

<b>Item No.</b> 16.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 20 June 2017	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Cabinet
<b>Report title:</b>		Motions Referred from Council Assembly	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Council Assembly	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the cabinet considers the motion set out in the appendix attached to the report.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Council assembly at its meeting on Wednesday 22 March 2017 agreed several motions and these stand referred to the cabinet for consideration. Most of the motions were considered at 9 May 2017 meeting with one outstanding.
3. The cabinet is requested to consider the motion referred to it. Any proposals in a motion are treated as a recommendation only. When considering a motion, cabinet can decide to:
  - Note the motion; *or*
  - Agree the motion in its entirety, *or*
  - Amend the motion; *or*
  - Reject the motion.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.10.6, the attached motion was referred to the cabinet.
5. The constitution allocates responsibility for particular functions to council assembly, including approving the budget and policy framework, and to the cabinet for developing and implementing the budget and policy framework and overseeing the running of council services on a day-to-day basis.
6. Any key issues, such as policy, community impact or funding implications are included in the advice from the relevant chief officer.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Council agenda	Report on the council's website	Virginia Wynn-Jones Constitutional Team 020 7525 7055
<b>Link:</b> <a href="http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=132&amp;MId=5435&amp;Ver=4">http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=132&amp;MId=5435&amp;Ver=4</a>		

## APPENDICES

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## AUDIT TRAIL

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<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Strategic Director of Children's and Adults Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
Director of Law and Democracy	No	No
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No	No
<b>Date final report sent to Constitutional Team</b>		6 June 2017

## APPENDIX 1

### DAY CENTRE SERVICES IN SOUTHWARK

#### 1. Council assembly notes:

- The excellent work which takes place at the Queens Road and Riverside Day Centres, run by the Camden Society, and the life changing importance of these centres for some of Southwark's most severely disabled residents.
- That, despite having had largest cuts in government funding to any London council, Southwark Council currently spends more per person with a learning disability and their family carers than any other council in England. The council budget agreed last month ensures that the council will continue to spend more per service user than the average for our comparator boroughs.
- That there are currently considerable pressures on adult social care budgets and the system of personal budgets in Southwark.
- That the Care Act 2014, passed when Liberal Democrat MP Norman Lamb was Minister for Care and Support, removed discretion from councils to provide personal budgets to people with moderate care needs.
- That, these pressures notwithstanding, personal budgets cannot be spent on day centres which no longer exist. It is therefore important that the council works with service providers, service users and their families to ensure that Southwark has services for people with learning disabilities that are sustainable in the long term given these financial pressures.
- That council policy since the 1990s has been to let buildings at market rent levels, unless there are exceptional circumstances. The council will always assess the likelihood that a leasee is able to pay the required rent before agreeing a new lease.
- That the rent-free leases on the Queen's Road and Riverside Day Centres both ended on 31 January 2017, as originally set out in both leases. In both cases, these rent-free arrangements were always time-limited.

#### 2. Council assembly welcomes:

- The borough's continuing commitment to protect the most vulnerable in the borough as much as is possible from the impacts of government cuts.
- The agreement by the property department of a tenancy at will arrangement at Queen's Road Centre to allow for the full assessment of every service user's needs. This arrangement will run until 30 June 2017, but the property department has indicated that some flexibility on this end-date may be possible to ensure that all the Queen's Road assessments are completed.
- A similar tenancy at will agreement will be put in place to allow for assessments of that centre's users that is currently planned to run until 30 November.
- The establishment of a working group involving the council, the Camden Society, Southwark Resource Centre and representatives of both service users and their carers to explore future options to provide day care and

develop a hub model of service delivery, as has already been established for mental health service users in the borough.

- That this working group will also consider how to best meet the needs of service users and their carers who fall in the moderate needs category.

3. Council assembly calls on the cabinet to:

- Continue in its commitment to protect the most vulnerable in our community despite the severity of government cuts facing our borough.
- Monitor the work of the working group to ensure that Southwark develops a hub meeting the needs of people with learning disabilities in the borough that is sustainable given the 2014 Care Act and financial pressures.
- Work to ensure that a hub model ensures that people with learning disabilities who have moderate needs still have those needs met.
- Ensure that service users and their carers are kept informed of progress of the work of the working group.