

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

1. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PETER JOHN** (Seconded by Councillor Anood Al-Samerai)

Council Assembly:

- Expresses great sadness at the devastating fire this week at Walworth Town Hall and the damage it has caused to the Cuming museum and adjoining buildings
- Thanks the emergency services, council staff and local residents and businesses for their dedicated efforts to protect lives and heritage.
- Supports the work of officers in finding alternative temporary premises for the One Stop Shop and library study space.
- Recognises the need for community conversations to now take place to allow residents to share their thoughts about the buildings and the future, including preserving the external facade in any rebuilding work.
- Notes that the first fire engine on the scene came from Southwark Fire Station, which is currently on the Mayor of London's list for closure, and that other fire engines assisting were from stations also under threat of closure.
- Calls on the Mayor of London to have regard to this event before finalising the planned fire station closures in light of the events of this week, given how much worse the situation could have been without the quick response from our local fire stations.

REASON FOR URGENCY AND LATENESS

there was a major fire at the Walworth Town Hall building this week, which has caused substantial damage to the Cuming Museum and adjoining buildings. The incident occurred after the deadline for receipt of members motions.

Notes:

1. Council assembly will need to move a procedural motion to suspend council assembly procedure rule 2.10(3) Deadline for receipt of motions, to allow the late motion to be considered.
2. If the motion is agreed, any proposals will be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.