

AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.3 – ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES 2012/13 (see pages 5 - 48 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Seconded: Councillor Paul Noblet

Championing Community Councils

In recommendation 5 (see page 7 of the main agenda): community councils:

Delete all and insert:

Southwark Council believes that the people best placed to take decisions that affect a community are those people who live there.

We recognise that savings need to be made but would retain the existing eight community council areas while still reducing the total budget by £344,000. The total remaining budget will be divided between all eight community council areas and individual community councils will be required to find the required savings.

The eight community council's will continue to take planning decisions relating to that community area, and decisions relating to the delivery of further discretionary council services will also be devolved along with corresponding budgets.

In paragraph 39 - 41 (see page 15 of the main agenda): Community Councils:

Delete all and insert:

There will be eight community council areas covering the Borough of Southwark.

Add paragraph 40:

The total budget for the running of community councils will be divided between the eight community council areas and any decisions on spending priorities or savings will be identified locally.

Add paragraph 41:

The eight community councils will take all decisions relating to the delivery of discretionary council services within their community council area.

Add paragraph 41.1:

The eight community councils will take local planning decisions within their community council area.

Note:

1. As the proposals in Amendment A relate to the budget and policy framework, if carried it would have to be referred back to the cabinet to consider and make recommendations to council assembly. There would be potential financial implications associated with this amendment.
2. On the issue of “discretionary services”, a significant number of these functions would be executive responsibilities and under the strong leader arrangements it would be for the leader to make these delegations. If agreed, this amendment would require further work to clarify an appropriate scheme of delegation, including discretionary services.

ITEM 3.4 – CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW 2012/13 (see pages 55 - 155 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Nick Dolezal

Seconded: Councillor Dan Garfield

On Appendix 2, page 83, reinstate deleted clause 2 and **insert:**

2. To consider the expenditure of funds over £100,000 of strategic importance secured through legal agreements under section 106 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990, or any previous legislation.

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor James Barber

Seconded: Councillor David Hubber

Protecting planning powers

Add at the end of the recommendation 3 at the start of the report:

That to retain members' control over the planning call-in process council assembly additionally adopts item 15 of the Liberal Democrat Group Constitutional Changes that has also been considered by the constitutional steering panel and as set out in Appendix 10, page 151 so that a call-in does not require consultation with any officer.

Delete paragraph 49.

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Tim McNally

Seconded: Councillor Poddy Clark

Holding the leadership to account

Add new recommendation 14 under council assembly procedure rules on page 56 of the report and renumber subsequent paragraphs appropriately:

In the interests of democratic accountability, it is agreed that, as described in item 20 of the Liberal Democrat Group Constitutional Changes, the 30 minutes allocated for members questions should not be affected by the guillotine and members question time shall still be considered if not completed by the time that the guillotine has fallen.