

## AMENDMENTS

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### ITEM 3.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS ON THE THEME: HEALTHY AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES (see pages 1 - 3 of the main agenda)

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#### AMENDMENT A

**Moved:** Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall

**Delete all and insert:**

1. Council assembly recognises and thanks all the health professionals in our borough for their dedicated service to residents. Council assembly also recognises Simon Hughes MP’s campaigns to save Guy’s Hospital and for the Urgent Care Centre following the closure of the Accident & Emergency Department by the last Labour government.
2. Council assembly welcomes the recent transfer of responsibility and funding for public health back to local government, and the unique opportunity this offers the council and its partners to improve residents’ health and wellbeing.
3. Council assembly notes that Southwark’s population disproportionately face a number of health and wellbeing challenges compared to national averages, including:
  - higher levels of mental health issues, heart disease, stroke, hypertension and diabetes
  - the second highest HIV prevalence rates in England and Wales and some of the highest figures for sexually transmitted diseases
  - higher levels of mortality from cancer, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases
  - higher levels of obesity and inactivity, including the highest levels of obesity for Year 6 (age 10-11) children in the country
  - high levels of alcohol and illegal drugs consumption and an increasing number of residents with dementia.
4. Council assembly therefore welcomes:
  - Liberal Democrats securing an extra £500m a year for mental health services and introducing waiting limits to ensure parity between physical and mental health.
  - the government’s success in ensuring record numbers of apprenticeships and reducing unemployment in Southwark given the importance of work in reducing poverty and improving mental wellbeing.
5. Council further calls on the cabinet to:
  1. adopt the Halve It campaign on HIV testing to halve the proportion of people diagnosed late and living with undiagnosed HIV.
  2. agree a target of 20% for the number of journeys completed by bike by 2025 and to invest in segregated cycle lanes.

3. campaign for an extension of the Ultra-Low Emission Zone to cover the whole of the borough, fit air filtration systems in schools in pollution hotspots and encourage safe green links for walking.
4. work closely with Public Health England on a more effective licensing policy, explore measures such as 'Reducing the Strength' campaigns to tackle street-drinking, as well as commission results-based drug treatment services.
5. ensure that Southwark's public health funding is protected (prioritising sexual health, drug and alcohol programmes) and is spent only on evidence-based initiatives.

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**ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 1 – TACKLING EMPTY HOMES IN SOUTHWARK** (see page 10 of the main agenda)

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**AMENDMENT B**

**Moved:** Councillor Tom Flynn

**Seconded:** Councillor Leo Pollak

After 1. 1) **insert:**

- 2) Notes that Southwark has one of the strongest records in London for delivering new homes, with more affordable homes being delivered over the last 3 years than any other London borough.
- 3) Welcomes the administration’s commitment to build 11,000 new council homes, with the first 1,500 to be delivered by 2018.
2. 2) After ‘recent’ **delete** ‘trends in similar’ and **insert** ‘media report of some other’; after ‘inner London boroughs’ **delete** ‘for’ and **insert** ‘where’; after ‘new developments’ **insert** ‘are said’.
2. 3) After ‘empty homes’ **insert** ‘and notes that Southwark was one of the first local authorities to use these powers’.

After 2. 3) **insert:**

- 4) Notes, however, that minimising the number of empty homes in the borough on its own will not meet the growing demand for housing, which will require more homes to be built across the borough, particularly affordable homes.
3. 2) After ‘council tax’ **insert** ‘by reviewing the current council tax exemptions on empty homes.’

After 3. 3) **insert:**

- 4) Continue to build more homes of every type in Southwark, including council homes at council rents.

Amended motion to read:

1. Council assembly:
  - 1) Notes the projected rise in the borough’s population within the next twenty years and the need to ensure sufficient housing as part of the borough’s housing strategy and the new Southwark Plan.
  - 2) Notes that Southwark has one of the strongest records in London for delivering new homes, with more affordable homes being delivered over the last 3 years than any other London borough.

- 3) Welcomes the administration's commitment to build 11,000 new council homes, with the first 1,500 to be delivered by 2018.
2. Council assembly also:
    - 1) Agrees that minimising the number of empty homes in the borough will also be a key way of ensuring the maximum number of homes for Southwark residents.
    - 2) Notes recent media reports of some other inner London boroughs where up to one third of new developments are said to be left empty as 'buy to leave' investment opportunities.
    - 3) Welcomes the new powers given to local authorities by the government to charge additional council tax for second and long-term empty homes and notes that Southwark was one of the first local authorities to use these powers.
    - 4) Notes, however, that minimising the number of empty homes in the borough on its own will not meet the growing demand for housing, which will require more homes to be built across the borough, particularly affordable homes.
  3. Council assembly therefore calls on the cabinet to:
    - 1) Identify ways the council's planning powers could be used to ensure future new homes in Southwark do not stay empty for more than three months.
    - 2) Increase the number of existing empty homes in the borough that are charged council tax by reviewing the current council tax exemptions on empty homes.
    - 3) Support calls for the qualifying period for charging the empty home premium to be reduced from two years to one and for the amount to be increased from 150% to 200% council tax.
    - 4) Continue to build more homes of every type in Southwark, including council homes at council rents.

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**ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS’ MOTIONS: MOTION 2 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
DEVOLUTION** (see pages 10 - 11 of the main agenda)

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**AMENDMENT C**

**Moved:** Councillor David Hubber

**Seconded:** Councillor Rosie Shimell

**Delete** paragraph 3 and **insert:**

Local government has significant potential to shape outcomes for residents and to change positively the lives of people in our borough. Council therefore welcomes the transfer of budgetary controls and responsibilities to local authorities by the present government in areas such as public health.

**Add** new paragraph 6:

Council welcomes the administration’s conversion to the cause of localism and devolution in line with long-standing Liberal Democrat party policy.

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**ITEM 6.1 – THE COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2015/16** (see pages 12 – 26 of the main agenda)

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**AMENDMENT D**

**Moved:** Councillor Fiona Colley  
**Seconded:** Councillor Tom Flynn

After 1. 4) **insert:**

2. That the council reviews all council tax exemptions for empty homes.

Re-number recommendations accordingly.

**AMENDMENT E**

**Moved:** Councillor Anood Al-Samerai  
**Seconded:** Councillor James Barber

Paragraph 2, **delete** '87,727.28' and **insert:** '88,407.34'

Paragraph 3, **delete** all from '96.75%' onwards and **insert:**

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

**Note:** Paragraphs 5 and 14 of the report should read '2015/16' and not 2014/15.