

**Council Assembly
(Ordinary meeting)**

MINUTES of the Council Assembly (Ordinary meeting) held on Wednesday 14 July 2021 at 7.00 pm at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor for 2021-22, Councillor Barrie Hargrove (Chair)

Councillor Evelyn Akoto	Councillor Alice Macdonald
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai	Councillor James McAsh
Councillor Jasmine Ali	Councillor Hamish McCallum
Councillor Peter Babudu	Councillor Darren Merrill
Councillor Maggie Browning	Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Jack Buck	Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Victor Chamberlain	Councillor Graham Neale
Councillor Sunil Chopra	Councillor Margy Newens
Councillor James Coldwell	Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Stephanie Cryan	Councillor Damian O'Brien
Councillor Helen Dennis	Councillor Jason Ochere
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE	Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Nick Dolezal	Councillor Catherine Rose
Councillor Karl Eastham	Councillor Jane Salmon
Councillor Gavin Edwards	Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Paul Fleming	Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor Renata Hamvas	Councillor Johnson Situ
Councillor Jon Hartley	Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor William Hougbo	Councillor Charlie Smith
Councillor Sirajul Islam	Councillor Cleo Soanes
Councillor Peter John OBE	Councillor Leanne Werner
Councillor Nick Johnson	Councillor Kath Whittam
Councillor Sarah King	Councillor Bill Williams
Councillor Sunny Lambe	Councillor Kieron Williams
Councillor Richard Leeming	Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor Richard Livingstone	

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Humaira Ali, Radha Burgess, Tom Flynn, Eleanor Kerlake, Lorraine Lauder, Rebecca Lury, Eliza Mann, Victoria Olisa, Leo Pollak, Dan Whitehead and Maria Linforth-Hall (self isolating due to covid-19).

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Victor Chamberlain and Paul Fleming.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Mayor congratulated Duncan Whitfield MBE, strategic director of finance and governance, for his recognition in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The Mayor announced the sad death of Mr Alastair Hanton, an innovative ethical banker and green transport campaigner.

The Mayor announced that he will be recommending that Jadon Sancho be considered for the Freedom of the Borough in recognition of his achievements in football and speaking out against racism.

The Mayor announced that the deadline for nominations for the Covid Challenge Awards is Friday 16 July 2021.

1.3 NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE MAYOR DEEMS URGENT

At this point, the programme motion was agreed:

The order of business and timings for the evening will be as follows:

Time	Business
19:00 - 19:10	1. Preliminary business and announcements
19:10 - 19:20	2.2 Public question time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Iman Altay• Maloma Kadzeya
19:20 - 20:20 (20 minutes - 2 minutes'	Themed debate 3.1 Community Evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hannah Olomola, Southwark Youth Council• George Imafidon, Southwark Scholar• Rubel Ahmed, Active Communities Network

speech) (7 minutes) (5 minutes) (25 minutes) (3 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freya Spencer-Wood, We Made That • Fariah Rarrah • Laura Reynolds, Coin Street Young Leaders • Nicholas Okwulu, Pempeople <p>3.2 Motion on the Theme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Jasmine Ali, deputy leader and cabinet member for children, young people and education 2. Councillor William Hougbo, opposition spokesperson, to speak on the motion and move Amendment A 3. Themed debate open to all other councillors 4. Cabinet member's right of reply to the debate
20:20 - 20:40	4. Deputation requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save Bells (residents of Bells Gardens) • Dodson and Amigo Group
20:40 - 21:00	Motion 2 – Protecting Green Spaces for Our Future Generations
21:00 - 21:35 (5 minutes) (15 minutes) (15 minutes)	5.1 Members' Question Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late questions • Members' questions to the leader • Members' questions to the cabinet
21:35 - 22:00	5.2 Motions
	Motion 1 – Recognising Single Parent Rights
	Motion 3 – Covid-19 Education Recovery
22:00*	6. Reports
	6.1 Constitutional Changes: Climate Emergency and Equality, Council assembly role and functions
	6.2 Treasury Management Performance - 2020-21 annual report and prudential indicators

* subject to the guillotine rule; maximum 15 minutes debate per item.

Note: Any time left remaining on any item will be rolled into the next items.

That the meeting be conducted as follows:

Item 3 - Themed debate

Community Evidence Submissions

To receive submissions from the groups listed in the themed section of the agenda:

- Hannah Olomola, Southwark Youth Council
- George Imafidon, Southwark Scholar
- Rubel Ahmed, Active Communities Network
- Freya Spencer-Wood, We Made That
- Fariah Rarrah
- Laura Reynolds, Coin Street Young Leaders
- Nicholas Okwulu, Pempeople

Format

A two minute presentation from the group.

Themed debate

To run as listed in the timings above.

Item 4 - Deputations

Meeting to agree to hear deputations from:

- Save Bells (residents of Bells Gardens)
- Dodson and Amigo Group

(3 minutes to speak; deputation question to relevant cabinet member, one question from each group)

Item 5.2 General motions:

Each motion to have a single debate, subject to the guillotine.

That the meeting agree to **vary the order of business** to hear Motion 2 – Protecting Green Spaces for Our Future Generations after item 4: Deputation requests.

1.4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor William Hougbo declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he is a trustee of Active Communities Network, one of the deputations at the meeting.

1.5 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the annual meeting of council assembly held on 24 May 2021, and the extraordinary meeting of council assembly held on 24 May 2021, were agreed as correct records.

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 additional papers circulated at the meeting)

There were two questions from the public, the answers to which had been circulated by email before the meeting. One public questioner asked a supplemental question of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Business and Town Centres.

3. THEMED DEBATE

3.1 COMMUNITY EVIDENCE

The meeting agreed to receive submissions from the following:

Hannah Olomola

The representative spoke to the meeting for two minutes.

George Imafidon

The representative spoke to the meeting for two minutes.

Rubel Ahmed

The representative spoke to the meeting for two minutes.

Coin Street Young Leaders

The representative spoke to the meeting for two minutes.

Nicholas Okwulu

The representative spoke to the meeting for two minutes.

We Made That and Fariah Rarrah, who had requested to present community evidence, were unavailable at the meeting.

3.2 MOTION ON THE THEME

The deputy leader and cabinet member for children, young people and education, Councillor Jasmine Ali, presented the first motion in the themed debate.

Councillor William Hougbo, the majority opposition group spokesperson, responded to the motion and proposed Amendment A.

Following debate (Councillors Jason Ochere, Evelyn Akoto, Nick Johnson, Kath Whittam, Peter John, Victor Chamberlain, Richard Leeming, James McAsh, Hamish McCallum and Kieron Williams), Councillor Jasmine Ali responded to the debate.

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

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

RESOLVED:

The Southwark Youth New Deal

1. Council Assembly notes:
 - a. That under this Labour administration, Southwark is committed to working with young people to deliver the best possible services through a £15 million youth investment. This investment is geared towards improving all outcomes for young people including their health, wellbeing, social, education and employment opportunities. This includes three council managed youth centres and 29 organisations that deliver youth activities in great spaces across the borough, including the reopening and refurbishment of spaces like the Blue Youth Club.
 - b. The council has won an international award for its ethnographic engagement of young people in the design of its services. Young people are currently working with urban creatives *We Made That* to film spaces on the Brandon which will bring about a youth-led transformation of relevant spaces.
 - c. The new Youth Parliament selection is underway – with every

secondary school, special education school, pupil referral unit, college, and youth centre currently engaged in canvassing and voting so that the new Youth Parliament can sit in the autumn.

- d. This Labour administration has revolutionised young people's mental health services. Southwark is now a beacon of mental health support by delivering its commitment to support 100% of children and young people with mental health needs, through its launch of the free open access mental health drop in The Nest and the £2m investment in schools for mental health prevention.
 - e. The council has delivered on training and employment for its young residents whilst the government's implementation of Kickstart made it difficult for employers to navigate, and challenging for young people to participate. Since July 2019, Southwark Works has supported 570 young people; helping 104 of them into secure and good quality jobs and apprenticeships, and 142 into other outcomes including training and work experience. A further 114 young people have been supported into well-paid internships.
 - f. Under this Labour administration, Southwark is committed to great outcomes for its young people, with no young person left behind. 199 young people who were previously not in education, training or employment have received training through the Southwark Construction Skills Centre, and a further 961 Southwark school children are engaged with the programme.
 - g. Southwark's Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Services include great education and post sixteen offers for our young people. We are exemplars, with other local authorities turning to Southwark for guidance on their SEND services. Our Youth Offending Service (YOS) is now a national exemplar, and was praised by Ofsted and HM Inspectorate of Probations for carrying out essential work supporting young people. This Labour administration has protected funding for YOS and will continue to do so in the face of Conservative cuts.
2. Council Assembly further notes:
- a. Even before the pandemic, children and young people have been stunted and pulled down by 11 years of Conservative austerity. We recognise that cuts to council budgets, attacks on welfare and benefits, a national crisis in care, and the London housing crisis have all impacted on young people in the Southwark.

- b. According to the YMCA over 760 youth centres have closed since the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition in 2010, widely condemned by experts as pushing young people into violence and exploitation. The list goes on; university tuition fees trebled, arts provision cut, Educational Maintenance Allowance scrapped. In this time, investigations where a young person is believed to be at risk of significant harm have more than doubled.
 - c. Children and young people have lost over half a year of face to face learning, and this, combined with unequal access to home learning, has exacerbated existing attainment gaps. Worryingly, in June the government's schools recovery chief, Sir Kevan Collins, resigned in disbelief over the lack of funding offered - £1.4bn against the £15bn recommended – to help children catch up.
 - d. The growing mental health crisis for young people has been magnified by repeated lockdowns, whilst provision remains woefully inadequate. According to the charity Young Minds, 67% of young people believe that the pandemic will have a long-term negative effect on their mental health, whilst 40% said that their school had no school counsellor. Devastatingly, data from the Millenium Cohort Study has shown that 7% of children have attempted suicide by the age of 17.
 - e. Covid-19 has wreaked havoc on the sectors where young people make up the bulk of employees, such as leisure, hospitality and tourism – according to a London School of Economics (LSE) study, if you are under 25 you are more than twice as likely to have lost your job than an older adult.
3. Council assembly therefore calls on cabinet:
- a. To deliver the Youth New Deal at pace:
 - i. To put all young people at the heart of service design for young people.
 - ii. To make sure that the new Youth Parliament is inclusive and accessible with co-opted young members with care experience, experience of the youth justice system and school exclusion.
 - iii. To recommission its youth service programmes, ('Positive futures for young people fund') to reflect young people's voices, by directly

involving young people in the selection of providers with new programmes, to commence in April 2022.

- iv. To build on the vision to support 100% of child and adolescent mental health need and the success of the council's child and adolescent free mental health drop-in service by continuing to provide its outreach service to schools and including pop-up drop-in services throughout school holidays, in order to increase accessibility and profile of and young people's mental health support.
- v. To recession-proof youth opportunity and ensure that every school leaver has an education, training or employment opportunity, by delivering ongoing support for vulnerable young people into jobs and apprenticeships through programmes such as Southwark Works.
- vi. To ensure that, aligned to the emerging digital hub, the Youth Opportunities Campaign will continue to promote job and training opportunities directly to young people and their guardians via a monthly bulletin. The £2m Southwark Pioneers Fund will also support young entrepreneurs to start and sustain their own businesses.
- vii. Launch a new Sure Start for Teenagers to establish a new cross council and cross partnership initiative to support teenagers and their families where needed.
- viii. To develop a new youth digital information hub and establish a new youth services portal/website as the cornerstone of the Youth New Deal. To ensure the rapid provision of comprehensive, up to date and accessible information about activities and services for young people and their families.

b. To lobby the government to invest in young people's futures by:

- i. Putting forward a comprehensive schools plan that will allow our young people to catch up on their lost education, coupled with a funding package which means this can actually be delivered.
- ii. Funding our schools in Southwark properly and finding a fairer funding formula that will allow our schools to stay open despite falling pupil admission numbers, so that smaller class sizes can

help our young people catch up on lost learning.

- iii. Ensuring there is good quality mental health support in every school and Higher Education facility, and follow the lead of the Labour-led Welsh Government which has legislated to make counselling support for pupils age 10 -18 mandatory.
- iv. Address the administrative issues and technical difficulties which are stopping businesses and young people alike from benefitting from the Kickstart scheme.
- v. Reinstating and ring-fencing youth services funding to 2010/11 real terms levels.

4. DEPUTATIONS

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

Amanda Johansson, Save Bells

The group's representatives spoke to the meeting for three minutes and thereafter asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Council Homes and Homelessness.

Two members asked questions of the deputation.

Redevelopment of Dodson Street

The group's representatives spoke to the meeting for three minutes and thereafter asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Council Homes and Homelessness.

Two members asked questions of the deputation.

5. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

5.1 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

There was one late question to the leader from Councillor Hamish McCallum, the written response to which was circulated by email before the meeting. There were two supplemental questions.

There were 29 members' questions, the written responses to which were circulated by email before the meeting. There were 15 supplemental questions.

5.2 MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Motion 1: Recognising Single Parent Rights

This motion was considered prior to the guillotine having fallen.

Councillor Stephanie Cryan moved the motion. Councillor Margy Newens seconded the motion.

There were no amendments to the motion.

Following debate (Councillors Adele Morris, Anood Al-Samerai, Alice Macdonald, Kieron Williams), 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:
 - a. There are 2.9 million single parents in the UK, accounting for one in four parents. Around one third of parents experience some period of single parenting. Although almost 70% of single parents are employed, a third of children in working single parent homes live in poverty and almost 30% (double that of coupled parents) report mental health concerns. Single parents face discrimination throughout their daily lives, from the workplace to accessing housing. This has knock on effects for them, their children and society as a whole.
 - b. Many single parents face multiple discrimination given 90% are women, around 27% live with a disability (compared with 21% of couple parent households), and black and mixed ethnicity communities have higher numbers of single parents compared with white communities. In London there are over 260,000 single parents; according to the 2011 census Southwark has 40% rate of single parent households and these figures are likely under-reported.
2. Council assembly further notes that discrimination towards single parents occurs in:
 - a. the workplace when it comes to recruitment, professional development and promotion
 - b. housing, specifically accessing private rentals properties especially for those reliant on housing benefit
 - c. child benefit calculations: a couple earning £98,000 combined

will receive full child benefit for one child, whilst a single parent on £60,000 will receive no child benefit for two children;

- d. childcare vouchers with couples able to access double the amount of vouchers where both are working, regardless of the actual amount they spend on childcare;
- e. [universal credit childcare payments](#);
- f. support and adaptations required for a disabled child to live safely in both homes where parents share care.
- g. entrance fees at tourist attractions are often higher per person for [single parent families than couple families](#). At the National Trust single parents pay 25% more per adult;
- h. membership fees e.g. for birthing/ parenting classes where the second parent in a couple is often 'free';
- i. inheritance tax with the child(ren) of a couple essentially have double the threshold compared to the child(ren) of a single parent;
- j. [the cost of holidays](#), and
- k. government and business [policies and rules during the Coronavirus lockdown 2020](#).

3. Council assembly recognises:

- a. That Southwark Council is committed to promoting equality irrespective of marital or civil partnership status and valuing the contribution made by all citizens. At a national level, however, the legislative oversight in respect of single parents is a chasm which needs to be addressed. Single parents are often subject to systematic discrimination across every aspect of life, and it is unconscionable that these circumstances have been permitted to exist for so long, all the while doing so much harm.

4. Council assembly therefore resolves to:

- a. Be at the forefront of ensuring that equality for all is embedded in our practices and employment policies.
- b. Actively support the campaign for single parents' rights, working with the government, campaign groups, community organisations and other partners to ensure that single parents have the parity they deserve.
- c. Lobby the Government to enshrine single parent rights in law including:
 - 1. The right for employees to request part-time or flexible working from their first day in a job.

2. Commissioning an independent review into the funding and affordability of childcare, particularly in regards to single parents, and to accept its recommendations.
 3. Better access to financial support for single parents who have to take time off work to care for children sent home from school or childcare settings due to Covid-19. The single parents' charity Gingerbread is calling for the Government's £500 Test and Trace Isolation Grant to be extended to parents in low-income households who have to take unpaid time off work when their children are sent home from school or childcare settings due to Covid-19.
 4. End the 5 week wait for Universal Credit and create a faster process for single parents to receive their first Universal Credit payment.
 5. Make the £20 Universal Credit uplift permanent, as according to Save the Children two thirds of claimants are single parents.
5. Council assembly recognises that making these law changes would have a number of benefits, including:
- a. greater single parent employment;
 - b. reduced reliance on government benefits;
 - c. greater disposable income for single parents to spend in society;
 - d. more stable and decent housing for single parent families;
 - e. better mental health for single parents;
 - f. lower poverty levels for children of single parents; and
 - g. better outcomes for the children of single parents.

Motion 2: Protecting Green Spaces and Tackling the Housing Crisis for Future Generations

This motion was considered prior to the guillotine having fallen.

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai moved the motion. Councillor Hamish McCallum seconded the motion.

There was one amendment to the motion. Amendment B was moved by Councillor Bill Williams, and seconded by Councillor Sarah King.

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 that:

- a) For all local authorities, there is a delicate and necessary balance between the building of new council homes and the adequate provision of outside space for residents.
- b) There is a very real human cost to choosing not to explore all sites on which to provide new council homes, just as we must continue to enhance our outside spaces.
- c) Southwark Council is exploring all avenues to provide more council homes, including 70 sites across the borough.
- d) Developing those sites would guarantee that future generations have access to genuinely affordable homes and all of the health and wellbeing benefits that this provides.
- e) All projects will include open, inclusive and transparent consultation with residents including a robust process to take residents with us as we make these decisions together.
- f) In addition to this, our Great Estates Programme seeks to both expand the number of council homes on appropriate existing estate sites, and enrich these estates by working with residents to improve the look and feel of them.
- g) Southwark has 30 green flag parks (the highest number within inner London), and continues to invest in its parks and green spaces:
 - Over £61 million invested in parks since 2010;
 - Launch of the Southwark Nature Action Plan (SNAP) in 2020 to protect biodiversity and make nature accessible for all;
 - 'Re-wilding' parts of our green spaces;
 - Introduction of 200 new allotment plots as part of the Allotment Expansion Scheme;
 - Planting over 8,000 trees this year alone under our commitment to plant 10,000 by 2022.
- h) The New Southwark Plan will also increase the amount of protected open space in the borough, including 17 new Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation.
- i) There is a dire need to meet Southwark's 15,000 household-strong waiting list for housing, and the council's current approach to site-selection will fully incorporate the importance of provision of accessible, green, outside spaces.
- j) The disastrous right-to-buy policy introduced and extended by successive Conservative governments has led to the loss of over 17,000 council rented homes in Southwark

- k) Despite the fact that Southwark has brought 231 empty homes back in to use this year, the number of empty homes in Southwark is still unacceptable and so in September cabinet will put forward an Empty Homes Action Plan to bring more empty homes back into use.

2. Council Assembly further notes that:

- a) Green spaces in London are of significant benefit and popularity to the population surrounding them.
- b) Green spaces should not become a luxury only accessible to the well off. A report by the National Children's Bureau in 2013 found that better-off children were nine times more likely to have access to green spaces than those in the most deprived areas.
- c) Our green spaces aid wellbeing. A London Green Spaces Commission report last year estimated that green spaces save London £950m per year in avoided health costs. A Public Health England report in 2020 stated, "£2.1 billion per year could be saved in health costs if everyone in England had good access to greenspace."
- d) After a year of lockdowns, Londoners want to see green spaces protected. A May 2020 poll by CPRE, the countryside charity, and the National Federation of Women's Institutes (WI), found that nearly two-thirds of Londoners (62%) felt that protecting nearby green spaces should be a higher priority for the government when lockdown ends.
- e) London is facing increased urbanisation. A 2020 report by the London Green Spaces Commission discovered that, in the previous ten years, spending on public green space fell by over 30% to £159m. However, London's population in that time grew by 11.2%.
- f) Losing parks and green spaces would adversely affect the climate emergency. For instance, the ONS found that UK vegetation removed enough dangerous air pollution in 2017 to equate to a saving of £1.3bn in health costs.
- g) Therefore, it is our duty as councillors to ensure that we protect our green spaces so that future generations can enjoy them equally and gain from them as fruitfully as we have done.
- h) It is also our duty as councillors to do everything within our means to house residents in affordable, comfortable and safe housing; and do all we can to prevent homelessness in Southwark.
- i) London is in the grip of a housing crisis. Between 1997 and 2016 London's

population increased by 25%, but the number of homes only increased by 15%.

- j) In June 2020, over 127,000 children were living in Temporary Accommodation in London.
 - k) There are 15,000 households on the waiting list for a home in Southwark. Half of these households include children.
 - l) Many of these households currently live in severely overcrowded and unsuitable accommodation – sometimes entire families in a single room.
 - m) There are 3,200 households in temporary accommodation in Southwark.
 - n) Southwark urgently needs more council homes.
3. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to:
- a) Conduct an audit of all planned investment in our green spaces, outdoors sports and children’s play facilities across Southwark to ensure that they are recognised and protected for residents’ amenity.
 - b) Urgently review the site-selection criteria for council-led developments, to ensure there is enough provision to support our commitment to tackle the housing crisis and maintain our dedication to high quality parks and green spaces across the borough.
 - c) Invest further and enhance the borough’s parks and open spaces to ensure residents across Southwark have access to high quality green space and to further increase our borough’s biodiversity.
 - d) Focus on building new council homes on sites suited for development — including former industrial/commercial sites across the borough and on car parks and under-used sites on our existing estates and publicly owned land.
 - e) Continue to be creative in finding ways to deliver more council homes, including buying new sites and homes where financially viable and continuing to secure more social housing in new developments through planning.

Motion 3: Covid-19 Education Recovery

This motion was considered prior to the guillotine having fallen.

Councillor James McAsh moved the motion. Councillor Maggie Browning seconded the motion.

There were no amendments to the motion.

Following debate (Councillors Vikki Mills, Nick Johnson, Jasmine Ali), 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:
 - a. The Government published its plans for education recovery after the pandemic on 2 June 2021.
 - b. Sir Kevan Collins, appointed by the Prime Minister as the Government's Education Recovery Commissioner, had judged that some £15bn was needed to repair the damage done to the nation's pupils because of Covid-19. The Government's subsequent offer of £1.4bn falls far short and is severely inadequate. The Education Policy Institute have calculated that this amounts to £50 per pupil per year.
 - c. This contrasts with the offer of £1,600 per pupil in the USA and £2,500 per pupil in the Netherlands. There are no quick or cheap fixes if we are to build back better from the pandemic and have an education system that supports high standards and strong mental health for everyone.
2. Council assembly also notes that:
 - a. The Department for Education has changed the census used to calculate Pupil Premium funding for the most disadvantaged pupils. This means that £150 million is being taken away from young people and schools most in need, including £1.2m in Southwark – the equivalent of 892 Southwark primary school children not receiving their Pupil Premium.
3. Council assembly therefore resolves:
 - a. To lobby the Government to value and invest in all our children, so they are supported to learn, succeed, and go on to have bright futures.
 - b. To write to the Prime Minister and call on the Government to scale up its ambition for our children and young people and give our education system the resources they need to ensure that no child is left behind. The Government should show it is serious about levelling up by putting in the investment called for by its own former Education Recovery Commissioner.

6. OTHER REPORTS

6.1 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES: CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND EQUALITY, COUNCIL ASSEMBLY ROLE AND FUNCTIONS

After debate (Councillors Helen Dennis, Adele Morris and Alice Macdonald), the recommendations were put to the vote and declared Carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That council assembly agreed the proposed changes to the constitution as outlined in paragraphs 11 to 14 and appendices 1 to 4 of the report.

6.2 TREASURY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE - 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

The recommendations were put to the vote and declared Carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council Assembly noted the 2020-21 outturn for the council's treasury management activity and that:
 - all treasury management activity was undertaken in compliance with the approved treasury management strategy and with the council's prudential indicators, as Appendix A of the report;
 - the balance remaining on all external loans at 31 March 2021 was £886m, with £72m of new long-term borrowing drawn during the financial year, all long-term borrowing is to support the growth in capital investment.

7. AMENDMENTS

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: