

AMENDMENTS

2.1. POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2013/14 – 2015/16 REVENUE BUDGET (see pages 1 - 63 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Seconded: Councillor Graham Neale

Insert new paragraphs 1 – 5:

1. **Protecting the vulnerable**

Southwark Council recognises that the economic mess left by the last Labour government means there are difficult decisions to be made. This document sets out the alternative choices that the council should make to ensure it protects the most vulnerable people in our community and preserves effective delivery of basic council services.

2. **Targeted spending**

Spending on school meals should be targeted at those who really need it. Savings should be made by ending the free school lunches for children of wealthier parents or those who live outside of Southwark. Only the necessary amount of cash should be put into a contingency pot, and five posts should be cut from the cabinet and deputy cabinet. These savings would allow the council to get the basics right and protect the most vital services and vulnerable people in Southwark.

3. **Getting the basics right**

Funding should not be cut to street cleaning, the anti-social behaviour unit and noise teams. The council should protect funding for school crossing patrols; for day centres and lunch clubs; for housing services and for voluntary sector projects. Schemes to tackle worklessness and support local businesses should be invested in to help reignite our economy and get people back to work. The council should ensure local residents benefit from the legacy of the London Olympics by building on the successful Community Games to deliver outreach sports projects in our estates and community centres.

4. **Giving power back to communities**

The council should stop hoarding power and recognise the value that local people can play in taking decisions about their communities. The budget for community councils should be safeguarded with individual areas identifying savings and the council should protect funding for scrutiny to ensure that council blunders can be halted and reversed. Residents should have a real influence in council spending in their area through a 'Community Chest' of £50,000 per ward.

5. **A Liberal Democrat alternative**

The alternative choices laid out above would protect the basic services that make a real difference to local people; end the scandal of Southwark Council squandering its cash on unnecessary give-away policies; and devolve power into the hands of the local communities who know their area the best.

Renumber subsequent paragraphs.

In existing paragraph 3 (new 8) – **Add** at end “subject to the changes detailed in the following schedules being made to appendices of the cabinet report.”