

Item No. 5.2	Classification: Open	Date: 10 July 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 MICHAEL BUKOLA** (Seconded by Councillor The Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole)

Drummer Lee Rigby and Faith Communities in Southwark

Council:

- Registers its abhorrence at the appalling and savage murder of Drummer Lee Rigby on the streets of south-east London on 22 May 2013, and extends sympathy to his family.
- Welcomes the critical response to the murder by UK Islamic organisations including the Southwark Muslim Forum, and the cohesion shown by Londoners in condemning the attack, and rejects the divisive agenda of far-right groups who seek to use the murder for their own political ends.
- Recognises the concern from the Islamic community in Southwark about the reported rise in Islamophobic incidents since the murder, including a number of attacks on mosques across the country.
- Notes the excellent work within the Old Kent Road Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre in bringing together Muslims of all races, and acting as a meeting place for visiting Nigerian Muslims to London.
- Looks forward to the continued involvement of the mosque within Southwark's Multi-Faith Forum.
- Reasserts its support for the charity Help for Heroes and the work it does to support wounded service men and women and their families.

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

2. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN** (Seconded by Councillor David Hubber)

Surrey Docks Brown Brick

Council:

1. Notes the distinctive brown brick paving in parts of Surrey Docks and Rotherhithe wards and its contribution to the character of the area. Also notes that this style of paving was introduced during the development of the area by the LDDC in the 1980s, is used extensively in the area and is much valued by local residents.
2. Recognises that many of the roads and pavements in the areas around Greenland Dock, South Dock, Canada Water, Surrey Water, Russia Dock Woodland and the Albion Channel have been adversely affected by subsidence issues due to their construction on land reclaimed from historic docks and waterways in the area, and that this has manifested itself in paving that is often severely disrupted by tree roots and subterranean ironworks.

3. Also recognises that the LDDC's over-zealous tree planting strategy in the 1980s, in which they assumed a much lower survival rate than turned out to be the case, has led to a higher than expected number of London Planes at higher than usual densities in the area, and that the height and root growth network of these trees compounds the paving disruption problems.
4. Acknowledges that the council's approach to paving and road repairs in this area has been reactive and ad hoc, and has largely involved removing the brown brickwork and replacing it with red, purple or black tarmac. In many instances, the disruptive tree roots were not shaved or cut, and consequently re-erupt through the tarmac within 18 months of the repair. An alternative approach on Rope Street, funded by Rotherhithe Community Council, levelled the ground and re-laid the original brown brickwork, and maintained the valued character of the street.
5. Welcomes the Greenland Dock Subsidence Feasibility Study, prepared by Mouchel, commissioned by Southwark Council, funded by Rotherhithe Community Council Cleaner Greener Safer fund and proposed by local residents.
6. Also welcomes the site meeting on 7th May 2013 attended by the strategic director of environment and leisure, senior highways officers and residents to discuss the problem.
7. Endorses the findings of the Greenland Dock Feasibility Study and calls on cabinet to commit to completing the actions identified, including:
 - a) carrying out a more detailed ground investigation and geotechnical report to review ground conditions
 - b) develop over-arching mutli-disciplinary strategy and valued engineered remedial options for the site
 - c) develop a tree strategy for tree works, involving consideration of tree pit materials, tree species, removal/replacement and tree root treatment.
8. Also calls on cabinet to commits to a coordinated and agreed strategy on paving repairs in the area, as discussed with the strategic director of environment and leisure, that minimises the use of tarmac for repairs and commits, wherever possible, to reusing the original brown brickwork.

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

3. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GLOVER (Seconded by Councillor Nick Dolezal)

East Dulwich and Rye Lane Crown Post Offices

1. Council assembly is concerned that the Post Office is planning to downgrade Crown Services at Rye Lane and East Dulwich to retail operators.
2. Council assembly notes that at present the Post Office does not have any retail partners for Rye Lane and East Dulwich Crown Post Offices and is concerned that this move will lead to a relocation of offices, provide an inferior Post Office Service and will have a hugely detrimental impact on the quality of specialist services for local residents. It also believes it will lead to the recruitment of new staff on significantly lower pay, terms and conditions. Moreover the specialist trained and committed services and staff will be lost in these offices.
3. Council assembly offers its support to the campaign to protect the Rye Lane and East Dulwich Post Offices in these locations and calls on cabinet to:
 - Work with local councillors to write to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State with responsibility for Post Offices, informing them of the concerns regarding Rye Lane and East Dulwich Crown Post Offices
 - Seek assurances from the Minister that any successful franchisees for Crown Post Offices will be strongly encouraged to pay their staff the London Living Wage.

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

4. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN (Seconded by Councillor Anood Al-Samerai)

Door Entry For The Dickens Estate

1. Council is pleased that door entry systems are now being included again in major works plans.
2. Council recognises that residents of Wade House, Bardell House, Tupman House and Micawber House have experienced serious problems with crime, rough sleepers and vandalism.
3. Council is disappointed that these blocks were not included in the cabinet report despite concerns being raised by ward councillors and the local police in 2012 and despite a high number of crime reports.
4. Council calls on the cabinet to allocate extra funding to these blocks which will save money in the long run from crime and anti-social behaviour.

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

5. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU (Seconded by Councillor Patrick Diamond)

Robin Hood Tax

1. Council assembly notes the suffering forced upon local residents as a result of the Tory Liberal Democrat government's austerity programme which is unfairly targeting Southwark and its residents.
2. Council assembly believes that the levy of a financial transaction tax (FTT) on the speculative activities of banks, hedge funds and other financial institutions would help to alleviate some of this pressure and ensure the financial sector pays its fair share and helps to clear up the mess it helped create.
3. Council assembly therefore calls upon government to enact the FTT and use the revenues from this measure to reverse ongoing shrinkage in central grants to our council.

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

6. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN (Seconded by Councillor Graham Neale)

Northern Line Extension

Council assembly:

1. Notes Transport for London's (TfL's) plans to extend the Northern Line to Nine Elms and Battersea, and the consultation on the plans that closed on 18 June.
2. Notes with particular concern the plans for a temporary shaft to be constructed on Harmsworth Street and a permanent shaft in Kennington Park, both of which would have a considerable impact on the lives of Southwark residents.
3. Urges TfL to pursue the 'gallery tunnels' option for ground treatment work as an alternative to the Harmsworth Street temporary shaft, thereby minimising the disruption to local people.
4. Regrets TfL's decision to place the permanent shaft in Kennington Park on the site of the much-loved beekeeper's lodge, and urges TfL to ensure that the relocation plan provides a suitable environment for the bee population and meets the requirements of Bee Urban and concerned local residents.
5. Calls on cabinet to work with colleagues at Lambeth Council, the GLA and TfL to obtain the best deal for Southwark residents affected by the plans.

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

7. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS (Seconded by Councillor David Noakes)

On The Side Of Disabled Residents

Council:

1. Notes that currently the process for installing a resident's disabled bay requires a report to come to community council.
2. Further notes that changes to community councils mean they now meet less frequently and no longer have monthly planning meetings.
3. Recognises that this can mean long periods with no meetings to receive reports on residents' disabled bays, particularly between June and October, which can lead to unacceptably long delays in bays being granted.
4. Requests that constitutional steering panel explores alternative arrangements so that disabled residents are not faced with a wait of up to 6 months for a bay to be installed because there are no community council meetings.

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

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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