

AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.2: THEMED DEBATE – Health and Wellbeing in Southwark (see pages 14-18 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Proposed by: Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall

- 1. d. **Delete:** “and the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition”
- 1. f. **Insert:** “crisis” after “NHS”
- 1. h. **Delete** “establish” and insert “established”

After 1.o **insert:**

- p. The 2023 Southwark public health report which highlights the health inequalities exacerbated by the poor air quality in the borough
- q. That all air quality monitors in Southwark breach WHO guidelines, including in schools, two of which are above the legal limits for NOx
- r. Southwark has the 3rd highest mortality burden associated with air pollution in London
- s. Damp and mould has a serious impact on the health of residents in Southwark and disproportionately affects those from deprived backgrounds who are more likely to live in poor quality housing
- t. Southwark Council has a poor record in responding to damp and mould and must move away from the current reactive service which is failing residents and exacerbating health inequalities in Southwark.

- 3. a. **delete** “Labour” and insert “Liberal Democrat-backed”
- 3. a. **delete** “and the Liberal Democrat governments”

After 3.k **insert:**

- l. Extend the Santander Cycle Hire scheme further into the borough to promote cleaner and healthier travel.
- m. Accelerate the roll out of electric vehicle (EV) charging points on council land and the transition to EVs for council operated and sub-contracted vehicles to reduce internal combustion engine generated pollution.

- n. Investigate how particulate matter generated by braking and tyre wear can be mitigated.
- o. Use existing geographic data on air quality to target screening for known health problems, including lung cancer.
- p. Improve tree maintenance and watering work to ensure that the tree planting programme actually results in a tree canopy for the long term, to absorb gaseous pollution.
- q. Ask that overview and scrutiny committee considers and scrutinises the council's mitigation strategies for poor air quality, bringing together work that the environment and community engagement scrutiny commission and the health and social care scrutiny commission will do on this topic.
- r. Identify buildings, estates and areas with consistent damp and mould issues using data collected by the repairs team.
- s. Tackle the root causes of damp and mould in these problem areas with targeted proactive repairs and repairs action days.
- t. Improve monitoring of damp and mould cases by requiring housing associations to provide data on reports and interventions within their housing stock.

Renumber all paragraphs and sub-paragraphs accordingly.

ITEM 5.2.2: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Clean Up Southwark (see pages 29-31 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Cassandra Brown

Seconded: Councillor Sabina Emmanuel

Delete: Clean Up Southwark

Insert: A Clean Southwark

Delete: 1. b and e.

Re-number c. and d. as b. and c.

Delete: 2, 3 and 4

Insert:

2. Council assembly notes the council's record on fly-tipping:
 - a. The council removed fly-tipping within 24 hours in 98.6% of cases in 2021/22, beating the target of 98%.
 - b. According to the national Flycapture database, Southwark has the fewest incidents of fly-tipping reported by the public of all London boroughs who provided figures.
 - c. 81% of fly-tipping collected is done so proactively, without the public even needing to report it.
 - d. It is notoriously difficult to find evidence for fly-tipping. Nonetheless, the council's CCTV Team currently has four active cameras deployed to support enforcement activity in areas of concern for fly tipping, and since April the CCTV team have provided the Environmental Enforcement Team with 46 examples of evidence.
 - e. Despite a tough financial climate, the council has not removed any funding from fly-tipping and instead invested £500,000 into improving street cleanliness in 2022/23. This includes additional resources for graffiti removal, fly-tip removal and enforcement, and litter bins to increase recycling from street cleaning.
3. Council assembly notes the council's record on litter and street cleaning:

- a. The resources deployed for cleaning of high profile locations such as town centres has been maintained in 2022/23 therefore no reduction in frequency.
 - b. The Council provides litter picking on residential roads between twice and six times per week, based on need. This will help maintain acceptable levels of cleanliness for litter on residential roads.
 - c. The most recent figures show the council meeting its targets for both littering and street detritus.
4. Council assembly notes the council's record on pest control:
- a. Reporting figures detail the total number of visits, not infestations, and for all rodent infestations not just rats
 - b. Almost 100% of pest related works involve a treatment programme which requires multiple visits to an individual property for a single infestation
 - c. All council tenants receive a free service for the most common pests including rat treatments
 - d. Those residents who pay for our service and are in receipt of benefits or state pension receive a 50% reduction in costs.
 - e. The council contracts the service to the London Borough of Croydon.
5. This council resolves to:
- a. Sustain the cross council approach of services working collaboratively to resolve the issue of fly-tip at hotspot locations. These services include Waste Management, Cleaning, Environmental Enforcement, Housing, CCTV and Markets.
 - b. Maintain the council's high standards of removing fly tipping within 24 hours and continue to aspire to beat the target of 98%.
 - c. Keep up the council record of keeping Southwark streets clean, town centres and residential roads clean, with regular sweeping as well as targeted cleaning.
 - d. Continue to offer all council tenants receive a free service for the most common pests including rat treatments and maintain the high standard of pest control that all residents receive from the council.

- e. Uphold the work of the enforcement team dealing with commercial waste compliance and fly-tipping and continue to provide a responsive service to our residents.
- f. Use the additional funding available in 2023/24 to address fly-tipping to enhance the fly-tipping removal service as well as to increase the level of enforcement action taken against those who are responsible for fly-tipping.

ITEM 5.2.3: MEMBERS' MOTIONS – Tackling Damp and Mould (see pages 31-33 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Andy Simmons

Seconded: Councillor Sarah King

Delete 1. c-e, 2, 3, and 4, and **replace with:**

- c. Southwark Council recognises the importance of addressing the problems damp and mould can cause and the need for a robust system and processes, both proactive and reactive, to ensure that measures are in place to tackle and reduce issues surrounding condensation in its properties.
- d. In October 2021 the Housing Ombudsman Spotlight Report was published. This made 26 recommendations for improvements across the industry. The key items for inclusion were:
 - i. Taking a zero tolerance approach to interventions with mould; meaning to take all reasonable measures to help resolve damp
 - ii. Avoid blaming the resident – The Ombudsman felt landlords were too quick to lay the blame of the problem with residents' use of the property
 - iii. It's not lifestyle – The Ombudsman case studies highlighted a number of cases had underlying issues which were not identified or addressed. The council responded by reviewing the damp and mould strategy and implementing a new approach.
- e. Since 2022 the council has:
 - i. Delivered a Major works scheme to address the damp mould and piloted the use of smart home technology on Kingswood Estate
 - ii. Consulted with residents at Area Forums and set up a resident online workshop
 - iii. Implemented a new policy which sets out how Southwark Council will respond and manage damp, mould and condensation, as well as its proactive approach to identify and remediate potential causes of future damp and mould

- iv. Created a new Damp & Mould team in November 2022 within the repairs function who take ownership of the end to end process of a resident making an enquiry through to completion and follow-up of the works.
 - f. The Council has also introduced enhanced IT and additional ways a resident can contact the service. This includes:
 - i. Providing a dedicated phone number with direct access to the Damp & Mould team
 - ii. A dedicated email contact, again, direct to the team
 - iii. A new online reporting form with the ability to upload pictures and videos
 - iv. Targeted action days on estates
 - v. Posters with QR codes on display within our estates informing residents on how to report D&M
 - vi. Updated web-site with key information
 - vii. Produced a new resident facing damp pack brochure
 - g. Triaging for damp and mould works are now applied. An urgent priority, which is based on residents' vulnerability and severity of hazards & risks. Routine damp and mould cases are raised on a separate priority. The dedicated team communicate with the resident, checking that they are happy at the end of the process and returning if needed for further advice or works.
 - h. As part of our initial inspection process, our trained inspectors provide guidance and a damp pack to all residents when on site. Every resident receives a Hygrometer to measures the humidity and water vapour in the air, which helps identify factors that cause damp and mould.
 - i. The Damp & Mould team have been selected on the basis of their experience of damp and across the repairs spectrum, are trained in HHSRS (housing health and safety rating system), and can flag where a property is category one and doesn't meet decent home standard.
2. Council assembly welcomes:
- a. The creation of the Southwark damp and mould taskforce and hopes this team can be put to effective use in improving Southwark's response to damp and mould in the borough.
 - b. The success of the repairs action days held throughout the borough that facilitated direct engagement between council officers and residents and saw proactive repairs carried out with effective follow-ups from the repairs team.
3. Council assembly resolves to:

- a. Ensure that keeping people safe in their homes remains the number one priority for our housing teams.
- b. Continue to use a data-led approach, with a Power BI dashboard which allowing us to accelerate our response to damp and mould. This allows the council to pull together and automate the reporting of data that is held on a separate database.
- c. Ensure that this data is available to overview and scrutiny committee, the housing scrutiny commission and the cabinet.
- d. Use newly created heat maps to identify repeat visits and flag blocks which could have recurring environmental, mechanical or structural issues
- e. Build on the success of the repairs action day, by creating a calendar for future repair action days, to the benefit of residents in all wards.
- f. Continue to insure that an inspector attends every report of damp within 20 days, taking the resident through a booklet on managing damp in the home and providing each resident with a hygrometer as well as inspecting for airflow, leaks or any other issues that may be causing damp.
- g. Call on the government to support local authorities in tackling damp and mould by providing the necessary extra resources, ensuring the council continue to keep people safe in their homes.
- h. Continue enforcement on private landlords, who do not tackle or take action to solve damp and mould issues.
- i. Offer advice and support residents raising a complaint where housing associations are failing to tackle damp and mould, as well as signposting residents on how to report them to the Ombudsman if necessary.
- j. Remain committed to working with government, the GLA and other partners to ensure we continue to eradicate damp and mould across our council homes, and work with the GLA on the development of any 'gold standard'.