

<b>Item No.</b> 5.2	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 25 November 2015	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Members' Motions	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		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 minutes<sup>1</sup>.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Council assembly procedure rule 1.14 (9)

1. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR HAMISH McCALLUM** (Seconded by Councillor Eliza Mann)

#### **Arnold Estate warm, dry and safe works programme**

Council assembly:

1. Welcomes the improvements currently underway on the Arnold Estate as part of the warm, dry and safe programme.
2. Notes, however, that these do not include replacements for kitchens and bathrooms in line with the cabinet decision to implement its kitchen and bathroom guarantee a year early to coincide with the end of the warm, dry and safe programme.
3. Therefore calls on the cabinet to explain to residents why this commitment is not being honoured on the Arnold Estate and ensure that their homes are included.

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

2. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JON HARTLEY** (Seconded by Councillor Kath Whittam)

#### **End cuts to policing in London**

Council assembly notes:

1. As a result of the spending review in 2010 the Metropolitan Police Service has faced cuts of almost £600 million, totalling 20% of its budget. At the upcoming spending review it is widely expected that the Metropolitan Police Service will face a minimum of another £800 million in cuts with the media reporting the budget could be cut by as much as 43%.
2. The Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe has warned that the cuts to policing in London, which are expected to result in the loss of between 5,000 and 8,000 police officers, will endanger the safety of the public.
3. The 'safer neighbourhood team' (SNT) model introduced by the previous Labour Mayor was widely welcomed by communities and saw each ward allocated a dedicated team of six officers (one sergeant, two police constables (PCs) and three police community support officers (PCSOs)).
4. The introduction of Boris Johnson's local policing model dismantled SNTs reducing them to just a single dedicated PC and PCSO per ward, demonstrating the impact of a Tory Mayor on London and Londoners' safety.
5. Since May 2010, as a result of government cuts, London has lost 3,170 dedicated neighbourhood PCSOs, a cut of over 70% compared with May 2010. In Southwark 110 PCSOs have been lost since 2010.

6. In December the Metropolitan Police Service management board will consider proposals to scrap neighbourhood PCSOs all together, resulting in a loss of over 1,000 officers if approved. In Southwark this proposal could mean losing all of the few remaining PCSOs in the borough.
7. That whilst PCSOs have been informed of the Met's intention to make this decision, there has been no meaningful consultation with boroughs, the public or PCSOs about the impact of scrapping PCSOs.

Council assembly believes:

8. The introduction of neighbourhood policing teams transformed local policing, increased public confidence and provided a integral link between communities and the police.
9. The £600 million of cuts handed down from government have devastated the police service in the capital despite promises from the Mayor of London and Home Secretary that they would not hit the frontline.
10. Proposals to scrap all of London's neighbourhood PCSOs will have a profound impact on the shape of London's police force and should be subject to full public consultation if approved by the Metropolitan Police Service management board.

Council assembly resolves:

11. To call on the cabinet to write to the Home Secretary in opposition to further cuts to the Metropolitan Police Service budget in the spending review.
12. To call on the Metropolitan Police Service Commissioner to engage with local authorities to find alternatives to the badly thought-out proposals to scrap neighbourhood PCSOs.
13. To call on the Mayor of London to set out the true impact of government cuts and engage in meaningful consultation with Londoners about the future of policing in the capital.

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

**3. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER** (Seconded by Councillor Rosie Shimell)

**Greater London National Park City campaign**

Council assembly:

1. Congratulates the council on the amount of open and green space available and maintained for residents in Southwark.
2. Acknowledges the health, environmental and leisure benefits of parks, green spaces and water in built-up urban areas.

3. Therefore welcomes the Greater London National Park City campaign to create a joined-up network of parks, water and open spaces across the capital for Southwark and London residents to enjoy.
4. Notes the cross-party support the campaign has received from the London Assembly and mayoral candidates and how London can become a National Park City once 436 London wards and the Mayor of London have declared their support.
5. Further notes that so far 63 wards across London have declared their support, including three in Southwark.
6. Calls on the cabinet to support the National Park City London initiative and encourage all ward councillors in the borough to sign up.

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

**4. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER MBE** (Seconded by Councillor Tom Flynn)

**Extend the 42 bus route**

1. Council assembly notes that the 42 bus route is a key route in Southwark linking the south-west to the north-east of the borough and providing a much needed direct link north across the river for our residents.
2. Council assembly recognises that residents in Camberwell and Walworth currently have to put up with an inadequate 42 bus service, which is unreliable and overcrowded, with people often being left at bus stops. This route does not run enough services and currently terminates at Sunray Avenue rather than the Sainsburys, which makes it difficult for residents travelling to the shop who have mobility issues or small children.
3. Council assembly therefore calls on cabinet to lobby Transport for London:
  - To deliver more frequent and reliable services
  - To turn the route into a double decker in order to increase capacity for passengers
  - To extend the southern terminating point to Sainsburys East Dulwich.

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

**5. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLIE SMITH** (Seconded by Councillor Sarah King)

**Trade Union Bill**

1. Council assembly recognises the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces. This council values the constructive relationship that we have with our trade unions and we

recognise their commitment, and the commitment of all our staff, to the delivery of good quality public services.

2. Council assembly notes with concern the Trade Union Bill which is currently being proposed by the government and which would affect this council's relationship with our trade unions and our workforce as a whole. Council assembly rejects this bill's attack on local democracy and the attack on our right to manage our own affairs.
3. Council assembly is clear that facility time, negotiated and agreed by us and our trade unions to suit our own specific needs, has a valuable role to play in the creation of good quality and responsive local services. Facility time should not be determined or controlled by government in Westminster.
4. Council assembly is happy with the arrangements we currently have in place for deducting trade union membership subscriptions through our payroll. We see this as an important part of our positive industrial relations and a cheap and easy to administer system that supports our staff. This system is an administrative matter for the council and should not be interfered with by the UK government.
5. Council assembly resolves to support the campaign against the unnecessary, anti-democratic and bureaucratic Trade Union Bill.
6. Council assembly calls on cabinet to support the campaign against the unnecessary, anti-democratic and bureaucratic Trade Union Bill and to seek to continue its own locally agreed industrial relations strategy and take every measure possible to maintain its autonomy with regard to facility time and the continuing use of check-off.

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

**6. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS** (Seconded by Councillor Helen Dennis)

**Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)**

1. Council assembly notes that there has been no impact assessment about the potential impact of a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, currently being negotiated by the EU and USA, on local authorities, and that there has been no scrutiny of the negotiating texts by local government and no consultation with local government representatives.
2. Council assembly believes that TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making. In particular, TTIP could effectively prevent public services from being brought back in-house, which could have a negative impact on Southwark where significant improvements have been made by bringing services back in-house, such as the council's revenues and benefits service in 2011.
3. Council assembly notes that Labour MEPs have been campaigning to ensure that, should a trade agreement between the EU and the USA be concluded, it does not in any way limit the ability of public authorities, whether at local, national or European level, to act for the public interest.

Council assembly welcomes the amendments to the recently adopted European parliament resolution successfully moved by Labour MEPS for a full exclusion of all public services, present or future, from the scope of the agreement, as well as a clear rejection of any type of measures that could undermine public authorities' autonomy and sovereignty, including at local level, and their commitment to veto any agreement that fails to address these concerns.

4. Council assembly believes that a thorough impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities must be undertaken before the negotiations can be concluded.
5. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to:
  - Write to the secretary of state for communities and local government, local MPs and London MEPs, raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.
  - Write to the Local Government Association to raise our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and ask them to raise these with government on our behalf.
  - Join with other local authorities and local campaigners to raise awareness about our concerns over TTIP and call for an impact assessment on the impact of TTIP on local authorities.

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

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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