

<b>Item No.</b> 10.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 20 October 2010	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Late Motion – Police numbers in Southwark	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Communities, Law and Governance	

## **LATE MOTION**

**MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN FRIARY** (seconded by Councillor Claire Hickson)

1. Council assembly notes the work of Southwark 1000 police campaign in its ongoing efforts to secure increased police numbers for the borough. It notes the campaign's cross party nature.
2. Council assembly notes that the Metropolitan Police will not be protected from the government's spending cuts.
3. Council assembly notes that the Police Federation estimated on 10 September 2010 that the Metropolitan Police could be forced to axe 4000 police officers across London as a result of the cuts.
4. Council assembly notes that, in contrast, to police cuts under the Tories and Liberal Democrats, the Metropolitan Police grew from 25,400 officers at the turn of the millennium to 31,000 this year, with a corresponding drop in crime.
5. Council assembly believes that cuts in police officer numbers in Southwark will put local resident's safety at risk.
6. Council assembly therefore calls on all Southwark's MPs to vote against police cuts. It calls on Simon Hughes, the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats, to campaign against cuts that will see officer numbers drop in Southwark.

## **REASON FOR LATENESS**

Due to an administrative error the motion was not submitted within the deadline for receipt of members' motions. The motion is urgent as the vote on the comprehensive spending review, which will cover police funding is to happen before the next council assembly.

## **NOTES:**

1. Prior to debating the late motion the following council assembly procedure rule would need to be suspended:
  - Notice for motions to be delivered (CAPR 2.9 (3)).

2. If the late motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.

#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Member Motions	Town Hall Peckham Road London SE5 8UB	Constitutional Team 020 7525 7228

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