
5.2 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES (see pages 9-17 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Toby Eckersley
Seconded: Councillor Lewis Robinson

In paragraph 20 **add** at the end of new Part 3A clause 8 "and the approval of virements over £10,000,000 between capital projects or programme headings as set out in the overall programme." and change accordingly the wording of new Part 3C clause 9, and the Financial Standing Orders.

6.1 - SOUTHWARK'S RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY BUDGET (see page 31 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Catherine McDonald

Seconded: Councillor Richard Livingstone

Insert new paragraphs 4-7 as below:

4. Council assembly notes the increase in VAT will lead to higher prices for goods and services; will have a disproportionate impact on pensioners and other low income groups; and will have a severe impact on businesses, charities and community groups in Southwark. It further notes the disproportionate effect of the budget on women and the disabled.
5. Council assembly notes the effect of the increase in VAT, when taken with other measures in the budget, will be unfair to pensioners, who have not had a compensatory increase in other benefits and allowances.
6. Council assembly notes that the way the VAT increase will affect pensioners and other low income groups runs counter to the Government's Coalition Agreement statement on 20 May 2010 that it would "ensure that fairness is at the heart of those decisions so that all those most in need are protected."
7. Council assembly notes the Institute of Fiscal Studies has stated the VAT increase was not "unavoidable," as the Chancellor of the Exchequer said in his budget speech."

Re-number existing paragraphs 4-7 as necessary.

Insert new paragraphs 12-13 as below:

12. Council assembly resolves to call on the leader to write directly to the Chancellor of the Exchequer raising concerns about the impact of the proposed VAT increase on pensioners, other vulnerable groups and businesses in Southwark.
13. Council assembly resolves to call on the cabinet to write to members of parliament representing Southwark, asking that they stand up for Southwark's pensioners, businesses and wider community, to voice their opposition to this unfair increase in VAT and to vote against it in parliament."

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Rosie Shimell

Seconded: Councillor Tim McNally

Delete all after 'notes' in paragraph 1 to end of paragraph 6 and **insert:**

“with regret the new Coalition government discovered that the outgoing Labour government left the public finances in a catastrophic state and much worse than they had previously admitted. Notes this public deficit is the second largest in Europe and is equivalent to £22,400 for every man, woman and child in the UK. Also notes the outgoing Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Labour MP, Liam Byrne left a note stating ‘Dear chief secretary, I’m afraid there is no money. Kind regards – and good luck! Liam.’

2. Council assembly further notes that the outgoing Labour government was also planning massive public spending cuts to get the deficit under control with the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Alistair Darling, admitting in a BBC interview on 25 March 2010 that Labour’s planned spending cuts would be ‘deeper and tougher’ than those implemented by Margaret Thatcher.
3. Council assembly recognises that the government’s spending cuts have been carefully considered and knows the moderating influence of Liberal Democrats will ensure the decisive action needed to reduce the deficit will be tempered with fairness and a concern for the poorest and most vulnerable in our society.
4. Council assembly welcomes the measures in the budget protecting the poor and vulnerable including:
 - a. Nearly 1 million low earners taken out of tax altogether with more to follow
 - b. £2 billion extra child tax credit to tackle poverty
 - c. Help for pensioners with the restoration of the earnings link that Labour had 13 years to restore, but failed
 - d. A 10% increase in capital gains tax for top earners
 - e. A new tax on banks
5. Council assembly further welcomes the new government’s freeing of councils from unnecessary and wasteful bureaucracy including the ending of the comprehensive area assessment and believes the resources now freed up from the inspection regime can be used to more effectively align frontline services to reflect the priorities of local people.”

Renumber final paragraph ‘6’ and **insert** after ‘scale’ (line 3) “and causes”.

6.4 – SOUTHWARK'S CAPITAL PROGRAMME (see page 33 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Richard Livingstone

Seconded: Councillor Helen Hayes

Delete paragraph 3 and insert:

3. Council assembly supports the new administration's view that the capital programme is of such strategic importance that it should be discussed and approved by the full council assembly.
4. Council assembly therefore also supports the proposal set out in item 5.2 (the report on constitutional changes) of this meeting's agenda that the cabinet to submit the capital programme to council assembly for their approval once every four years and requests that cabinet submit a revised programme to council assembly for approval during 2010.
5. Council assembly notes that the current capital programme, agreed on 9 February by the previous administration, made no commitment to fund refurbishment work of Seven Islands leisure centre. Instead it asked that the finance director provide more detailed options analysis and financial appraisals on the remaining bids received (including Seven Islands) for future consideration by the executive in the context of resources available and considering any additional resources which can be identified. The total costs for these bids totaled £115m, against a budget of £55.5m available.
6. However, council assembly also recognises the importance of Seven Islands leisure centre to a significant proportion of the borough and therefore asks the cabinet to consider carefully how its refurbishment could be funded through the capital programme.
7. Council assembly notes the report to the regeneration and leisure scrutiny sub-committee on 29 June identified that the Canada Water library will cost a further £0.5 million more than has been agreed in the capital programme as a result of the over-running of the construction phase of this project. Council assembly therefore asks cabinet to agree to this additional expenditure over and above the level of the commitment made by the previous administration so that this work can be completed.
8. Council assembly believes it is important that the capital programme demonstrates investment in all areas of the borough and not just one community council area. It therefore calls on cabinet to consider the needs of the whole borough in its revision of the capital programme before submitting it for approval to council assembly.

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Graham Neale

Seconded: Councillor Mark Gettleson

At end **insert:**

“Council assembly further calls on the cabinet to:

- Refurbish and reinvigorate The Blue
- Regenerate Albion Street, including a new street market, investment in existing shops and preserving the library site for community or mixed use
- Continue to provide help for people to cut carbon emissions and fuel bills by offering grants for insulation and energy saving measures
- Improve our parks and open spaces by installing drainage on Peckham Rye Common and include a sculpture park as part of the rejuvenation of Burgess Park.”