



Council Assembly (Ordinary Meeting)

MINUTES of the Council Assembly (Ordinary Meeting) held on Wednesday 20 October 2010 at 7.00 pm at Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor for 2010/11, Councillor Tayo Situ (Chair)

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| Councillor Kevin Ahern | Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE |
| Councillor Anood Al-Samerai | Councillor Richard Livingstone |
| Councillor James Barber | Councillor Linda Manchester |
| Councillor Columba Blango | Councillor Eliza Mann |
| Councillor Catherine Bowman | Councillor Catherine McDonald |
| Councillor Michael Bukola | Councillor Tim McNally |
| Councillor Denise Capstick | Councillor Darren Merrill |
| Councillor Sunil Chopra | Councillor Victoria Mills |
| Councillor Poddy Clark | Councillor Jonathan Mitchell |
| Councillor Fiona Colley | Councillor Michael Mitchell |
| Councillor Neil Coyle | Councillor Abdul Mohamed |
| Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton | Councillor Adele Morris |
| Councillor Patrick Diamond | Councillor Helen Morrissey |
| Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle | Councillor Graham Neale |
| Councillor Nick Dolezal | Councillor Wilma Nelson |
| Councillor Toby Eckersley | Councillor David Noakes |
| Councillor Gavin Edwards | Councillor Paul Noblet |
| Councillor John Friary | Councillor the Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole |
| Councillor Dan Garfield | Councillor Lisa Rajan |
| Councillor Mark Gettleon | Councillor Lewis Robinson |
| Councillor Norma Gibbes | Councillor Martin Seaton |
| Councillor Mark Glover | Councillor Rosie Shimell |
| Councillor Stephen Govier | Councillor Andy Simmons |
| Councillor Renata Hamvas | Councillor Michael Situ |
| Councillor Barrie Hargrove | Councillor Althea Smith |
| Councillor Helen Hayes | Councillor Cleo Soanes |
| Councillor Claire Hickson | Councillor Nick Stanton |
| Councillor Jeff Hook | Councillor Geoffrey Thornton |
| Councillor David Hubber | Councillor Veronica Ward |
| Councillor Peter John | Councillor Ian Wingfield |
| Councillor Paul Kyriacou | |

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Mayor invited everyone to a conference that he was hosting in celebration of Black History Month on 30 October. All proceeds from the conference will go to the Mayor's charity appeal in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Mayor announced that former Mayor of Southwark, Hilary Wines, had passed away on 12 August. He explained that Hilary was first elected to Cathedral ward in 1986. She was re-elected a further three times and was Mayor for the 2001/02 municipal year, after which she left the council.

Thereafter Councillors Ian Wingfield, Nick Stanton and Toby Eckersley paid tribute.

The Mayor also announced the death of Her Majesty's Coroner John Sampson, who died peacefully on Friday 16 July following an illness. John was appointed Coroner in 2005 for the London Inner South district, which comprises Southwark and its neighbouring boroughs.

The meeting then stood for a minute's silence.

1.2 NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE MAYOR DEEMS URGENT

The Mayor announced that there was one urgent item of business:

- Report from the Southwark Democracy Commission.

The Mayor announced that the following items had been circulated:

- Late deputation request from Southwark Trades Council, set out in supplemental agenda 3
- Late Motion and Amendment on the Comprehensive Spending Review, circulated at the meeting
- Late deputation request - King's Stairs Gardens, circulated at the meeting.

At this juncture Councillor Nick Dolezal, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved that under council assembly procedure rule 1.11 (m), the following rules be suspended in order that the late motion on Police Numbers in Southwark could be considered:

- CAPR 2.9 (3) - Notice for motions to be delivered.

The procedure motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Councillor Nick Dolezal, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved that under council assembly procedure rule 1.11 (m), the following rules be suspended in order that the late deputation request from Southwark Trades Council could be considered:

- CAPR 2.6 (4) – scope of deputations – referral to the relevant decision

- making body
- CAPR 2.6 (7) – Deadline for receipt of deputations
- CAPR 1.5 (b) – Variation in the order of business to enable the deputation to be considered after public question time.

The procedure motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Councillor Nick Dolezal, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved that under council assembly procedure rule 1.11 (m), the following rules be suspended in order that the late deputation request - King's Stairs Gardens could be considered:

- CAPR 2.6 (7) – Deadline for receipt of deputations
- CAPR 2.6 (4) – scope of deputations – referral to the relevant decision making body
- CAPR 1.5 (b) – Variation in the order of business in order to allow motion 9.3 to be considered after the late deputation on King's Stairs Garden.

The procedure motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Councillor Nick Dolezal, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved that under council assembly procedure rule 1.11 (m), the following rules be suspended in order that the late motion on the Comprehensive Spending Review could be considered:

- CAPR 1.5 (b) – Variation in the order of business in order to allow the motion to be considered after the late deputation on Southwark Trades Council.
- CAPR 2.9 (3 & 4) – Deadline for receipt of motions and amendments.

The procedure motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2. MINUTES

Report: See supplemental agenda 1, pages 1-46

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2010 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

3. PETITIONS

There were none.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Report: See pages 1-2 of the main agenda and pages 1-2 of the lilac circulated at the meeting

One member of the public submitted a written question, the answer to which was circulated on lilac paper at the meeting. The public questioner asked a supplemental question of the deputy leader and cabinet member for housing management. The questions and answers are attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes.

5. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

Report: See pages 2-8 of the main agenda and page 1-19 of the yellow pages circulated at the meeting

There was one urgent question to the leader, the answer to which was circulated on blue paper at the meeting. The leader answered a supplementary question, the answer is attached as Appendix 2 to the minutes.

There were 45 members' questions, the written responses to which were circulated on yellow paper. The order of business having been varied earlier in the meeting meant that the guillotine fell shortly after the commencement of members' question time therefore there were five questions dealt with, the answers to which are attached as Appendix 3 to the minutes.

6. REPORT(S) FOR DECISION FROM THE CABINET

6.1 REPORT OF STAGE 1 OF THE DEMOCRACY COMMISSION

Report: See supplemental agenda 2, pages 1-54

The report had not been circulated five clear working days in advance of the meeting. The report was accepted by the Mayor as urgent business because the cabinet was due to consider a report on the councils' future accommodation strategy in November and this item would need to be informed by decisions made by the Democracy Commission that have a bearing on future accommodation requirements. The report was late as the commission had only meet on 8 October 2010 and it was not possible to circulate this report on the main agenda.

Following an earlier variation in the order of business, this report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.10(3) & (4) the report was afford up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

The Mayor informed councillors that the cabinet had considered the same report on the previous evening, 19 October 2010, and had endorsed the recommendations of the Democracy Commission.

The chair of Southwark Democracy Commission, Councillor Abdul Mohamed, presented the report.

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai, seconded by Councillor Columba Blango, moved

Amendment A.

Following debate (Councillor Peter John), the Mayor announced that the 15 minutes allocated to the consideration of the report had elapsed.

Amendment A was put to the vote and was declared to be lost.

Councillors Paul Noblet and Jeff Hook, formally moved and seconded Amendment B. Amendment B was put to the vote and was declared to be lost.

Councillors Columba Blango and Anood Al-Samerai, formally moved and seconded Amendment C. Amendment C was put to the vote and was declared to be lost.

Councillors Catherine Bowman and David Noakes formally moved and seconded Amendment D. Amendment D was put to the vote and was declared to be lost.

Councillors Lisa Rajan and Catherine Bowman formally moved and seconded Amendment E. Amendment E was put to the vote and was declared to be lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report of the Democracy Commission be noted.
2. That the cabinet recommendation of 19 October 2010 be noted.
3. That the recommendations of the Democracy Commission be agreed (see Appendix 4 of the report).
4. That the cabinet be tasked with producing an implementation plan that fully considers the resource implications of the commission's recommendations.

7. REPORT(S) FOR INFORMATION FROM THE CABINET

7.1 REPORT BACK ON MOTIONS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Report: See main agenda, pages 9-14

Following a variation in the order of business earlier in the meeting, this report was considered after the guillotine had fallen.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

8. OTHER REPORTS

8.1 ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE 3 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 27 OF THE POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009 - LICENSING OF SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

Report: See main agenda, pages 15-23

Following a variation in the order of business earlier in the meeting, this report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.10(3) & (4) the report was afford up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

The chair of the licensing committee, Councillor Lorraine Lauder, presented the report.

The recommendations were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation of the licensing committee be agreed and Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, be adopted so as to provide a local licensing regime for the licensing of sexual entertainment venues, with the first appointed date being 1 April 2011.

8.2 GAMBLING ACT 2005 - THREE YEAR REVISION OF SOUTHWARK STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY

Report: See main agenda, pages 24-93

Following a variation in the order of business earlier in the meeting, this report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.10 (3) & (4) the report was afford up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

The chair of the licensing committee, Councillor Lorraine Lauder, presented the report.

Following debate (Councillors John Friary, Graham Neale, Barrie Hargrove and Adele Morris), the recommendations were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation of the licensing committee be agreed and the revised Southwark statement of gambling licensing policy for 2010 – 2013 be adopted with effect from 1 December 2010.

8.3 MEMBER AND OFFICER PROTOCOL UPDATE

Report: See main agenda, pages 94-96

Following a variation in the order of business earlier in the meeting, this report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.10 (3) & (4) the report was afford up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

The recommendations were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed revisions to clauses 45 to 47 of the member and officer protocol set out in paragraph 5 of the report be agreed.

8.4 CHANGES TO SCHEME OF DELEGATION - PLANNING COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS - PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Report: See main agenda, pages 97-103

Following a variation in the order of business earlier in the meeting, this report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.10 (3) & (4) the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

The recommendations were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That the cabinet resolution of 15 June 2010 to ask council assembly to amend Part 3F: Planning Committee and Part 3H: Community Councils of the Southwark Constitution to make constitutional amendments on the reporting of enforcement matters be noted.
2. That the consideration and implementation of recommendations 10 and 11 of the scrutiny sub-committee's planning enforcement review report as requested by the cabinet's resolution made on 15 June 2010 (see paragraphs 5 and 7 of the report), be noted.
3. That the constitutional changes recommended by the constitutional steering panel to Part 3F: Planning Committee and Part 3H: Community Councils, as set out in paragraphs 13 and 18 of the report, be adopted.

9. MOTIONS

9.1 MOTION 1: FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS

Report: See main agenda, page 105

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors Lewis Robinson and Michael Mitchell, formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Rosie Shimell and David Hubber, formally moved and seconded Amendment F. Amendment F was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Councillors Catherine McDonald and Nick Dolezal, formally moved and seconded Amendment G. Amendment G was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That council assembly notes:

1. The current administration's manifesto commitment to provide a "free healthy school meal" for every primary school child studying in the borough.
2. That officers are currently working on proposals and costs to implement this commitment.

That council assembly believes:

3. There is a considerable body of evidence, both academic and within the education profession in our borough, supporting the introduction of "breakfast clubs", especially in primary schools. This has mainly been driven by concerns that a substantial proportion of pupils are not eating breakfast and arriving at school hungry, impacting on learning and behaviour during the school day. Breakfast clubs have a wider impact in assisting pupils to arrive at school on time and provide a safe and calm environment before the school day.
4. Evaluations have taken place in inner city boroughs similar to Southwark (Camden, Haringey and Lambeth in particular) where schools participating believed that benefits derived were: children no longer hungry at the start of the school day; more focused on their work; improved punctuality and less unauthorised absences. It was also concluded that the introduction of a "breakfast club" in schools in deprived neighbourhoods was associated with an improvement in pupils' Key Stage 2 average point score.

That council assembly therefore requests the cabinet:

5. Many of our schools in Southwark have different needs and circumstances. It is often the headteachers, the education professionals at each school, who best understand the needs of their schools pupils rather than politicians.
6. 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.
7. Council assembly welcomes cross-party support for the principle of universal free school meals.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

9.2 MOTION 2: LABOUR'S BROKEN ELECTION PLEDGE

Report: See main agenda, pages 105-107

The clerk advised that motion 9.2 had been revised as paragraph 4(2) of the original motion had fallen. This was because it was very similar to the motion and amendment

considered by council assembly at the July 2010 meeting. Council assembly procedure rule 1.9 states that motions to rescind a previous decision or similar to a motion previously rejected in the previous six months require a notice signed by at least 16 members. In accordance with rule 1.9(3) the notice must be received four clear working days in advance of the meeting. The notice was not received by the deadline, therefore that section of the motion fell. The remaining parts of the motion could be debated.

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors Anood Al-Samerai and Paul Noblet, formally moved and seconded the revised motion.

Councillors Cleo Soanes and Gavin Edwards, formally moved and seconded Amendment H. Amendment H was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That the title of the motion be deleted and the following title inserted:

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

2. That 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.

3. That 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.
4. That 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.
 5. That 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.
 6. That council assembly calls on the cabinet to continue to meet its election obligations, despite the Tory/Liberal Democrat cuts.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

9.3 MOTION 3: THAMES WATER SEWAGE TUNNEL

Report: See main agenda, page 107

Following a variation in the order of business, the motion was considered prior to the guillotine having fallen. The meeting had heard a deputation from King's Stairs Gardens (see item 14).

In respect of a point of order from Councillor Peter John, the strategic director of communities, law and governance provided legal advice to members of the planning committee on predetermination if a similar issue should later appear at the planning committee. Thereafter several members left the chamber for the duration of the debate and vote on the motion.

Councillor Wilma Nelson, seconded by Councillor Eliza Mann, moved the motion.

Councillor Catherine Bowman made a point of order, stating that the Liberal Democrat group would be in agreement to Amendment I with the following alteration:

In the first line after "to date" insert "and will continue to make"

The mover and seconder of Amendment I, Councillors Barrie Hargrove and Fiona Colley, were supportive of the suggested change to Amendment I. The meeting consented to the revision to Amendment I. Thereafter revised Amendment I was moved and seconded.

Following debate (Councillors Anood Al-Samerai and Andy Simmons), legal advice was given on the use of council assembly procedure rule 1.13 (5) (right to require individual vote to be recorded).

Revised Amendment I was put to the vote and was declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and was declared to be carried.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.13 (5) the following members requested that their vote in favour of the revised amendment and substantive motion be recorded in the minutes: Councillors Kevin Ahern, Anood Al-Samerai, James Barber, Catherine Bowman, Michael Bukola, Denise Capstick, Poddy Clark, Fiona Colley, Patrick Diamond, Dora Dixon-Fyle, Toby Eckersley, Gavin Edwards, John Friary, Mark Gettleson, Stephen Govier, Renata Hamvas, Barrie Hargrove, Helen Hayes, David Hubber, Peter John, Lorraine Lauder, Richard Livingstone, Linda Manchester, Eliza Mann, Catherine McDonald, Tim McNally, Darren Merrill, Victoria Mills, Jonathan Mitchell, Michael Mitchell, Abdul Mohamed, Adele Morris, Helen Morrissey, Graham Neale, Wilma Nelson, David Noakes, Paul Noblet, the Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole, Lisa Rajan, Lewis Robinson, Martin Seaton, Rosie Shimell, Tayo Situ, Andy Simmons, Cleo Soanes, Geoffrey Thornton, Veronica Ward and Ian Wingfield.

RESOLVED:

1. That council assembly notes the proposal by Thames Water to close King's Stairs gardens for seven years and the Alfred Salter playground, Druid Street, for two years for the construction of the new Thames Tunnel.
2. That council assembly further notes that if the Thames Water proposals go ahead both sites will be used to construct massive permanent sewage ventilation towers with significant loss of local green space and residential amenity.
3. That council assembly supports the Thames Tunnel scheme, but believes these two sites – which provide welcome recreational and green spaces in some of the most densely populated parts of the capital – are entirely inappropriate for the task of constructing a major infrastructure project.
4. That council assembly supports the progress that the cabinet and community have made to date and will continue to make 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.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

10. LATE MOTION: POLICE NUMBERS IN SOUTHWARK

Report: See main agenda, pages 109-110

The guillotine having fallen, Councillors John Friary and Claire Hickson, formally moved and seconded the motion.

Councillors Wilma Nelson and Linda Manchester, formally moved and seconded Amendment J. Amendment J was put to the vote and was declared to be lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That 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. That council assembly notes that the Metropolitan Police will not be protected from the government's spending cuts.
3. That 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. That 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. That council assembly believes that cuts in police officer numbers in Southwark will put local resident's safety at risk.
6. That 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.

11. AMENDMENTS

The amendments are set out in supplemental agenda 3, pages 1-7.

12. LATE DEPUTATION REQUEST - SOUTHWARK TRADES COUNCIL

Report: See supplemental agenda 3, pages 8-9

Following a variation in the order of business, the deputation was considered prior to the guillotine having fallen.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be received.

Councillors Paul Noblet and Tim McNally asked questions of the deputation.

The meeting then debated the late motion on the comprehensive spending review (see item 13).

13. LATE MOTION AND AMENDMENT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE SPENDING REVIEW

Report: See white paper circulated at the meeting, pages 1-3

Following a variation in the order of business, the late motion was considered after the late deputation from Southwark Trades Council, and prior to the guillotine having fallen.

Councillor Mark Glover, seconded by Councillor Helen Morrissey, moved the late motion.

Councillor Paul Noblet, seconded by Councillor Anood Al-Samerai, moved the late

amendment.

Following debate (Councillors Peter John, Tim McNally, Richard Livingstone, Catherine Bowman, Gavin Edwards, Lewis Robinson, Mark Gettleson, Nick Dolezal, Geoffrey Thornton, John Friary, Michael Bukola, Patrick Diamond, David Noakes, Catherine Bowman, Rosie Shimell, Neil Coyle, Nick Stanton, Andy Simmons, Graham Neale and Ian Wingfield), a procedural motion was moved by Councillor Lisa Rajan and seconded that the question be put. The procedure motion was put to the vote and was declared to be carried.

Councillor Mark Glover exercised his right of reply. Thereafter the late amendment was put to the vote and was declared to be lost.

Following debate (Councillors Toby Eckersely and Paul Noblet), Councillor Nick Dolezal, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved to the vote. The procedure motion was put to the vote and was declared to be carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That council assembly notes the publication of the coalition government's comprehensive spending review (CSR) today and the bigger than expected 28% cuts which will be made to the council's budget as a result.
2. That council assembly notes other announced changes with concern, including cuts of 60% to capital budgets for new housing and for rents for new council tenants to be increased to 80% of market value. This would mean an average rent of £1,358 a month for a two-bedroom flat in SE1, not only will this be pricing young families out of the borough, but also creating an impediment to the housing moves needed for Southwark's regeneration projects.
3. That council assembly does not believe that the cuts brought forward within the CSR needed to be so deep or so quick. An alternative approach could have been adopted.
4. That council assembly welcomes the commitment of the Southwark cabinet to making the budget process open and transparent and the budget principles which have been agreed.
5. That council assembly calls on the cabinet to continue to make the case against the cuts with the government and coalition MPs, but to prepare a budget within the financial constraints imposed by the government in the interests of the residents of Southwark.

Note: This motion will be referred as a recommendation to the cabinet for consideration.

14. LATE DEPUTATION REQUEST - KING'S STAIRS GARDENS

Report See white paper circulated at the meeting, pages 1-2

Following a variation in the order of business, the deputation was considered prior to the guillotine having fallen.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be received.

Councillors Peter John, Columba Blango, Fiona Colley, Jeff Hook, Richard Livingstone and Barry Hargrove asked questions of the deputation.

The meeting then debated motion 9.3 – Thames Water sewage tunnel.

The meeting closed at 10.43pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: