

# Southwark Council Plan

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# Fairer Future Principles

- Treating residents as if they were a valued member of our own family
- Being open, honest and accountable
- Spending money as if it were from our own pocket
- Working for everyone to realise their own potential
- Making Southwark a place to be proud of

“Our policies and our work will be informed by our values. And our values will be informed by our residents: the people who use and often rely on our services.”

# Fairer Future Promises

- **Promise 1: Value for money** “We will continue to keep Council Tax low by delivering value for money across all our high quality services.”
- **Promise 2: Free swimming and gyms** “We will make it easier to be healthier with free swimming and gyms for all residents and doubling the number of NHS health checks.”
- **Promise 3: Quality affordable homes** “We will improve housing standards and build more homes of every kind including 11,000 new council homes by 2043 with 1,500 by 2018. We will make all council homes warm, dry and safe and start the roll out of our quality kitchen and bathroom guarantee.”
- **Promise 4: More and better schools** “We will meet the demand for primary and secondary school places and drive up standards across our schools so at least 70% of students at every secondary school get at least five good GCSEs.”
- **Promise 5: Nurseries and childcare** “We will help parents to balance work and family life including investment in our children’s centres to deliver more quality affordable childcare and open two new community nurseries”

# Fairer Future Promises

- **Promise 6: A greener borough** “We will protect our environment by diverting more than 95% of waste away from landfill, doubling the estates receiving green energy and investing in our parks and open spaces.”
- **Promise 7: Safer communities** “We will make Southwark safer with increased CCTV, more estate security doors and a Women’s Safety Charter. We will have zero-tolerance on noisy neighbours.”
- **Promise 8: Education, employment and training** “We will guarantee education, employment or training for every school leaver, support 5,000 more local people into jobs and create 2,000 new apprenticeships.”
- **Promise 9: Revitalised neighbourhoods** “We will revitalise our neighbourhoods to make them places in which we can all be proud to live and work, transforming the Elephant and Castle, the Aylesbury and starting regeneration of the Old Kent Road.”
- **Promise 10: Age friendly borough** “We want you to get the best out of Southwark whatever your age so will become an age friendly borough including the delivery of a Southwark ethical care charter and an older people’s centre of excellence.”

# Health in the Council Plan

“Since the council took over important responsibilities for public health, we have been thinking differently and more ambitiously about what we want to achieve. Our vision of a fairer future is one that can’t happen unless we address the inequalities in health that prevent too many from reaching their full potential. We are determined to be a council that truly makes a difference to the health of our people. Throughout this plan, there are specific actions that will help us achieve this.”

# Some commitments to highlight

## **Quality affordable homes**

- Build more homes of every kind
- Build 11,000 new council homes by 2043, with at least 1,500 by 2018
- Finish our programme to make every home Warm, Dry and Safe by 2016 and have started a programme to deliver a quality kitchen and bathroom for every council tenant
- Introduce licensing in the private rented sector and further crack down on rogue landlords

## **Best start in life**

- Ensure a top quality children's playground in every local area
- Provide free fruit for all primary school children as a healthy morning snack
- Invest more in 'early support' for families

# Some commitments to highlight

## **Strong local economy**

- Guarantee education, employment or training for every school leaver
- Stop the spread of pawnbrokers, betting shops, gambling machines and pay day lenders
- Support 5,000 local people into jobs and create 2,000 new apprenticeships
- Make sure local residents benefit from new jobs and apprenticeships

## **Cleaner greener safer**

- Deliver a new women's safety charter
- Deliver a domestic abuse strategy

## **Revitalised neighbourhoods**

- Revitalise our neighbourhoods to make them places where we can all be proud to live and work
- Transform the Elephant and Castle with a new leisure centre, affordable homes and a shopping centre

# Some commitments to highlight

## **Healthy active lives**

- Make swimming and gym use free for all residents
- Improve homecare standards, making sure our staff are only ever judged by the quality of care they provide to our older and more vulnerable residents
- Deliver a safer cycling network
- Extend bike hire across the borough
- Implement an Southwark ethical care charter, with better paid carers and an end to zero hours contracts
- Establish a commission to enhance the vital work of the voluntary and community sector
- Double the number of free NHS health checks to catch problems like heart disease and diabetes early
- Become an 'age friendly borough'
- Bring ten more parks to green flag standard
- Introduce 'play streets', where some streets are closed to traffic during school holidays



# How might this plan contribute to developing the board's agenda?

- Be ambitious but focused, so choose 4 big priorities to tackle over the next 2-4 years: areas which are important, relevant to all partners (including those not at the table), where our shared values drive us to chart a different course or set a different standard for Southwark e.g. how we care for older people
- Plus more tightly focused projects to address specific problems e.g. nursing staff recruitment
- While still bringing together and holding different parts of the system to account as appropriate e.g. maximising the health benefits of free gym and swim, promoting mental wellbeing and resilience, tackling the neglect of vulnerable adults and children, reducing health inequalities