

<b>Item No.</b> 3.1	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 28 November 2018	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Community Evidence on the Themed Debate	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Proper Constitutional Officer	

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **Introduction**

1. The council assembly business panel agrees the themes for meetings of council assembly. The panel agreed that the theme for 28 November 2018 council assembly should be 'The best possible start in life'.

### **Community evidence on the theme**

2. The deadline for community evidence was 11.59pm, Thursday 22 November 2018.
3. The following requests have been received by the deadline for consideration by this meeting and they are listed in the order received below:
4. Which community evidence shall be considered and the length of each submission will be established by way of a programme motion at the start of council assembly. Community evidence shall be conducted under the existing rules for public participation.

### **Submissions**

1. **Mark Webb, Chair Camberwell Green Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team Ward Panel**

The community evidence requests states:

"I have over twenty five years of knowledge, skills and understanding in violent crime and counter-violent crime. I have myriad professional qualifications and countless hours of hands on training and experience. This year has been a horrific one in term's of young lives lost to violent crime in London, many of those murdered lived here in Southwark. I believe that I have low-cost and easy to apply solutions to our communities rising violent crime problem, something that clearly prevents many of our young people from having the best possible start in life. Fear of crime is making younger and younger children take up carrying blades for protection. Younger and younger children and teens are becoming the victims of violent crime. Please let me help to stem the tide of violence. Let me speak, listen to what I have to say. I will not waste your time."

## 2. David Monaghan

The community evidence requests states:

"I would like to notify the meeting I wish to speak on community issues relating to specialist clinical services and inter-agency work for children and families in Southwark."

## 3. Chris Burns

The community evidence requests states:

"I would like to give a whistlestop tour of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), toxic stress and the vital strategic importance of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) as part of the antidote. When someone has been stressed intensely or persistently to the extent of chronic stress it creates long-term as well as short-term problems. Research shows that 67% of the population have experienced one ACE, while 13% of the population have faced four or more ACEs, where four or more untreated ACEs tip people into toxic stress and greatly increase risk of catastrophic health problems. Toxic stress rewrites the epigenome, which means the effects are multigenerational. The long-term implications are clear; with disruptions to the cardiovascular, endocrine, nervous and immune systems playing havoc with mental and physical health. People need to look at the long-term implications which can include vastly higher risks for a large number of fatal conditions.

I am a foster carer trying to interest local services in offering support for the long-term health implications of looked after children's life experiences. Over 1/10 children in the general population have experiences which can affect their long term health. This figure will be much higher for looked-after children. Some possible solutions are early intervention, parental education, risk screening, and proactive interventions regarding medical conditions. CAMHS is central to addressing the issues in terms of assessing the impact, providing therapy and supporting parents."

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Constitution	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Constitutional Team <a href="mailto:constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk">constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk</a> 020 7525 7228

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

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