

AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3.2 – MEMBERS MOTION ON THE THEME: WELFARE REFORM WITH AN EMPHASIS ON FINANCIAL INCLUSION (see pages 1 - 3 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Delete all and insert:

1. Council assembly recognises that the coalition government inherited the third largest budget deficit in the European Union and that benefit and tax credit spending increased by 62% in real terms between 1997 and 2010 under the previous Labour government.
2. Council assembly notes that the previous Labour government's failure to support new council house building resulted in the housing benefit bill rising by over a third in real terms between 1997 and 2010.
3. Council assembly notes that nationally there were half a million fewer people unemployed in December 2014 compared with the year before and that in Southwark:
 - Jobseeker Allowance claimants have reduced by a third compared with 2010
 - over 6,000 apprenticeships have been started since 2010 - more than double the number created in the equivalent time period before 2010.
4. Council assembly also notes that the Liberal Democrats in government have made work pay by increasing the personal tax allowance to £10,000, which has helped 24 million working people keep more of what they earn and saves a worker on the average income £700 per year. Council assembly further notes that in Southwark 131,500 residents have seen their income tax cut and 15,000 have been taken out of paying tax altogether.
5. Council assembly welcomes the introduction of the triple-lock pension guarantee introduced by the Liberal Democrats, which means that the basic state pension is now at its highest share of average earnings, and notes that under the previous Labour government pensioners received increases as small as 75p per week.
6. Council assembly welcomes the Liberal Democrats policies on welfare reform, particularly:
 - raising the personal tax allowance to £12,500
 - increasing free childcare even further, to 20 hours per week from the end of maternity leave to the start of school
 - reforming the benefits sanctions system by introducing a 'yellow card' system.

7. Council assembly notes that Labour Members of Parliament:
- introduced the Under-Occupancy Charge for private tenants in receipt of housing benefit while in government
 - voted in favour of the cap to the overall spend on welfare recently
 - supports the coalition's household benefits cap and is considering reducing it in certain regions.
8. Recognising that the purpose of assembly motions is to ensure that the council takes action, council assembly therefore calls on the cabinet to:
- further increase the number of apprenticeships available locally and ensure that jobs and apprenticeships for Southwark residents are secured through potential major infrastructure projects such as the Bakerloo Line extension and the construction of Rotherhithe Pier and Brunel Bridge
 - take immediate steps and invest council funding to support parents with childcare costs
 - support the Liberal Democrats' national campaign to exempt disabled people with adapted homes and people who are actively seeking to move to smaller properties from the under-occupancy charge
 - improve the mutual exchange system to support families in finding homes that meet their needs and size criteria and reduce the housing benefit bill
 - ensure that 1 in 3 homes in new developments is affordable, so that housing benefit is not paid out to private landlords.

ITEM 5.1 – MEMBERS MOTIONS: FINANCIAL ADVICE IN HEALTH CENTRES (see page 11 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor David Noakes

Seconded: Councillor Eliza Mann

Insert new paragraphs 5 and 6:

5. Council assembly notes that many user-led local mental health services which give patients holistic support, including financial advice, are currently struggling and at risk of closure because of a number of factors including:
 - a move away from block contracts and a traditional day centre model to personal budgets and recovery-focused day activities
 - the recent decision by the CCG, as the lead commissioner, to commission mental health services with a national provider, instead of a Southwark-based consortium of mental health voluntary sector providers
 - the complexity of the Section 75 pooled budget arrangements.
6. Council assembly notes that changes to local mental health services, including financial advice for users, need to be managed and supported carefully and therefore calls on cabinet to:
 - urgently commission a report laying out the financial stability and viability of the local voluntary sector mental health services in Southwark and bring a report back to the next cabinet meeting
 - explore one-off or ongoing transitional funding prior to the introduction of community and wellbeing grants in October to support long-established and trusted local services, providing high-quality debt- and income-maximisation advice or welfare benefit casework services in Southwark, in order to avoid any gaps in service provision and allow these services to develop alternative funding sources to make them viable.

ITEM 5.2 – MEMBERS MOTIONS: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SOUTHWARK

(see pages 11 – 12 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Tom Flynn

Seconded: Councillor Catherine Dale

In paragraph 2, **delete** 'further' and 'Liberal Democrats in'; after 'notes that the' **insert** 'coalition government has taken some steps to improve mental health services:'

In paragraph 2, bullet point 1, **delete** 'and committed to put mental health treatment on a par with physical health'.

After paragraph 2, **insert** new paragraphs 3 to 7:

3. Council assembly notes, however, that despite the government's commitment to put mental health treatment on a par with physical health, mental health trusts in England have seen their budgets fall by more than 8% in real terms, equivalent to almost £600m, and spending on children's mental health services in England has fallen by more than 6% in real terms, equivalent to nearly £50m, since 2010.
4. Council assembly condemns the government's cuts to spending on children's mental health services, which have led to increased waiting times and children being treated on adult psychiatric wards or having to travel hundreds of miles across the country to get the help they need.
5. Council assembly also notes that the government's cuts to local authority budgets which have led to a £90m shortfall in funding for social care.
6. Council assembly welcomes the extensive work undertaken by the council and the CCG to tackle stigma, raise awareness about mental health and promote wellbeing in Southwark, including:
 - Setting up a Parity of Esteem Programme Board chaired by the GP clinical lead for mental health, to review the extent of inequality amongst people with mental health problems
 - Providing training for teachers and head teachers to recognise and support children and young people with mental health issues in schools
 - Working with the Time to Change campaign
 - Providing community grants for small organisations to promote wellbeing with their clients/members
 - Commissioning Mental Health First Aid courses for voluntary and community sector
 - Adopting the Mayor of London's Healthy Workplace Charter to minimise the risk of mental distress in the workplace and promoting to all employers in Southwark.

7. Council assembly welcomes Labour's national commitment to provide fairer access to mental health services, including ensuring all professional NHS staff receive mental health training and changing the NHS Constitution to give people the right to psychological therapies for mental health problems like anxiety and depression, helping to give mental health the same priority as physical health.

In paragraph 3 of the motion, bullet point 1, **delete** 'take action to ensure an appropriate advocacy service is available for all Southwark residents with mental health issues' and **insert** 'extend advocacy services available for Southwark residents with mental health issues.'

In paragraph 3 of the motion, bullet point 3, **delete** 'alongside real term increases in each year of the current administration' and **insert** 'and review funding for mental health services each year'.

Renumber paragraphs accordingly.

Amended motion to read:

1. Council assembly notes that:
 - mental health issues will affect 1 in 4 people at some point in their lives and that 70,000 people in Southwark will suffer from mental health issues
 - mental health issues can shorten life expectancy by fifteen to twenty years
 - people with mental health issues are more likely to experience homelessness, and anxiety and depression have been linked to overcrowded and unfit housing.
2. Council assembly notes that the coalition government has taken some steps to improve mental health services:
 - invested £400 million in early support for people with mental health issues
 - introduced maximum waiting times for talking therapies and the Crisis Care Concordat to ensure nobody experiencing psychosis is ever turned away from accident & emergency
 - pledged extra investment for new inpatient beds, better case management and improved access to mental health care for children and young people
 - helped fund the Time to Change campaign which challenges mental health stigma and discrimination
 - called on all NHS trusts to aim for a 'Zero Suicide' policy and established a government-wide mental health taskforce.
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8. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to:
 - extend advocacy services available for Southwark residents with mental health issues
 - consider the appointment of a Southwark Mental Health Champion to act as a link between the council, clients and the different agencies working in mental health
 - ensure that mental health services receive their fair share of public health funding and review funding for mental health services each year
 - ensure each council department deals with residents with mental health issues consistently and with a supportive and sympathetic approach
 - improve the promotion of counselling services available for staff experiencing mental health or emotional issues.

ITEM 5.4 – MEMBERS MOTIONS: IMPROVE SERVICES AT LONDON BRIDGE STATION (see pages 13 - 14 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Damien O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Hamish McCallum

In paragraph 8 after 'customer satisfaction', **delete** the remainder of paragraph.

Insert new paragraph 9:

Council assembly welcomes the government announcement in July 2013 which will allow some commuter rail services out of Liverpool Street station to be managed by Transport for London. Council assembly further notes that it was London Liberal policy in 2012 for Transport for London to run commuter rail services into the capital.

Insert remainder of former paragraph 8 as new paragraph 10:

Council assembly therefore calls on the Secretary of State to allow Transport for London to run all rail services in South East London in order to have a properly integrated transport system.

Insert new paragraph 11:

Council assembly also notes that the long-term improvements at London Bridge should not just be for commuters, but also improve and green the local environment around the station for residents. Council therefore calls on the cabinet to work with Team London Bridge, Network Rail and Transport for London to ensure:

- that the new public realm around the station is of equal priority to the development of the station
- that no opportunity is missed to reduce local traffic and air pollution to make the area more pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly
- support for local independent and creative businesses.