

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: July 8 2009	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Motions	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (9), the member moving the motion may make a speech directed to the matter under discussion. (This may not exceed five minutes without the consent of the Mayor).

The seconder will then be asked by the Mayor to second the motion. (This may not exceed three minutes without the consent of the Mayor).

The meeting will then open up to debate on the issue and any amendments on the motion will be dealt with.

At the end of the debate the mover of the motion may exercise a right of reply. If an amendment is carried, the mover of the amendment shall hold the right of reply to any subsequent amendments and, if no further amendments are carried, at the conclusion of the debate on the substantive motion.

The Mayor will then ask members to vote on the motion (and any amendments).

IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution allocates responsibility for particular functions to council assembly, including approving the budget and policy framework, and allocates to the executive responsibility for developing and implementing the budget and policy framework and overseeing the running of council services on a day-to-day basis. Therefore any matters that are reserved to the executive (i.e. housing, social services, regeneration, environment, education etc) cannot be decided upon by council assembly without prior reference to the executive. While it would be in order for council assembly to discuss an issue, consideration of any of the following should be referred to the executive:

- To change or develop a new or existing policy
- To instruct officers to implement new procedures
- To allocate resources.

(Note: In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.9 (7) & (8) (prioritisation and rotation by the political groups) the order in which motions appear in the agenda may not necessarily be the order in which they are considered at the meeting).

1. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CHRIS PAGE (seconded by Councillor Peter John)

Please note that, in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.9 (6), council assembly shall consider this motion.

Regeneration of the Elephant & Castle

1. Council assembly notes that residents in Southwark have waited too long for the regeneration of the Elephant & Castle and that the executive's failure to move forward with this much needed regeneration is indefensible.
2. Council assembly believes that the regeneration of the Elephant & Castle has to put the needs of residents first, and ensure local residents who want to can move back to the area.
3. Council assembly calls on the executive to ensure that any development includes a high proportion of affordable homes and does not sacrifice the needs of residents simply because of the current property market.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the executive for consideration.

2. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR TOBY ECKERSLEY (seconded by Councillor James Barber)

Please note that, in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.9 (6), council assembly shall consider this motion.

Primary School Places in Dulwich

1. Council assembly notes:
 - i) That Village Ward councillors had identified the need for increased primary school provision in North Dulwich, previously recognised in the corporate plan.
 - ii) The recent complaints amongst parents in Dulwich about the perceived lack of places available for children, and about how their cases were handled by education service.
2. Council assembly requests:
 - i) The executive to request a report from education officers which clarifies the number of children in Dulwich who have not received a primary school place offer within one mile of their residence, maps their location, and considers whether pressure on primary school places will increase in the Dulwich area over the next five years.
 - ii) To identify best practice in communication with parents and providing advice at what is a difficult time for many parents who do not receive an offer for which they have indicated a preference.
 - iii) If continued pressure on primary school places in the Dulwich area, or parts of it, is predicted to present to the executive options that may be available to expand existing provision and costs associated with these options.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the executive for consideration.

3. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CAROLINE PIDGEON (seconded by Councillor Paul Kyriacou)

Please note that, in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.9 (6), council assembly shall consider this motion.

One hour bus ticket proposal

1. This council believes in affordable public transport and in the need to ensure that passengers who use "Pay As You Go" Oystercards have a fair deal.
2. Council notes that in other European capital cities bus passengers have the benefit of a time-limited bus ticket which enables them to use two or three buses within a set time without having to pay again.
3. Council notes that almost a million car journeys every day in London are less than one mile in length, and supports effective ways of encouraging modal shift to public transport.
4. Council views with concern at this time of economic recession that even short journeys in London may involve using two or three buses and can cost up to £3.00 if more than one bus is needed.
5. Council notes that the average bus journey length is 3.54 km (2.2 miles, 9 stops), and that Transport for London estimate that 16% of bus journeys on Oyster 'Pay As You Go' involve using a second bus within 60 minutes of the first.
6. Council commends the proposal for a One Hour Bus Ticket to be available on "Pay As You Go" Oystercard, enabling passengers to use more than one bus during a 60-minute period without paying more than £1.00.
7. Council calls on the leader of the council and the lead executive member for transport to write to the Mayor of London promoting the One Hour Bus Ticket proposal; and to ask the Mayor of London to request that Transport for London investigates the practicalities of implementing such a scheme.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the executive for consideration.

4. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR VERONICA WARD (seconded by Councillor Robert Smeath)

Please note that, in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.9 (6), council assembly shall consider this motion.

Primary school provision in Dulwich

1. Council assembly notes that a significant number of parents in Dulwich have not received an offer of a primary school place within a reasonable distance from their home.
2. Council assembly notes that the growth in the under-five population in Dulwich has long been recognised and the affect on demand for services should therefore have been anticipated. It notes that the 2007 corporate plan committed to 'scoping of primary school provision in North Dulwich' but that expanding primary school or nursery places has not been followed up in the most recent plan.
3. Council assembly believes that it is not reasonable to expect parents to have to walk 45 minutes or make two bus journeys to take their child to primary school. It believes that the

council's aspiration should be that children live within walking distance of their primary school because it promotes healthy lifestyles and is good for local communities.

4. Council assembly believes that the executive should have projected and planned accordingly for a growth in the primary school population in Dulwich but believes that the whole council should support the leader's approach to the government for help.
5. Council assembly calls on the executive to urgently look at how to find new primary school places for those children in Dulwich who have been offered a primary school for September an unsatisfactory distance from their home. It calls on the executive to consider all options and notes Rosendale primary school in Lambeth's provision of an extra reception class for the current academic year.
6. Council assembly calls on the executive to support any reasonable initiative taken by the parents to resolve the situation.
7. Council assembly calls on the executive to review how the shortage of primary school and nursery places can be avoided for the September 2010 intake and to report back to council assembly in no less than six months.
8. Council assembly calls on the executive to review the current provision of information for parents who are applying for primary school places for their children and identify current shortcomings.

Note: If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the executive for consideration.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers	Held at	Contact
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