

Item No. 5.2	Classification: Open	Date: 27 March 2013	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Motions	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The councillor introducing or “moving” the motion may make a speech directed to the matter under discussion. This may not exceed five minutes¹.

A second councillor 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 debate the issue and any amendments on the motion will be dealt with.

At the end of the debate the mover of the motion may make a concluding speech, known as 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 councillors 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 cabinet 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 cabinet (i.e. housing, social services, regeneration, environment, education etc) cannot be decided upon by council assembly without prior reference to the cabinet. While it would be in order for council assembly to discuss an issue, consideration of any of the following should be referred to the cabinet:

- 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 2.10 (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 Council assembly procedure rule 1.14 (9)

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

Localising planning decisions

Council assembly requires cabinet and planning committee to ensure that a proposal is brought to council assembly no later than its constitutional meeting in May 2013 providing for the localisation of venues for the determination of planning applications by the two planning sub-committees.

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

2. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE** (Seconded by Councillor Paul Kyriacou)

Offender hostel on Old Kent Road

1. Council notes proposals to relocate a hostel for offenders from the Aylesbury Estate to a new site on the corner of Old Kent Road and Rotherhithe New Road.
2. Council recognises the need for probation hostels and fully supports the rehabilitation of offenders and the work of parole officers in integrating offenders back into the community.
3. Council is concerned however that the proposals to locate the hostel at this site have been rushed through because of a lack of forward planning, and with no real public consultation. Council also notes the high level of opposition for the hostel from local residents living near to the site.
4. Council believes this site is a prime location which should be looked at as part of a wider vision for the Old Kent Road supporting local housing and jobs.
5. Council therefore calls on cabinet to:
 - Recognise the strength of feeling about the proposals for an offender hostel to be located at this site;
 - Consult with residents about an ambitious long-term vision for the Old Kent Road incorporating new homes, commercial premises and job opportunities for local residents.

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

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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