

## **Cabinet Report – 21 September Southwark Council Food Strategy**

### **APPENDIX 1 - Council Motion - A Borough-Wide Food Strategy**

#### **A Borough-Wide Food Strategy**

At council assembly on Wednesday April 8 2009 a motion on a borough-wide food strategy was proposed by Councillor Jenny Jones and seconded by Councillor Richard Thomas. The motion was subsequently amended and the amended motions stands referred to the executive as a recommendation.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That council assembly:
  - a) Notes the vitality, vibrancy and diversity of Southwark's food industries and cultures.
  - b) Notes that the production, processing and manufacturing, transport, storage and distribution, sale, purchasing, preparation, consumption and disposal of food within and beyond Southwark has significant implications for health, environmental, economic, social/cultural and security issues across the borough.
  
2. That the council notes the value of allotments to the production of sustainable and healthy and local food in the borough, and asks the executive to adopt the following action:
  - a) Improve the quality of information available to residents, by improving the council's website.
  - b) Look for ways to increase the borough's allotments, as some of the allotments in the borough are on waiting lists only.
  - c) Engage with the London Food Board to look at practical ways in which food can be grown sustainably.
  - d) Provide an undertaking that the council will not close any allotments, and ensure rents are affordable by the many, not the few."
  
3. That this council therefore invites the executive to undertake the development of a borough wide food strategy with a view to:
  - a) improving the health and reduce the health inequalities of people living and working in Southwark
  - b) reducing poverty and deprivation
  - c) reducing the negative environmental impacts of Southwark's food system
  - d) supporting a vibrant food economy
  - e) celebrating and promoting Southwark's food culture
  - f) enhancing Southwark's food security
  - g) encouraging health eating in schools.
  
4. That council assembly asks the executive to report back to council assembly within 6 months on progress in developing the strategy.