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**6.1 REPORT FROM THE SOUTHWARK DEMOCRACY COMMISSION** (see supplemental agenda 2, pages 1-54)

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**Note:** The recommendations referred to in Amendments A – E are those set out in appendix 4, entitled “Southwark Democracy Commission – Recommendations” (see item 6.1, pages 45 – 54 of supplemental agenda 2)

**AMENDMENT A**

**Moved:** Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

**Seconded:** Councillor Columba Blango

**Petitions to assembly**

(See appendix 4, pages 46 – 47 of item 6.1)

Recommendation 5.1

**Add** at end:

“and 100 for issues that affect a single ward.”

**Note:** If this amendment is agreed, in accordance with Article 1.15(a) of the constitution it would be referred to the constitutional steering panel for prior consideration.

**AMENDMENT B**

**Moved:** Councillor Paul Noblet

**Seconded:** Councillor Jeff Hook

**Selection of themes**

(See appendix 4, pages 48 - 49 of item 6.1)

Recommendation 8.4 - **delete** all after “chosen” and **add** “by public vote with the process publicised through Southwark Life.”

**AMENDMENT C**

**Moved:** Councillor Columba Blango

**Seconded:** Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

**Council assembly business panel**

(See appendix 4, pages 46 – 51 of item 6.1)

Recommendation 4.3 – **delete**

Recommendation 5.3 – **delete** last sentence

Recommendation 5.4 - **delete** first sentence

Recommendation 8.3 – **delete**

Recommendation 10 – **delete** all

Recommendation 11.2 – **delete** last sentence

Recommendation 15.2 – **delete**.

#### **AMENDMENT D**

**Moved:** Councillor Catherine Bowman

**Seconded:** Councillor David Noakes

#### **Times and venues for council assembly meetings**

(see appendix 4, pages 50 of item 6.1)

Recommendation 12.1 – **delete** all

Recommendation 12.3 - **Add** after “Southwark” (line 2) “with the aim of rotating between all eight community council areas.”

#### **AMENDMENT E**

**Moved:** Councillor Lisa Rajan

**Seconded:** Councillor Catherine Bowman

#### **Future legislative changes**

(see appendix 4, pages 52 of item 6.1)

Recommendation 16

**Insert** new clause 16.5:

“Council assembly welcomes the Decentralisation and Localism Bill to be introduced by the coalition government, particularly its proposals to return decision-making powers on housing and planning to local councils, new powers to help save local facilities and services threatened with closure, giving communities the right to bid to take over local state-run services, giving councils a general power of competence, residents the power to instigate local referendums on any local issue and greater financial autonomy to local government and community groups and requests the Democracy Commission to investigate how these new powers can further strengthen the role of council assembly.”

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## 9.1 – MOTION 1: FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS (see page 105 of the main agenda)

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### AMENDMENT F

**Moved:** Councillor Rosie Shimell

**Seconded:** Councillor David Hubber

After paragraph 2 **insert** new paragraphs:

3. The excellent work done by many primary schools in the borough which currently provide breakfast clubs.
4. The year on year improvements in the attainment of children in the borough under the previous administration and congratulates head teachers, staff, pupils and their families.

Council assembly further notes:

5. The success of the borough's schools achieving one of the highest uptakes of free school meals amongst eligible children.

Renumber 3, 4, 5 and 6 accordingly.

In paragraph 6 (now 9), **add** at end "for those children in greatest need".

**Add** at end:

Council assembly recognises

10. The huge deficit left by the Labour government and urges the cabinet to act prudently in ensuring that funding for school meals is spent responsibly and on those in greatest need.

### AMENDMENT G

**Moved;** Councillor Catherine McDonald

**Seconded:** Councillor Nick Dolezal

**Delete** paragraph 6 and **insert:**

"Council assembly calls on the cabinet member for children and young people to explore with officers whether the provision of free breakfasts would be more appropriate than free lunches across the borough and the feasibility of allowing schools to choose themselves and to report back to councillors.

"Council assembly welcomes cross-party support for the principle of universal free school meals."

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## 9.2 – MOTION 2: LABOUR’S BROKEN ELECTION PLEDGES (see pages 105 - 107 of the main agenda)

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### AMENDMENT H

**Moved:** Councillor Cleo Soanes  
**Seconded:** Councillor Gavin Edwards

**Delete title and insert:**

“Labour’s record in office so far and the Lib Democrats’ broken election promises”

**Delete all and insert:**

Council assembly notes that since the elections in May Labour has, in line with its manifesto:

- Signed a deal guaranteeing a minimum level of affordable housing at Elephant & Castle and made progress on the swimming pool and demolition of the shopping centre
- Saved Nursery Row Park and Brayards Green in line with our commitment to value green spaces
- Cut special responsibility allowances (SRAs) by the same amount that they were increased by the last administration
- Put in place tough new restrictions on consultancy spending
- Started a budget consultation as part of our commitment to open up the budgeting process
- Made every fire risk assessment publicly available
- Hired a new housing director for the new housing department
- Started to pilot our dedicated line for social care queries
- Extended CCTV coverage
- Consulted on our new charter of rights for people who need social care
- Worked with other boroughs to see what savings can be achieved through cooperative working.

Council assembly notes that in the coming months Labour will, in line with its manifesto, at the very least:

- Set out how we will make every home warm, dry and safe
- Open two air quality monitoring stations
- Launch the teen pregnancy commission
- Publish news on the violent crime strategy
- Continue to consult on the budget, in spite of the coalition government’s cuts.

Council assembly notes that in contrast to this record of achievement, the last Liberal Democrat council administration left office with at least 50 of its election pledges unfulfilled.

Council assembly further notes the Liberal Democrats significant broken manifesto promises since entering a coalition government with the Tories, not least on:

- the scale and speed of spending cuts
- the hike in the level of VAT
- the hike in tuition fees, which every Liberal Democrat MP pledged to oppose.

Council assembly calls on the cabinet to continue to meet its election obligations, despite the Tory/Liberal Democrat cuts.

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**9.3 – MOTION 3: THAMES WATER SEWAGE TUNNEL** (see pages 107 - 108 of the main agenda)

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**AMENDMENT I**

**Moved:** Councillor Barrie Hargrove

**Seconded:** Councillor Fiona Colley

In paragraph 1, **delete** “Kingstairs gardens” and **insert** “King’s Stairs gardens”

**Delete** paragraph 4 and **insert:**

“Council supports the progress that the cabinet and community have made to date in finding less environmentally damaging alternative sites by lobbying Thames Water and calls on Simon Hughes MP to use his influence over ministers in government to find such alternative sites.”

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**10 – LATE MOTION: POLICE NUMBERS IN SOUTHWARK** (see pages 109 - 110 of the main agenda)

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**AMENDMENT J**

**Moved:** Councillor Wilma Nelson

**Seconded:** Councillor Linda Manchester

**Delete** paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 and **insert:**

3. Council assembly notes, according to Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) figures, in August 2010 there are more than 14,250 civilian staff working for the Met, including 991.2 (FTE) in the information directorate, 1,718.1 in human resources and 643.98 in resources. In addition there are more than 750 police officers assigned to back-office tasks.
4. Council assembly also notes the campaign for 1,000 police officers in Southwark began in 2002 has been consistently supported by Simon Hughes and the borough's other MPs, councillors of all parties (including supporting the recent all party letter to Home Secretary, Teresa May) and that eight years later Southwark has a police complement of 945 officers – despite Labour being in government for all this time.
5. Council assembly understands while budget cuts are regrettable, recognises they are inevitable given the state of the public finances after 13 years of Labour government financial incompetence, which means the UK has the largest peacetime budget deficit, a national debt higher than Greece and Spain (and in the EU only lower than Ireland) – equivalent to £22,400 for every person in the country with interest payments running at a total of £42.9 billion per year, more than the country spends on its own defence.
6. Council assembly recognises that day-to-day responsibility for operational budgets of the Metropolitan Police lies with Mayor Boris Johnson and the MPA and believes he should prioritise cutting back the Met's back office bureaucracy while focussing available resources on front line policing, including fulfilling all parties' longstanding commitment to provide a 1,000 police officers for Southwark.