

ITEM 12 - MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS (see appendix 1 in the main agenda)

Comments of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services

1. The pilot of the free healthy school meals for all primary aged pupils is being launched in January 2011 and will run in 10 schools until July 2011, with implementation in all primary schools - initially in specific year groups - from September 2011.
2. Whilst for some families the provision of breakfast at school may be helpful, for other households breakfast is an important family meal at home. We will look into the practicality and relative costs of any option to extend the school day to provide breakfasts. The feasibility of introducing an option of free healthy breakfasts instead of lunches will be looked into as part of the evaluation of the free healthy school meals pilot.

THAMES WATER SEWAGE TUNNEL (see appendix 3 in the main agenda)

Comments of the Deputy Chief Executive

1. The consultation response on the Thames Tunnel route and site proposals will be reported to cabinet on 14 December. The consultation period closes on 20 December.
2. Southwark was consulted informally in 2009 on Thames Water's shortlisted construction sites. In response, the council eliminated several sites including the open space in front of Tate Modern and Potters Field Park and coach park as being unsuitable. Of the remaining sites, King's Stairs Gardens was the least preferred. In justifying its response, the council considered that the King's Stairs Gardens proposals would be contrary to several planning policy designations in the Southwark Plan and London Plan, including metropolitan open land, the Thames Policy Area and archaeological priority zones. King's Stairs Gardens is also a proposed site of importance for nature conservation (SINC) in the draft core strategy.
3. The current consultation on the proposed tunnel is the first round of public consultation. At this stage it is appropriate to comment on the proposed routes and sites. A second round of consultation will be held in mid 2011. At that stage, Thames Water intend to confirm their proposed route and sites and will be seeking comments on design and mitigation measures. Thames Water anticipate submitting planning applications in 2012 and have been instructed by the government to submit applications to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC). The IPC or its successor would be responsible for determining the applications.
4. Southwark's Planning Policy team are leading on the preparation of the response in consultation with departments from across the council, including Parks and Open Spaces, Public Realm, Environmental Protection, Design and Conservation and Housing Management. Officers are also investigating the possibility of designating a new conservation area around King's Stairs

Gardens and/or placing tree protection orders (TPOs) on trees in King's Stairs Gardens.

5. In considering sites, the council should bear in mind the costs implications of using alternative sites. However, its response should focus on material planning considerations, such as the impact of the scheme on townscape, transport, open space and play provision, biodiversity, noise, odour, air quality and other amenities.