

AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME: MOTION 1 - GENUINELY AFFORDABLE COUNCIL HOUSING FOR SOUTHWARK (see pages 3 - 4 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Michael Bukola

Seconded: Councillor Nick Stanton

Delete all and insert:

1. Council regrets Labour spin rather than substance on housing in Southwark, including:
 - Labour’s claim to be building 1,000 new council homes when in fact only 13 have been provided since they took control of the council in 2010 whilst more than 400 have been sold or demolished.
 - Labour’s claim that the previous Liberal Democrat administration did not build any council homes when they know full well that building new council homes was only made possible because of rule changes brought in by the present coalition government.
 - Labour’s rewriting of history on decent homes funding, given that the previous Labour government failed to allocate adequate funding to deal with decades of neglect of council homes in Southwark, in contrast to the £77m allocated to date by the coalition government.
 - Labour’s dismal offering of only 8 social rent homes out of 235 Phase 1 properties at the Heygate regeneration, and only after sustained pressure from local campaigners and Liberal Democrats agreeing to reduce rents at some other properties to a level nearer to, but not meeting, social rents.
 - Labour’s refusal to acknowledge the awful housing record of the previous Labour government, which presided over the lowest level of house building since the Second World War, a fall in social housing stock of 420,000 homes, a rise of 741,000 households on housing waiting lists, imposed top-down housing targets from Whitehall and refused to allow councils to build their own homes.
2. Council therefore calls on cabinet to spend less time on political spin and more time sorting out the chaos in the housing department, negotiating better deals with developers and providing a far greater level of genuinely affordable housing in Southwark.

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Toby Eckersley

Seconded: Councillor Lewis Robinson

Delete all after bullet point 3 in sub-clause 1 i.e. deleting from "And rejecting the government's..."

Note: If Amendment A is carried Amendment B would fall.

ITEM 3.3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME: MOTION 2 - MAJOR WORKS AND HOUSING REPAIRS (see pages 4 - 5 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Gavin Edwards

Seconded: Councillor Neil Coyle

Delete all and insert:

1. Council assembly regrets the incident at Draper House and notes that the council is doing everything in its power to ensure people feel safe in their homes. It notes that:
 - An investigation was immediately begun into the cause of the incident and that the council has agreed to fully adopt any recommendations to ensure residents' safety.
 - Properties where similar work was carried out are undergoing inspection by the council's compliance team to ensure work has been done properly and to the required safety standards.
 - The council has also alerted the health and safety executive as safety is its top priority.

2. Council assembly notes that at Four Squares the project has been completely turned round. The uncertainty for residents caused by the previous Liberal Democrat administration's failed housing investment programme and failure to complete security works has now been replaced with certainty as the works start driving forward the £26 million investment on the estate. The cabinet member for housing and council officers have met regularly with residents throughout the process and the first of the packaged works is now being delivered on time, despite some unforeseen structural issues.

3. Council assembly welcomes the steps taken by the current administration to improve major works project management and performance it inherited from the Liberal Democrats, including:
 - Labour's £326 million warm dry safe programme which is realistic, fully-costed and sets out a clear timetable so residents know exactly when their works will take place.
 - A substantial programme of fire risk assessment works, refurbishment of hostels and a programme of improvement to tenants and residents association halls - with 2013/14 individual heating programme brought forward into 2012/13, meaning inefficient boilers are being replaced with more efficient models helping to deliver savings for resident and tackle fuel poverty.
 - The restructure and the setting up of project management teams to give improved focus to project management on site and a more open and transparent culture where problems can be quickly identified and resources committed accordingly.

- A comprehensive resident consultation process “Putting Residents First” which ensures the council is clear with residents from the outset about what we are delivering and how they can be involved.
4. Council assembly notes the good progress has been made in improving the repairs service but acknowledges that the service started from a low base thanks to the arrangements put in place by the previous Liberal Democrat administration. It notes that contracts have been terminated with Just Housing, Morrison and the council is a few months away from bringing the call centre in-house. It notes that overall contract management is improving. There is a greater focus on completing repairs quickly and to a high standard leading to reduced costs and a reduction in duplication. Repairs completed right first time is improving as is satisfaction with the repairs service. Complaint escalations are at an all time low as are the number of overdue orders.
 5. Council assembly notes that the telephone answering performance at the customer services centre (CSC) for repairs was poor in the last quarter of 2012. This is because the repairs contractor for the south of the borough changed which caused some disruption and resulted in an increase in demand for the telephone service that lasted longer than we predicted. It notes that the council provided further resources and call waiting times have reduced considerably in the first two weeks of 2013. It notes that a customer access strategy has been developed to improve the quality of customer services, ease of accessibility and reduce costs and that the new My Southwark, customer service point opened at The Blue in Bermondsey in mid December and represents the prototype for the future of face to face customer services in Southwark.
 6. Council assembly believes an immediate review of major works will be to the detriment of tenants with regards to their works and upgrades being completed on time and would result in severe costs to leaseholders.
 7. Council assembly therefore resolves on cabinet to:
 - Continue to deliver its £326 million housing investment programme which will make every council home in Southwark warm, dry and safe by 2016.
 - Continue to improve management of major works contracts and to develop its customer access strategy which will help to improve the quality of the council’s customer services.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 1 - SAVE SOUTHWARK EMERGENCY SERVICES (see pages 13 - 15 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor James Barber
Seconded: Councillor Geoffrey Thornton

Delete all and **insert:**

1. Council regrets the proposed cuts to emergency services in the borough.
2. Council notes that the leader of the Labour Party Ed Miliband MP said in October 2012: “Whoever was in government now there would still need to be some cuts”.
3. Council believes however that the safety of residents is paramount and no emergency services should be lost without an adequate replacement first being put in place.
4. Council also believes that the safety of Southwark residents is of concern across the political divide and recognises that councillors from all three parties in Southwark as well as Simon Hughes MP and other local MPs have campaigned to protect local emergency services from closure.
5. Therefore council calls on the cabinet to support the view of local ward councillors across the borough that savings must be made in other ways so that police front desks remain in Rotherhithe and East Dulwich, Southwark fire station is not closed, Peckham retains two fire engines and Lewisham A & E department remains open.

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Michael Mitchell
Seconded: Councillor Lewis Robinson

Delete all after "Londoners" in line 1 and **insert:**

“is of paramount importance and therefore calls on the cabinet to refrain from party political posturing and co-operate with the Metropolitan Police Service and Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime in the search for and provision of operational and ‘front counter’ premises in areas of the borough affected by proposals to close police stations.”

Note: If Amendment D is carried Amendment E would fall.

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Helen Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Andy Simmons

Insert at end:

5. Council assembly notes that since the substantive motion was drafted the Mayor has published his draft police and crime strategy for London, and that this document makes a number of recommendations which will have serious consequences for Southwark if they are implemented:
 - (a) The proposed closure of East Dulwich, Gipsy Hill and Sydenham police stations, which will leave a 'black hole' in counter service provision for the residents of College, Village and East Dulwich wards.
 - (b) The proposed closure of Rotherhithe police station, which will leave an isolated peninsula community without adequate access to dedicated police resources.
 - (c) The proposed dismantling of the neighbourhood policing model such that the current dedicated ward based teams of six staff members (one sergeant, three police constables and two police community support officers) will be reduced to one dedicated police constable plus a 'named sergeant'.
6. Council assembly notes the Mayor's election manifesto commitment not to close any police station facility without opening an 'equivalent or better' facility in the same area, and notes that the draft police and crime strategy breaks this pledge.
7. Council assembly deplores the lack of cross-borough co-ordination in planning police station closures which has resulted in the 'black hole' in counter service provision in the Dulwich and Crystal Palace areas, which are close to the boundary with four other London boroughs.
8. Council assembly further deplores the dismantling of the neighbourhood policing model which will see the majority of officers deployed to high crime areas, to the detriment of the very important and successful community liaison and crime prevention roles which have helped to keep crime low.
9. Council assembly records its grave concern at the impact of both police station closures and the dismantling of the neighbourhood policing model on vulnerable residents, victims of domestic violence and others for whom the local police station is a place of safety; and on the ability of the police to record crime statistics accurately. Further, council assembly is concerned at the impact of police station closures on the management of local police teams and the potential for valuable police time to be lost to wards in the south of the borough due to officer travel time from operational bases in the north of the borough.
10. Whilst council assembly acknowledges the need to make budget savings, it believes the 20% cut imposed by the Tory Liberal Democrat government goes too far and too fast. In addition whilst council assembly recognises the inappropriateness of some current police station buildings for on-going use, for

example the current East Dulwich police station building, it is extremely concerning that the draft police and crime plan contains no proposals for alternative provision, no definition of 'equal or better' against which future performance can be measured, and no creative thinking. Council assembly requests that the cabinet calls upon the Mayor to honour his manifesto commitment concerning police counter facilities, and to rethink the proposals for the south of the borough and for Rotherhithe, working creatively with the council and local communities, to ensure that the dangerous 'black hole' scenario is averted.

11. Council assembly recognises the council's commitment to working creatively with the Metropolitan Police in identifying alternative premises which have the potential to meet police security criteria in the south of the borough and in Rotherhithe.

Note: If either Amendment D or Amendment E is carried, Amendment F would fall.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 2 – DNA DATABASE (see pages 14 - 15 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor Martin Seaton
Seconded: Councillor Renata Hamvas

Delete paragraphs 5 and 6 and **insert:**

“Council assembly notes the announcement that DNA samples held for innocent people will be destroyed in 4 months time in May 2013 and supports the Metropolitan Police Service’s early deletion request scheme.”

Delete the first bullet point in paragraph 7.