

AMENDMENTS

3.3 MOTIONS ON THE THEME: MOTION 1 (see pages 5 – 6 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Tim McNally
Seconded: Councillor Michael Bukola

Delete paragraphs 5 and 6.

Insert new paragraph 5:

Council assembly supports the restoration of the link between earnings and pensions; the introduction of a guarantee that pensions will continue to rise by the higher of earnings, prices (CPI) or 2.5%; and the rise in personal allowances which has lifted many pensioners out of income tax altogether.

3.3 MOTIONS ON THE THEME: MOTION 2 – FAIRER PENSIONS FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN SOUTHWARK (see page 6 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Patrick Diamond

Seconded: Councillor Claire Hickson

After paragraph 1 **delete** all and **insert**:

2. Council assembly notes that the previous Labour government introduced the winter fuel allowance, cold weather payments, pension credit, free bus pass, free TV licences, free eye tests, free prescriptions and lifted 900,000 pensioners out of poverty.
3. Council assembly further notes that the previous Labour government did commit to restoring the link between pensions and earnings and Labour's 2007 Pensions Act made the restoration of the earnings link by the end of this parliament (i.e. 2015, at the latest) a statutory requirement.
4. Council assembly regrets Southwark Liberal Democrats' support for George Osborne's budget last week that raids £3 billion from pensioners over the next four years. It notes the freeze in the personal allowance for pensioners will see 4.4 million pensioners who pay income tax losing an average of £83 per year next April.
5. Council assembly also notes that while people in Southwark who turn 65 next year will lose up to £322 because of this budget, people earning £1 million or more are getting a tax cut of over £40,000 each year.
6. Council assembly notes the words of the leader of the Labour Party, Ed Milliband MP who said: [Nick Clegg] has "rolled over for a millionaire's budget. Only the Liberal Democrats could be dumb enough to think George Osborne's budget is a Robin Hood budget – Calamity Clegg strikes again".

4.2 MOTIONS - MOTION 1 – UNIVERSAL CREDIT (see page 16 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Paul Noblet
Seconded: Councillor Rosie Shimell

Insert new 4.3:

To support the Local Government Association (LGA) in pressing for universal credit to be administered by local authorities.

4.2 MOTIONS - MOTION 2 – POST OFFICES FOR SOUTHWARK (see page 17 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Richard Livingstone

Seconded: Councillor Helen Morrissey

After paragraph 1 **delete** all and **insert**:

2. Council assembly regrets the closure of post offices in Southwark in 2002 and 2008. It notes that Essex Council acted to save the post offices in Essex that were under threat in 2008. It further notes that Labour in Southwark campaigned for the Liberal Democrat/Tory council in Southwark to take similar action at the time, but that it chose not to.
3. Council assembly notes that 48% of the £1.34 billion of 'new money' announced by the government for investment in the post office to aid the privatisation of Royal Mail is existing subsidy and that the four year package of funding is £360m less than the last Labour government's funding package of £1.7bn in 2006.
4. Council assembly notes that under the government's network transformation plans thousands of post offices will be closed and replaced with counters in shops, off licences and petrol stations – known as 'Post Office Locals'. Locals will not provide:
 - international parcels and parcels weighing over 5kg and 6kg respectively
 - Parcel Force Express Services parcels
 - manual cash deposits and withdrawals
 - change giving service to small businesses
 - post office financial services and insurance products
 - manual bill payment services
 - passport, car tax and DVLA services
 - on-demand foreign currency
 - payment by cheque.
5. Council assembly notes the widespread concern about the effects of network transformation has led to 75 MPs, including five Liberal Democrats, to call for a moratorium on the plans, and the BIS select committee will be holding an inquiry in May.
6. Council assembly notes the comments of the cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety in 5 January's Southwark News, welcoming the Southwark Liberal Democrats' "Damascene conversion" and committing the council to working "with the post office to look into whether it is possible to combine post office services with other facilities".
7. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to follow through with this commitment and report back on progress in not more than six months
8. Council assembly notes the previous Liberal Democrat and Tory administration's decision to relocate Bermondsey One Stop Shop and welcomes the decision to locate alternative facilities at 11 Market Place in The Blue.

9. Council assembly condemns Southwark Liberal Democrats' proposal to delay the introduction of these facilities at The Blue which could potentially result in a period where those services would be unavailable in the north-east of the borough.

6.2 PAY POLICY STATEMENT (see pages 76 - 86 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Geoffrey Thornton

Seconded: Councillor Tim McNally

Insert new recommendation 3:

Performance related pay schemes apply to Southwark's lowest paid staff instead of the highest paid staff.

Note: If Amendment E is agreed, it would be referred to the cabinet for consideration.

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Catherine Bowman

Seconded: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Insert new recommendation 4:

No senior Southwark officer should be paid higher than the Prime Minister (combined ministerial and parliamentary salary of £142,500).

Note: If Amendment F is agreed, it would be referred to the cabinet for consideration.