

Item No. 3.3	Classification: Open	Date: 28 November 2012	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Motions on the Theme – Transport in Southwark	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the themed debate, council assembly may debate motions. Members' motions on the theme will use present principles to allow sufficient political balance and for political groups to hold cabinet to account.¹

Members are limited to moving one motion and seconding one motion in the themed section of the meeting.

All motions shall be relevant to the topic under discussion and shall be conducted under the existing rules for members' motions. Normal deadlines shall apply for the submission of members' motions.

The order in which motions are debated and timings shall be determined by the Mayor.²

1. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THORNTON** (Seconded by Councillor Lisa Rajan)

Supporting cycling in Southwark

1. Council assembly believes a lot more should be done to encourage cycling throughout Southwark, including making bicycles more accessible to residents, encouraging the take up of cycling and improving road safety for cyclists.
2. Council assembly therefore calls on cabinet to:
 - Work with Transport for London to extend the London cycle hire scheme throughout the borough
 - Reintroduce Southwark Council's 'Cycle to Work' scheme for council employees, which provided significantly greater financial incentives to employees buying a bicycle than the interest free loan scheme now in place, but was ended by the Labour administration in 2010
 - Reverse cuts to funding for cycle training, which is set to fall by 18% between 2011/12 and 2013/14
 - Install further Trixi mirrors throughout the borough to improve cycle safety and reduce road casualties

¹ Council assembly procedure rule 2.7 (3)

² Council assembly procedure rule 2.7 (9) and (10)

- Raise the target for cycle journeys in the borough by 2025 from 5% to 20%.

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

2. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN HAYES (Seconded by Councillor Mark Glover)

Road safety

1. Council assembly expresses condolences for the tragic deaths of Hichame Bouadimi, Ellie Carey and many other cyclists and pedestrians who have been killed in road accidents in recent years in Southwark.
2. Council assembly notes that the number of people killed on Britain's roads increased by 3% in 2011 to 1,901 – the first increase since 2003. It also notes that the number of pedestrians killed jumped by 12% to 453.
3. Council assembly regrets the then Conservative Transport Secretary, Phillip Hammond's pledge to "end the war on the motorist" in 2010 which has led to the removal of speed cameras, the abolition of national casualty-reduction targets, the proposal of 80mph speed limits and the reduction in the number of charges for death by dangerous driving.
4. Council assembly also regrets the decision by Transport for London (TfL) to change the phasing of London's traffic lights, ostensibly to improve traffic flow, which has made roads less safe for cyclists and pedestrians.
5. Council assembly welcomes measures introduced by the council to promote cycling and to improve road safety including:
 - Becoming the first London council to install Trixi mirrors at four junctions in Southwark, with eight more junctions earmarked
 - Carrying out spot checks on cyclists and drivers breaching traffic enforcement laws in order to crackdown on dangerous driving
 - A comprehensive road safety education, training and publicity programme – including for lorry drivers - and a safer routes to school programme (SRTS), which aims to encourage and enable children to walk or cycle to and from school through the introduction of targeted traffic calming and the creation of safer walking and cycling routes.
6. Council assembly believes that the biggest cause in road deaths is speeding and therefore calls on the cabinet:
 - For Southwark to become a 20mph borough
 - To call on the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) to ensure police enforce 20mph speed limits
 - To call on TfL to give greater flexibility and support for the use of average speed cameras.

And also for:

- More to be done to make TfL operated roads safer and calls for greater transparency for TfL's review of dangerous junctions in Southwark.

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3. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR TOBY ECKERSLEY (Seconded by Councillor Lewis Robinson)

Bus services in the south of the borough

Council assembly believes that improvements are needed to bus services in the south of the borough, and in particular requests the cabinet to report on:

1. Further work with Transport for London (TfL) to secure an extension of bus route 42 to Sainsbury's Dog Kennel Hill via North Dulwich station, including the feasibility of the council assisting financing through Community Infrastructure Levy, Section 106 monies and/or other means
2. Continuing complaints about the reliability and frequency of the 37 and 3 bus services
3. The feasibility of extending the 201 bus service eastwards from Herne Hill to provide better east/west services through Dulwich
4. Support and working with TfL on extending the 63 bus service onto Honor Oak Park station to provide connection with London Overground services.
5. The welcome removal of the notorious "bendy buses" from the 12 route and in light of the fact that the 12 service was one of the last routes to run the route masters to make representations to TfL for the introduction of the new route masters on this service.

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

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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