

AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME - MOTION 1: ‘NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS’ (see page 4 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Sunil Chopra

Seconded: Councillor Rowenna Davis

After “25% higher than the previous year” **delete** all and **insert**:

Council assembly recognises that this is an important issue which does not stop at the borders of the borough. Council assembly therefore calls on cabinet to review Southwark’s position and to look into what more government could do to address this on a London-wide basis.

ITEM 3.3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME - MOTION 2: HOUSING FOR OLDER RESIDENTS (see page 5 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Michael Situ
Seconded: Councillor Lorraine Lauder

Delete all after paragraph 2 and **insert:**

3. Welcomes this administration’s commitment to supporting older people to stay independent in their own homes for as long as possible, in line with what people tell us they want.
4. Recognises that there has been a collapse in house building of all types nationally due to Liberal Democrat/Tory government policies and welcomes the steps that Southwark Council is taking to combat the London housing crisis.
5. Notes that 61% of the older population in Southwark are tenants of social landlords and welcomes the commitment by this administration to build 11,000 new council homes in Southwark – representing the biggest home building programme of its kind in the country.
6. Welcomes the cabinet’s commitment through the housing strategy vision to building lifetime homes, delivering extra care housing, exploring other specialist housing options for older people, and adapting properties to enable older and disabled residents to live independently as long as possible in their communities.
7. Welcomes this administration’s commitment to ensuring new homes are built to ‘Lifetime Standards’, making it easier to adapt homes to meet future changing needs.
8. Further welcomes the cabinet’s allocation of £4.712 million for energy efficient measures in district heating, making the systems more energy efficient, reliable and contributing to a reduction in fuel bills for approximately 17,000 properties in the borough.
9. Welcomes the development of new ‘extra care’ homes at the site of the new Centre of Excellence, which will include specialist nurses on site, helping to keep people out of hospital or residential care unless necessary and giving residents access to first class services at the new dementia day centre.
10. Calls on the cabinet to continue to support older people who wish to downsize to smaller homes on the same estate. Council assembly welcomes the fact that older people are currently exempt from the government’s bedroom tax and congratulates the Chartered Institute of Housing for pointing out the flaw in the government’s policy, which would have meant pensioners living with someone of working age would be hit by the tax. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to press the government to continue to ensure older people are not hit by the bedroom tax in an attempt to force them to downsize.

11. Notes that whatever campaign they run, the Liberal Democrats consistently propose building something on the Dulwich Hospital site. The proposed retirement village set out in this motion adds to the growing list the Liberal Democrats have suggested for the site, which includes a medical centre, a primary school, a secondary school, private homes, a nursery, a police base, sports facilities, gardening facilities, indoor community space, council offices and space for voluntary organisations. Council assembly believes that people in East Dulwich deserve better than an uncosted and ill considered shopping list from the Liberal Democrats.

ITEM 3.3 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME - MOTION 3: ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE (see pages 5 - 6 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Seconded: Councillor Denise Capstick

In paragraph 1 **delete** “this administration” and **insert:**

Southwark Council’s

In paragraph 4 **delete** “the administration, across all departments, does” and **insert:**

Southwark Council officers, across all departments, do

Delete paragraph 6 to end and **insert:**

6. Welcomes the positive achievements of the council in recent years which contribute to improving the lives of ageing and vulnerable people in the borough, both by the current administration and previous administrations.
7. Notes in particular that the previous Liberal Democrat administration of the council:
 - Made real progress on integrating health and adult social care in the borough
 - Brought in large print A-Z listings of services for older people
 - Introduced lay inspectors for care homes
 - Ran the Silver Festival to celebrate older people in the borough
 - Created the Rightfully Yours team to make sure older people get the benefits they are entitled to.
8. Also welcomes the support given to older people by the coalition government since 2010, including:
 - Restoring the earnings link for the basic state pension with a ‘triple lock guarantee’ that pensions are raised by the higher of earnings, prices or 2.5%.
 - Ending the rules requiring compulsory annuitisation at 75.
 - Finally bringing an end to the appalling Equitable Life pensions saga by pushing ahead with fair and transparent payments to policy holders who lost money because of regulatory failure.
 - Exempting pensioners from various aspects of welfare changes and benefits caps.
 - Retaining universal bus passes for pensioners.
9. Supports Southwark Liberal Democrats’ future vision for older and disabled people in the borough, which includes:

- Introducing a dedicated phone line specifically for older residents so they can directly call a specialised Older People team for information about housing, social services and benefits.
- Building housing designed for older people that can be easily adapted as needs change.
- Supporting high quality day centres and offering personalised help for older people and persons with disabilities – in contrast to Labour’s centralist ‘one-size fits all’ approach.
- Improving support for carers in the borough to make sure they get the support and respite they deserve.
- Helping those with disabilities to lead a full and active life by supporting involvement in arts, leisure, community activities and the voluntary sector.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 1 – COST OF CHILD CARE (see page 18 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Renata Hamvas

Seconded: Councillor Cleo Soanes

After paragraph 1 **delete** all and **insert**:

2. Therefore condemns the Liberal Democrat/Tory cuts to financial support available for working parents for childcare costs. Notes that in 2011 the government cut support within the tax credit system from 80% to 70% of eligible childcare costs, with a cap of fees at £175, meaning low income families faced a reduction in help towards childcare bills. Council assembly also condemns the Liberal Democrat/Tory government for failing to raise the £175 ceiling despite the rise in childcare costs.
3. Further condemns the Tory-Liberal Democrat coalition government’s closure of over 500 Sure Start centres since the general election in 2010, resulting in 35,000 fewer childcare places, following government cuts of £430 from English local authority Sure Start budgets between 2010-11 and 2012-13.
4. Welcomes the previous Labour government’s decision to extend childcare to 15 hours per week for 3 and 4 year olds and notes that in Southwark, 3,300 3 year olds and 3,670 4 year olds are benefitting from these funded early education places. Notes that the government has now extended this provision to 20% of two year olds in families on the lowest incomes. Council assembly welcomes this additional provision, but notes that this is against a backdrop of punishing families through the tax credit system and making it harder for parents who want to work and need support with childcare.
5. Welcomes the commitment that a Labour government would increase this provision and provide 25 hours of free childcare a week for working parents with three and four-year-olds, worth £15,000, using a levy on banks.
6. Further welcomes Labour’s commitment to offer “wraparound” provision between 8am and 6pm – from breakfast to after-school clubs – in primary schools.

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Seconded: Councillor James Barber

After paragraph 4 insert:

5. Calls on cabinet to help local parents by funding additional childcare hours on top of those already offered by the government.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 2 – LONDON HOUSING STRATEGY (see pages 18 - 19 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Paul Noblet
Seconded: Councillor Tim McNally

In paragraph 3 after “accepted”, **insert:**

“Liberal Democrats’ and”

In paragraph 6 after “target”, **insert:**

“Council assembly notes that whilst this is higher than the proportion of socially rented homes in new developments being allowed to proceed under the current administration, including at the Heygate, this figure is still too low.”

In paragraph 8 **delete** from “having built” to end and **insert:**

“but notes that only 26 new units have been built since 2010 whilst 857 have been sold off or demolished.”

Delete paragraph 10 and **insert:**

“Council assembly calls on the cabinet to review its current policy of selling off high-value council homes; to ensure that the £36 million of unspent section 106 money for affordable homes is used without further delay; and to explore ways of raising additional money for new council homes through better use of pension funds.”

In paragraph 12 **delete:**

“particularly Conservative and Liberal Democrat boroughs”

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 3 – URGENT REVIEW OF CYCLE SAFETY
(see page 20 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor Darren Merrill

Seconded: Councillor Chris Brown

After paragraph 1 **delete** all and **insert**:

2. Welcomes the steps Southwark Council has taken to improve cycling safety in the borough, including running a campaign to promote cycling and cycle safety, free cyclist training, Safer Urban Driver courses for drivers of HGVs, a programme of cycle parking on the highway and the 'Park to Park' mass cycle ride for children.
3. Applauds the commitment of the leader of the council in championing the issue of cycling safety, working on a cross-party basis with leaders across London. Council assembly welcomes the Mayor of London's agreement to hold a London-wide cycle summit following the proposal from the leader of the council.
4. Welcomes the cabinet's commitment to utilise the expertise of a cycling consultant to review cycling safety in the borough and to identify steps which can be taken to improve cycling safety and take up in Southwark.
5. Welcomes the work of the leader of the council in pressing for a comprehensive route of cycleways across Southwark and London, providing cyclists with effectively dedicated routes to minimize any interaction with motorised traffic. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to continue working with TfL to deliver dedicated cycle routes on Blackfriars Road.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 4 – SAFER CROSSINGS ON BOROUGH HIGH STREET (see pages 20 – 21 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT H

Moved: Councillor Poddy Clark

Seconded: Councillor Geoffrey Thornton

In paragraph 1, after “campaigners” **insert:**

“, including Southwark Living Streets and Borough Babies, “

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 5 – EAST DULWICH POLICE STATION
(see page 21 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT I

Moved: Councillor Helen Hayes
Seconded: Councillor Andy Simmons

Delete **all** and **insert:**

Council assembly condemns the closure of East Dulwich and Sydenham police stations and the reduction in opening hours at Gipsy Hill police station, leaving Dulwich residents without adequate access to police front counter facilities.

Council assembly notes with regret that police stations do not meet the government’s definition of an asset of community value.

Council assembly calls upon the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) to ensure that as the East Dulwich police station site is developed for a new use, a police front counter facility is incorporated on the ground floor of the building, with a commitment to staff this facility throughout the week, and that MOPAC works with the council to assess the feasibility of the rest of the site being used for school provision.

Council assembly recognises the need for additional community services and facilities in Dulwich, particularly including school places and calls upon the Lambeth and Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Property Co to expedite the decision-making process in relation to the development of new health facilities on the Dulwich Hospital site, so that the remainder of the site can be used to develop new community facilities, including new school provision.

Council assembly also calls on any free school providers to work closely and cooperatively with the council on school place planning in the Dulwich area.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 6 – BILLBOARD ADVERTISEMENT AT ELEPHANT & CASTLE ROUNDABOUT (see page 21 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT J

Moved: Councillor Lisa Rajan
Seconded: Councillor Adele Morris

Delete all and **insert:**

Council assembly:

1. Notes that the council has its own guidelines relating to the types of billboard adverts that can be displayed on council sites, which states they “should not be of an offensive nature, for example sexist or racist”.
2. Believes that if any adverts are in conflict with this guidance, the council should not allow them to be put up in the first place.
3. Notes that the council receives revenue from this particular billboard, and therefore calls on the cabinet to donate all money made from the advert in question to local domestic abuse charity Solace Women’s Aid.

ITEM 7.1 – COUNCIL TAX BASE AND NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATE BASE FOR 2014/15 (see pages 32 - 45 of the main agenda and pages 1 - 18 of supplemental agenda 4)

AMENDMENT K

Moved: Councillor Tim McNally

Seconded: Councillor Catherine Bowman

Delete paragraph 6 and **insert:**

6. That in order to protect those affected by Labour's politically-motivated decision to cut the support available to some of Southwark's most vulnerable residents in 2013, the council tax reduction scheme (CTRS) shall change as follows:
- All revenue raised in 2014/15 by the changes to council tax discounts and exemptions made at council assembly in November 2012 shall be diverted to provide additional support to residents via the CTRS;
 - All revenue from the same changes raised in 2013/14 but which remains unspent at the end of the 2013/14 financial year shall also to be diverted to provide additional support to residents via the CTRS;
 - The proceeds of these two changes shall be spread across all working-age beneficiaries of the CTRS, so the percentage reduction residents will be eligible to receive can increase significantly from the 85% Labour chose to enforce last year.

AMENDMENT L

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Seconded: Councillor Tim McNally

In paragraph 3 **delete** from '96.50%' onwards and **insert:**

'97.50%, to reflect improvements associated with bringing the collection service in house.'