

AMENDMENTS

ITEM 3: THEMED DEBATE - THE BEST POSSIBLE START IN LIFE (see pages 17-20 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Dan Whitehead

Delete sections 1-3 and **replace** with:

1. Council assembly notes that:
 - a. All Councillors in the borough want our citizens to have the best start in life.
 - b. Education has improved significantly since 2002 and this has been a result of hard work by young people, parents, schools, council officers and politicians from all parties.
 - c. The introduction of the Pupil Premium for disadvantaged children by Liberal Democrats in government has made the UK one of very few countries in the world to spend more on its poorest pupils than it does on its wealthiest
 - d. Liberal Democrats have ensured in law that mental health is treated with an equal priority to physical health
 - e. The previous Labour government's policy of detaining innocent children seeking asylum was scrapped by Liberal Democrats
 - f. Youth services funding was regrettably cut by 50% in 2016 by Southwark Labour.

Renumber section 4 to 2 and **insert** the following paragraphs at the end of this section:

3. Council assembly notes:
 - a. The Times recently reported that Southwark has had the most murders in London over the past year. Tragically, young people have directly and indirectly been victims of these crimes to a disproportionately high degree. Council Assembly therefore proposes concrete proposals to combat crime by:
 - i. Directly funding a specialist 'Knife Crime Unit' to undertake focused and long-term investigations to proactively target knife crime that has more than doubled in recent years
 - ii. Fully reversing the cuts to youth services and doubling funding on youth services across the borough
 - b. The housing crisis is a major block to young people achieving the best possible start in life. Over the past eight years, Southwark Council has lost over 2000 council homes. Council Assembly therefore calls for:
 - i. The establishment of an Empty Homes Unit, to reduce the number of vacant properties in the borough, which currently is by far the highest in London and more than neighbouring boroughs of Lambeth, Lewisham and Tower Hamlets combined.

- ii. The wider use, and threat of use, of Compulsory Purchase Orders for those landlords who do not ensure their properties are available and habitable.
 - iii. The establishment of a borough-wide licensing scheme that prevents good landlords from being under-cut by poor landlords, and secures decent quality housing for everyone.
 - c. As the recent IPCC report makes clear, climate change is a reality and one that seriously threatens the future of younger people in Southwark. Council assembly therefore asserts:
 - i. Its support for greater investment in green infrastructure locally, and calls for the Mayor of London and TfL to commit to building the tube station at Bricklayers Arms, fully reverse the cuts to bus services, especially the RV1;
 - ii. That the council should finally deliver on its years-old promise to extend the Santander Bike-hire scheme across the Borough;
 - iii. That the council should introduce more electric vehicle charge-points across the borough, to speed-up the shift from polluting fossil-fuels to electric vehicles powered by renewable energy via the National Grid.
- 4. Council assembly also notes that:
 - a. Polls suggest that young people overwhelmingly support Britain's membership of the European Union
 - b. Many young people were denied a chance to express their view in the referendum on whether to stay in the European Union as they had not reached legal voting age in 2016
 - c. If Brexit goes ahead, Southwark's young people will lose the rights that they currently enjoy to freely work, study, and live in the European Union
 - d. Any form of Brexit will damage the economy, and with it, prevent Southwark's young people from getting the best possible start in life.
- 5. Council assembly therefore calls for:
 - a. The legal voting age to be lowered to 16
 - b. A people's vote on the final Brexit deal, with an option to remain in the European Union on the ballot paper.

ITEM 5.2.1: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - A PEOPLE'S VOTE ON BREXIT (see page 29 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT B

Moved: Councillor Graham Neale

Seconded: Councillor Humaira Ali

Insert new paragraph after section 2, as follows:

3. In the event of the Prime Minister's deal being rejected by Parliament, Southwark Council believes the people should be consulted on the future direction of our country via a People's Vote referendum, including an option to remain in the EU.

AMENDMENT C

Moved: Councillor Victoria Mills
Seconded: Councillor James McAsh

1. b. After “the final Brexit deal” **insert** “and polls also indicate a clear opposition to the deal that the Prime Minister has proposed.”

1. g. After “opponents of Brexit.” **insert** “Similarly, the draft Withdrawal Agreement proposed by the Prime Minister is unlikely to be approved in a vote in Parliament.”

After 1.j. **insert** new points:

1. k. The Prime Minister’s deal does not meet the six tests set out by the Labour Party in order to support any deal, which are:

- i. Does it ensure a strong and collaborative future relationship with the EU?
- ii. Does it deliver the “exact same benefits” as we currently have as members of the Single Market and Customs Union?
- iii. Does it ensure the fair management of migration in the interests of the economy and communities?
- iv. Does it defend rights and protections and prevent a race to the bottom?
- v. Does it protect national security and our capacity to tackle cross-border crime?
- vi. Does it deliver for all regions and nations of the UK?

1. l. The Prime Minister has failed to satisfy members of her own party, the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats that this deal is right for Britain, and she is unlikely to command a Parliamentary majority to approve her deal.

2. **Insert** “In that event” before “Council assembly therefore:”

2. a. After “opportunity to vote” **insert** “either in a General Election, or failing that, a public vote”

2. b. **Delete** “Formally adds” and **insert** “Supports all options remaining on the table in the event that a General Election is not called immediately, including formally adding” before “its voice to those”

2. c. After “Brexit is implemented” **insert** “in the event that a General Election is not called immediately”

ITEM 5.2.2: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - SCHOOL CUTS (see page 30 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT D

Moved: Councillor Dan Whitehead
Seconded: Councillor Anood Al-Samerai

Insert:

In point 2. b. 'Liberal Democrat Councillors' after 'three Labour MPs'

and

Insert:

3. d. 'To recognise that the Pupil Premium benefits the most disadvantaged pupils in the borough, with Southwark pupils receiving over £112 million since the scheme was introduced, and confirms its commitment to ensuring that pupils continue to receive this support.'

**ITEM 5.2.4: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - END UNFAIR EVICTIONS - ABOLISH SECTION 21
OF 1988 HOUSING ACT** (see page 31 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT E

Moved: Councillor Hamish McCallum

Seconded: Councillor Adele Morris

Insert:

3. d. 'Introduce a borough-wide selective licensing scheme to protect tenants from rogue landlords and ensure that every rental property in Southwark meets minimum standard for quality, safety and security.'

ITEM 5.2.6: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - OPPOSING BUS CUTS (see page 33 - 34 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT F

Moved: Councillor Damian O'Brien
Seconded: Councillor Victor Chamberlain

Insert:

3. a. After 'To work with', 'Caroline Pidgeon AM, Chair of the London Assembly's Transport Committee and'

ITEM 5.2.7: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - OVERGROUND TICKET OFFICE CLOSURES (see page 34 - 35 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT G

Moved: Councillor Nick Johnson

Seconded: Councillor Jane Salmon

Insert

3. b. after 'Ask', 'Caroline Pidgeon AM, Chair of the London Assembly's Transport Committee and'

ITEM 5.2.8: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - SOLIDARITY WITH THE WINDRUSH GENERATION (see page 35 - 36 of the main agenda)

AMENDMENT H

Moved: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle

Seconded: Councillor Martin Seaton

At the start, **insert** new points:

1. Windrush has become a symbol of African-Caribbean migration to the UK following the British government's invitation to workers from the Commonwealth countries to help reduce the British labour shortage and rebuild the war damaged country.
2. Council assembly pays tribute to Patrick Vernon OBE, former Hackney Labour councillor, for first raising this issue by starting the online petition for justice for Windrush.

Then re-number all subsequent points accordingly.

3. After "thousands of people" **delete** "who moved" and **replace with** "who answered the call to move" and after "independent from the UK" **delete** "known as the Windrush generation".
4. After a. **insert** new point:
 - b. The contribution of black women such as Princess Ademola, daughter of the Alake of Abeokuta, the paramount chief in northern Nigeria who worked at Guys Hospital.

Then renumber all subsequent points accordingly.

Delete 4.c. and **replace with:**

- c. Southwark Labour's manifesto commitment to continuing to make Southwark a borough where all migrants feel welcome, with families who have lived here for generations living alongside people who have newly arrived from every corner of the globe to make our borough their home."
8. After d. **insert** new points:
 - e. To review and ensure all council policies seek to reduce the impact of the "Hostile Environment".
 - f. To work together with other London Boroughs to ensure a joined-up approach to mitigating and eradicating this scandal.

AMENDMENT I

Moved: Councillor Humaira Ali

Seconded: Councillor Eliza Mann

Replace:

2. b. 'Southwark Labour's manifesto'

with

'Southwark Labour and Southwark Liberal Democrats ongoing'

Delete:

3. a. 'The "Hostile Environment" policies initiated by Theresa May as Home Secretary of the coalition government, which'

And **replace with:**

3. a. The "Hostile Environment" policies that were first initiated and made official government policy by the Labour Home Secretary Alan Johnson¹, and subsequently were accepted and continued by her successor Theresa May as Conservative Home Secretary. These have'

Delete:

5. b. 'this Conservative government and the previous Liberal Democrat/Conservative coalition government has been appalling, racist, and inexcusable, and must be condemned.'

And **replace with:**

'successive governments of all parties has been appalling, inexcusable and must be condemned.'

Insert new section:

4. Council assembly notes:
 - a. That unlike both the Labour party and the Conservative party, it has never been the policy of the Liberal Democrats to make Britain a 'Hostile Environment' for those who move here.
 - b. That there is a very real danger of the treatment the Windrush generation endured will be repeated with European citizens after Brexit.
 - c. That the statements by both the Labour Leader of the Opposition and the Labour Shadow Chancellor explicitly stated that the United Kingdom must leave the European Union in order to stop Eastern European immigrants coming to Britain were appalling, inexcusable and must be condemned
 - d. That very many, including the Labour MP Chuka Umunna and the editor of the Labour-supporting New Statesman Stephen Bush, have stated their belief that the Labour party is an 'institutionally racist' organisation, according to the criteria of the Macpherson report.

¹ See February 2010 Home Office Report, 'Protecting our Border, Protecting the Public'.

- e. That the Labour party is now regarded by many, both in Britain and internationally, as a racist organisation and that is, or should be, a matter of great shame for the party and its representatives.
- f. That consequently, no party can be, or should be, complacent or retreat into denial when faced with accusations of racism, or assume that it alone is pure enough to be trusted with avoiding racist government policies while in power.