.)*

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That council assembly agreed the proposed change to the constitution as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.

### **7.2 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE LOCAL PENSION BOARD AND PENSIONS ADVISORY PANEL**

*(See pages 70 - 76 of the main agenda.)*

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That council assembly agreed the amendment to the terms of reference, as Appendix 1 of the report, for the Southwark Local Pension Board, as part of the council constitution, to extend the Board membership from four members plus an independent chair to six members plus an independent chair.
2. That council assembly agreed the amendment to the terms of reference, as Appendix 2 of the report, for the Southwark Pensions Advisory Panel, as part of the council constitution, for the removal of voting rights for the strategic director of finance and governance.

### **7.3 TREASURY MANAGEMENT - MID YEAR UPDATE 2017-18**

*(See pages 77 - 86 of the main agenda.)*

Councillor Fiona Colley spoke to the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That council assembly noted the 2017-18 mid-year treasury management update report and that:
  - i. all treasury management activity in the period was undertaken in compliance with the approved treasury management strategy and with the council's prudential indicators as shown in appendix one to the report.
  - ii. in the six months to 30 September 2017 the sum invested averaged £137m and the balance of investments at 30 September 2017 stood at £116m.
  - iii. the balance on all loans at 30 September 2017 was £455m. Loans totalling £2.5m matured and were repaid as scheduled during the year, with a further £2.5m due to mature in the second half of 2017-18. No new borrowing or debt rescheduling was undertaken during the period.
  - iv. as indicated as part of the capital monitoring report taken to cabinet on 19 September 2017, it is likely that external borrowing will be required in 2017-18 to finance the capital programme. Options to identify the most appropriate source of financing will be appraised by the strategic director of finance and governance in conjunction with the cabinet member for finance, modernisation and performance.
  - v. The Treasury Strategy 2018-19 will be presented to council assembly in February 2018.

## **8. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments are set out in supplemental agenda no. 2.

Meeting ended at 10.45 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**