

Item No. 8.	Classification: Open	Date: 24 January 2012	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Policy & Resources 2012/13 to 2014/15 – Provisional Local Government Settlement	
Ward(s) or group(s) affected:		All	
From:		Overview and Scrutiny Committee	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the cabinet review the report and ensure that the descriptions of budget changes in the appendices use simple and understandable language throughout.
2. That the cabinet consider and respond to the recommendations below prior to any decision being taken by council assembly.
3. That the report to cabinet includes detailed proposals on the setting up of the Community Restoration Fund, including criteria and process for assessment and award.
4. That the cabinet review the proposed £444,000 growth for additional costs during the five weeks of the Olympic games to assess whether this can be reduced and revisit the question of whether any of these costs can be recouped from government funding sources.
5. That the cabinet seek assurance that the NHS will be matching the council's additional funding towards reablement.
6. That the cabinet provide more detail on the Voluntary Sector Transition Fund in terms of awards to date, spend by individual organisations and evaluation processes.
7. That the cabinet clarify the formula by which changes in the fees at the South Dock Marina are to be increased.
8. That the cabinet explain the likely impact of the proposed change in the balance between reactive street repairs and planned maintenance with a view to achieving the most sustainable position for the funding available.
9. That the cabinet clarify the proposed reorganisation of the Southwark Anti Social Behaviour Unit and how the cut of £90,000 will be achieved.
10. That the cabinet set out clearly an implementation plan for the London Living Wage and in particular how it will affect contracts which are being re-procured in the coming years.
11. That the cabinet clarify how projects agreed within the cleaner greener safer revenue budget will be supported by officers and how this officer support will be funded.

12. That the cabinet clarify the reduction of £14,000 in funds used to provide emergency furniture for resettlement clients.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

13. At its meeting on 9 January 2012 the overview and scrutiny committee interviewed the following cabinet members in respect of the budget proposals contained in the report, Policy & Resources 2012/13 to 2014/15 – Provisional Local Government Settlement:

- Councillor Richard Livingstone, Finance, Resources & Community Safety
- Councillor Fiona Colley, Regeneration & Corporate Strategy
- Councillor Veronica Ward, Culture, Leisure, Sport & the Olympics
- Councillor Barrie Hargrove, Transport, Environment & Recycling
- Councillor Catherine McDonald, Children's Services
- Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle, Health & Adult Social care
- Councillor Ian Wingfield, Deputy Leader and Housing Management
- Councillor Abdul Mohamed, Equalities & Community Engagement

14. The recommendations of the committee are set out above.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held at	Contact
Report to Cabinet 13 December 2011	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Everton Roberts Constitutional Team 020 7525 7221

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Shelley Burke, Head of Overview & Scrutiny	
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Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	N/a	N/a
Finance Director	N/a	N/a
Chief Officers	N/a	N/a
Cabinet Member	N/a	N/a
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