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Report title:		A Fairer Future for All in Southwark	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Leader of the Council	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Cabinet notes the mission and commitments of the new administration.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

2. Southwark's strength is its people. With our immense diversity comes an array of amazing talents and vast depths of untapped potential. Too many of our people have not been able to access the employment and social opportunities that living in the heart of London should offer. This is unfair. Unlocking those talents and realising that potential, with nobody left behind, is what we are about as a council.
3. We all know that the immediate future is going to be very tough. Public sector spending is going to fall far and fast and the council's budget will not be protected. The money we have is held in trust for the local community and we will manage every penny as carefully as local families look after their own household budgets.
4. But we will not overcome the immense challenges we face by the council acting alone or by simply doing things as we have always done them before. We are ambitious for change. We will work together with residents, businesses and partners to transform public services for the people of Southwark. We will foster a culture of innovation and imagination that enables us to build a brighter future, whatever the challenges.
5. Our staff are more than just people who deliver services. Our residents are more than just customers. Between us, we have the knowledge, skills and creativity to solve the major problems we are facing together.
6. But this spirit of cooperation goes beyond just problem-solving. It is underpinned by empathy, openness and trust. This is not a borough where cultures clash, but where by coming together Southwark residents create a unique sense of community. We will reflect this as an organisation by showing residents true compassion and the same care and consideration that we show members of our own families.
7. This is what it means to be a cooperative council. This is how we will not only get through the immediate challenges that lie ahead, but grow stronger together in the long term.
8. It will not be easy and there will be some difficult times and choices ahead. But by working together, we can introduce free healthy school meals for all primary school children, make every council home warm, dry and safe and cut waste to

keep council tax low. And we will transform the borough for the better through regeneration projects which deliver for local people. Together we will build a fairer future for all in Southwark.

Children's Services

- Free healthy school meals for every primary school child
- Guarantee every child a place in a local primary
- Target help at the most disadvantaged groups to increase take up of childcare and early years services
- Give power over 20% of youth services budget to young people by 2014
- Set up a commission within 6 months including young people, community, faith, school and health representatives to reduce teenage pregnancy by 2014

Community Safety

- Listen to local communities and expand CCTV coverage in the areas it's needed
- Fight against police cuts in Southwark
- Enforce zero tolerance for low level crime like dog-fouling and improve the Anti-Social Behaviour telephone line
- Work with the community to deliver a violent crime strategy

Culture, Leisure, Sport and the Olympics

- In Rotherhithe, stop the spiralling cost of the library and make a plan for a new leisure facility with any money that's left
- In Peckham Rye, turn the plans for a One O'clock club and changing rooms and pitches for local sports teams into a reality

Environment, Transport and Recycling

- Double the recycling rate by simplifying the system to meet resident expectations and introduce recycling for a wider variety of materials like food waste and plastic bags
- Fight for the South London Line
- Fight for improvements to public transport including an extension to the Bakerloo Line, Cross River Tram and buses like the 343, 42, 188 and C10
- Review parking measures and make council car parks free in the evenings and weekends

- Maintain and build on improvements in bin collection and street cleanliness
- Introduce combined heat power for our heating systems and, by 2011, conduct a full green audit of the council
- Re-open two air quality stations
- Create a register of Tree Protection Orders and make it public
- Bring in cycle parking on estates and join the Green Chain Walk
- Value the green spaces that we have and make new temporary green spaces on vacant land
- Continue to support 20mph zones across the borough without using road humps and improve road surfaces by allowing residents to prioritise the worst roads in their area

Equalities and Community Engagement

- Help people to be good neighbours by supporting a network of community volunteer champions
- Open up the budget making process for public scrutiny so we make better decisions

Finance and Resources

- Keep Council Tax increases at inflation by improving tax collection rates and cutting waste
- Cut special allowances for select councillors by £70,403
- Not give bonuses for poor performance and publish and justify any bonuses
- Cut consultants and temporary staff by 25% and create permanent jobs

Health and Adult Social Care

- Push down the price of Meals on Wheels by 50%
- Work with the voluntary sector to write a new charter of rights, so that you know what help you and your neighbours are entitled to
- Create a new dedicated telephone line for all queries about help for older and vulnerable people staffed by people who know about social care

Housing

- Make every council home a decent home by making them warm, dry, and safe
- Bring every Fire Risk Assessment up-to-date and make the register of when they were last done a public document
- Create a new professional housing department
- Continue to lobby for the retention of council housing
- Keep our commitment to building new council housing
- Restore the direct link to housing officers and crack down on contractors who don't turn up
- Work with leaseholders to write a new leaseholder compact on fair charging
- Set a new target of repairing security doors in council flats and on estates within 24 hours of a fault being reported and publish our performance annually

Regeneration and Corporate Strategy

- Make regeneration work for the community
- In Bermondsey, rejuvenate The Blue and fight for a station at Surrey Canal Road to serve The Den
- In Camberwell, implement plans for a new town centre with safer traffic
- In East Dulwich, tidy up shopping arcades and parades and find ways of improving road safety by cracking down on rat-running
- In Elephant and Castle, stand up to the developers and put leisure facilities and demolishing the shopping centre back in the plan
- In Peckham, dedicate a council team to decide the next steps for Peckham with the community
- In Walworth, drive forward the regeneration of the Aylesbury Estate
- Resurface East Street

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