

<b>Item No.</b> 5.1	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 14 March 2018	<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 DAVID NOAKES** (Seconded by Councillor Adele Morris)

**Busking on Bankside**

1. Council assembly notes:

- a) The dramatic increase in footfall alongside Bankside that has occurred over the last 20 years, driven by the opening of the Globe, Tate Modern, the Millennium Bridge and the ongoing redevelopment of the riverside area.
- b) That Bankside was, and remains, a residential area with longstanding residents in Falcon Point, Bankside & Gallery Lofts, the Bankside houses and Clink Street, plus newer developments in Benbow House, 20 New Globe Walk and the Bear Pit.

2. Council acknowledges:

- a) The tireless campaigning of many Bankside residents to find a solution to the busking noise related issues and the work of various council officers and partners from other stakeholders including Better Bankside, the Tate Modern and Bankside Residents Forum.
- b) That the massive increase in visitors and tourists has attracted buskers to the area, many of whom use amplification in their performances
- c) That the impact of this noise nuisance on a daily basis, sometimes exceeding 12 hours a day, has a detrimental impact on the residential amenity of those who live and work in Bankside, and for some residents on their physical and mental wellbeing.
- d) That this problem has existed for over 14 years and that various initiatives by the council and other partners to introduce a designated licensed area, participate in the Busk in London trial and do piecemeal enforcement has not delivered an effective solution to the issue of noise pollution.
- e) That a new approach to this problem needs to be pursued that looks at the land ownership and management of the river walk, the new anti-social behaviour powers contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and/or the use of existing or new bye laws.

3. Council resolves:

- a) To implement an effective solution within 12 months of this motion, using one or more of the options above, that will result in the banning of amplified music or other amplified busking activities at all times, and investigate a ban on all music and noise related busking.

- b) To make a commitment to setting a time of day beyond which no busking is allowed within a given radius of residential properties, should non-amplified busking not be banned.
- c) To also commit to identifying a stream of resources from the council's own funds, or to support communities to access local Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) or section 106 monies to ensure effective enforcement of the new restrictions for a minimum of 2-3 years following their introduction, and to identify longer term funding in the future.

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

**2. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN DENNIS** (Seconded by Councillor Evelyn Akoto)

**Improving mental health and wellbeing in Southwark**

1. Council assembly notes that two million Londoners experience poor mental health, which equates to 62,500 people in each borough, and that London's suicide rate increased by 33 per cent from 552 to 735 incidents between 2014 and 2015 – the highest figure recorded by the Office for National Statistics since records began.
2. Council assembly understands that employment for Londoners with a mental health problem is 31 per cent lower than the UK average and that the financial cost of mental ill-health is approximately £700 million for each London borough.
3. Council assembly reaffirms its commitment to approach mental health and wellbeing as a key priority and to work collaboratively with partners within and outside the borough to address and tackle mental ill-health across our communities.
4. Council assembly welcomes the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy jointly developed by the council and Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group that was agreed by both organisations in January 2018.
5. Council assembly resolves to call on cabinet to commit to support and work with Thrive LDN, and develop the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy, to:
  - a) Create a citywide movement for all Londoners that empowers individuals and communities in our borough to lead change, address inequalities that lead to poor mental health and create their own ways to improve mental health.
  - b) Following on from the examples set by Harrow Thrive and Black Thrive in Lambeth, look in to localising Thrive LDN to Southwark by exploring the practicalities of establishing a local Thrive hub that responds to local needs.

- c) Work with Thrive LDN and the Mental Health Foundation to develop a pilot programme on an estate to develop new approaches to improving mental health well-being.
- d) Examine new methods to support more people in Southwark to access a range of activities that help them to maintain good mental health and wellbeing.
- e) Work closely with partners across Southwark to end mental health stigma and discrimination.
- f) Build on the great work happening across London to engage children and young people in mental health by helping Thrive LDN to develop training and resources for youth organisations, schools and student societies.
- g) Support employers to make mental health and wellbeing central to the workplace.
- h) Work with partners to explore new ways to access services and support, and consider the use of digital technologies to promote mental health and improve information about accessing support.
- i) Work with partners and build on the excellent work being done across the borough to reduce suicides in Southwark. We welcome the vision in the Southwark Suicide Prevention Strategy to reduce suicide, attempted suicide and self-harm in Southwark to among the lowest rates in London, and to work towards this ambition by ensuring that the number of suicides across the borough decreases by at least 10% by 2023.

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

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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