

## Cabinet

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 17 September 2019 at 4.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room GO2C, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Peter John OBE (Chair)  
Councillor Rebecca Lury  
Councillor Evelyn Akoto  
Councillor Jasmine Ali  
Councillor Stephanie Cryan  
Councillor Richard Livingstone  
Councillor Victoria Mills  
Councillor Leo Pollak  
Councillor Johnson Situ  
Councillor Kieron Williams

### 1. APOLOGIES

There were none.

### 2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair gave notice of the following late items:

Item 7: Deputation requests

Item 10: Policy and Resources Strategy 2020-21 to 2022-23 update

Reasons for urgency and lateness will be specified in the relevant minutes.

### 3. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN A CLOSED MEETING, AND ANY REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

No representations were received in respect of the items listed as closed business for the meeting.

### 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Evelyn Akoto and Councillor Kieron Williams declared a disclosable pecuniary

interest in respect of Item 13 (New Council Homes Rooftop Development Principles and Programme Update) as they are council leaseholders.

Councillors Akoto and Williams confirmed their intention to withdraw from the meeting and leave the meeting room while item 13 was being discussed.

## 5. MINUTES

### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the open section of the meeting held on 16 July 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

## 6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

### 1. Public Question from Jerry Flynn

The council agreed with the Local Government Ombudsman in 2016 that there be an annual audit into compliance with conditions for provision of social housing through S106 agreements.

As the Ombudsman decision was delivered three years ago, can the leader say when the results of these audits will be published?

### **Response by Councillor Johnson Situ, Cabinet Member for Growth, Development and Planning**

Southwark Council is committed to responding to the housing crisis and we are working to deliver as much genuinely affordable housing as possible.

An audit was carried out in 2016 where the council wrote to all the Registered Providers (RPs) requesting details of units held. There are 11,999 units managed by RPs in Southwark and there have been 4,320 affordable units secured by S106 legal agreements since 2001. The audit can be found at:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/assets/attach/10526/Southwark-S106-AH-Audit.xlsx>.

The audit contains planning permissions since 2001 and shows the Registered Provider/Registered Social Landlord for each social rent and intermediate unit identified. In some cases the Registered Provider/Registered Social Landlord is yet to be confirmed. It must be noted that this is not a complete list and should be used as guidance only.

We are the leading borough on the work of recording accurately where our affordable units are located both social and intermediate. We recognise this is an area that needs to be worked on and so we are the first borough to create a dedicated digital tool to accurately monitor delivery of affordable housing. More information on the affordable housing monitoring project can be found at:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/innovate/collabrative-project/affordable-housing-monitoring>.

## **2. Public Question from Charlie Murphy (South Dock Marina Berthholders Association)**

How will the process and proposed resetting of future SDM (South Dock Marina) fees and charges be made more transparent, aligned with both the Localism Act 2011 and Local Government Act 2003 and reconfigured to avoid 'Abuse of a Dominant position'?"

### **Response by Councillor Richard Livingstone, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency**

Concerns have been raised about berth holder fees in 2019-20 and as a result this was the subject of discussion at scrutiny committee. The committee recommended that:

- the council should strengthen its communication with the berth holders by establishing a standing forum to work through all matters relating to the management of the marina, including the equalities assessment of fee increases and
- a clear and transparent formula for fee increases should be drawn up.

The council has committed to working with berth holders this year to address future fee setting. As such a meeting with berth holders took place in early September and fee setting was discussed. Berth holders are currently considering how they would like to be engaged in the process and a further meeting will be set up specifically to discuss future fee setting.

It is our intention that at the next meeting the timetable and decision making process for fee setting will be clearly communicated with berth holders and they will have an opportunity to discuss this with officers before proposals for next year's fees are submitted. We will continue to work with berth holders to develop a process and framework that can be applied in future years.

Both the Localism Act and the Local Government Act 2003 enable the authority to charge for discretionary services provided that it does so on a cost recovery basis. The total income from the Marina consists of various income streams – some of the income comes from services but a large part from licenses. Taking one financial year with another, the income from charges made from a service should not exceed the cost of the provision of the service, but we are able to take into account the totality of the income streams and the total costs of the service provision in calculating this. Furthermore we are able to look at the costs and income over a combined number of years in order to make this calculation.

Regarding the 'abuse of a dominant position', this is a reference to competition law. Where any price increases are objectively justifiable and are generally equivalent to or even cheaper other comparative providers this will not be an issue. Regular benchmarking exercises will enable the authority to have clear evidence that supports this position.

### **Supplemental question**

Charlie Murphy asked a supplemental question about the status of berthholders in the fee

setting process, including having a transparent view of the accounts in order to see how the fees are set.

Councillor Livingstone confirmed that the ongoing process will include working with stakeholders including berthholders to ensure the process is clear. He also committed to meeting with the berthholders whenever would be helpful.

## **7. DEPUTATION REQUESTS**

The report had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept this item as urgent as the request had been received in line with the constitutional deadline for the receipt of deputation requests.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That deputations be heard from the South Dock Marina Berthholders Association and from Southwark Supertram.
2. That the late deputation from Chiltern Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) not be heard. The relevant cabinet member undertook to meet with Chiltern TRA separately.

#### **South Dock Marina Berthholders Association**

The spokesperson for the deputation addressed the meeting to strongly recommend Southwark Council look into a redevelopment scheme that contains no residential element.

Cabinet members confirmed that while the council is unlikely to have the capital resources to redevelop the area without a residential element, the consultation to be agreed today will ensure that all stakeholders can offer suggestions for how to improve the process.

#### **Southwark Supertram**

The spokesperson for the deputation addressed the meeting to recommend the proposed Southwark Supertram scheme to the cabinet. They emphasised the potential benefits for cutting transport and cutting air pollution, as well as cutting journey times in the local area.

## **8. POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY: REVENUE MONITORING REPORT, INCLUDING TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2019-20 (MONTH 4)**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the General Fund forecast outturn position for 2019-20 (Table 1 of the report) be noted.
2. That the key adverse variations and budget pressures underlying the forecast outturn position be noted:
  - The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) forecast outturn position of a £6m deficit and the significant pressures on the High Needs Block (paragraphs 25-28 of the report)

- The forecast budget pressures on temporary accommodation (paragraphs 34-36 of the report)
  - The forecast utilisation of £4m contingency to support the General Fund budget (paragraph 51 of the report).
3. That the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) forecast outturn position for 2019-20 (Table 2, paragraphs 52-61 of the report) be noted.
  4. That the forecast movements of General Fund earmarked reserves (paragraphs 62-68 of the report) be noted.
  5. That the update on the London Business Rate pool net financial benefits (paragraphs 69 to 70 of the report) be noted.
  6. That the treasury management activity to date in 2019-20 (paragraphs 71-79 of the report) be noted.
  7. That the interdepartmental General Fund budget movements that are less than £250k as shown in Appendix A of the report be noted.

**9. POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY: CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT, INCLUDING CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE 2019-20 (MONTH 4)**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the outturn and resources for 2019-20 and future years for both the general fund and housing investment programmes as detailed in Appendices A, B and D of the report be noted.
2. That the virements and variations to the general fund and housing investment capital programme as detailed in Appendix C of the report be approved.
3. That the inclusion in the programme of the capital bids set out in Appendix E of the report be approved.
4. That the significant funding requirement of £397.5m which needs to be identified for the general fund programme to be fully delivered over the remaining term of the programme, as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be noted.
5. That the significant funding requirement of £122.8m which needs to be identified for the housing investment programme to be fully delivered over the remaining term of the programme, as detailed in Appendix B of the report, be noted.

**10. POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2020-21 TO 2022-23 UPDATE**

The report had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the report as urgent in order to update the 2020-21 to 2022-23 budget planning process and the detailed work on budget proposals following the Spending Review announcement on 4 September 2019. This work continues over the coming months in order to meet the timetable to prepare a budget proposal for submission to

council assembly in February 2020.

**RESOLVED:**

That the following be noted:

1. The outcome of the Government's 2020-21 Spending Review announced on 4 September 2019, set out in paragraphs 16 to 19 of the report.
2. The Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has confirmed that the Fair Funding Review, 75% business rate retention and business rates reset will be delayed until 2021-22.
3. The updated 2020-21 budget forecast, based on the latest information and the following revised assumptions, indicates a budget funding gap of £7.5m:
  - an inflation increase of 1.84% in the Settlement Funding Assessment
  - additional grant funding announced in the Spending Round for social care, high needs and tackling rough sleeping and homelessness will be passported to those services
  - an index linked increase in Public Health Grant and Better Care Fund allocations
  - that other major grant funding sources, i.e. Improved Better Care Fund, Social Care Grants and New Homes Bonus will continue at 2019-20 levels (as previously assumed)
  - the business rate baseline reset, that will significantly impact those authorities that have experienced the greatest growth since inception of the existing BRR system in 2013-14, will be deferred until 2021-22.
4. The funding gap will reduce by £2.3m should the council decide to increase council tax by 2% for adult social care.
5. The funding gap will reduce by a further £2.3m should the council decide to increase council tax by 2% in line with the proposed referendum principle level.
6. As agreed in July 2019, the strategic director of finance and governance with the support of other strategic directors and their teams will prepare a one year budget for 2020-21 based on cash-limiting departmental budgets at 2019-20, setting out the risks of this approach and how these risks will be managed.
7. The strategic director of finance and governance will seek to prepare with other officers indicative savings options and commitments for 2021-22 and 2022-23 as part of the risk mitigation required to support this approach.
8. Cabinet will receive further reports as further funding information becomes available and as budget plans for 2020-21 are developed.

## **11. LBS HOUSING RENTS INCOME COLLECTION POLICY**

### **RESOLVED:**

#### **Decision by the Cabinet**

1. That the rent income collection policy as set out within Appendix 1 of the report be agreed and be implemented from autumn 2019.

#### **Decision by the Leader of the Council**

2. That future updates or revisions of the rent income collection policy be delegated to the cabinet member for finance, performance and Brexit, subject to any fundamental changes being brought back to cabinet.

## **12. CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF SOUTH DOCK MARINA AND BOATYARD AND GREENLAND DOCK**

### **RESOLVED:**

#### **Decision by the Cabinet**

1. That the key considerations and principles for any future proposals as set out in the report in paragraph 13 and paragraphs 17 to 43 be approved.
2. That the consultation and engagement plan for proposals relating to South Dock Marina, Greenland Dock and the boatyard as set out in paragraphs 44 to 55 of the report be approved.

#### **Decision by the Leader of the Council**

3. That authority be delegated to the strategic director of environment & leisure, in consultation with the cabinet member for environment, transport and the climate emergency, to approve the content of the consultation and any other associated details.

## **13. NEW COUNCIL HOMES ROOFTOP DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Councillor Evelyn Akoto and Councillor Kieron Williams, having declared disclosable pecuniary interests in this item, left the meeting room while this item was being discussed and a decision made.

### **RESOLVED:**

#### **Decision by the Cabinet**

1. That the report be noted.

### **Decision by the Leader of the Council**

2. That the agreement of the new housing design review principles, including roof top developments be delegated to the cabinet member for social regeneration, great estates and new council homes.
3. That the offer to be made to residents to mitigate the impact of roof top developments be delegated to the strategic director for housing and modernisation in consultation with the strategic director of finance and governance, the cabinet member for social regeneration, great estates and new council homes and cabinet member for housing and modernisation.

## **14. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S APPROACH TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **RESOLVED:**

That:

1. The approach to community engagement that sets out the vision and principles that were agreed at the cabinet meeting 30 April 2019 and describes how we will deliver these (attached as appendix 1 of the report) be adopted.
2. The new approach which will inform the way in which the council works with residents throughout the borough on any matters which involve engagement and consultation be agreed.
3. The following objectives for community engagement be agreed:
  - a. Create and nurture relationships with people and community organisations and build better connectivity between the council, and voluntary and community organisations and people in Southwark and each other
  - b. Understand people's experiences of services they use and the neighbourhoods they live in, work in, run a business in, visit and move through and better employ this local intelligence and local expertise to improve people's wellbeing, the quality of our places and the quality of our services
  - c. Enable good governance and fair and informed decision making, through building confident, skilled, active and influential communities and a culture of getting involved.
4. A report be brought back to cabinet next year to ensure we adhere to these principles.
5. That ways of embedding this in the council's decision-making process to measure these equalities and the sign-off process for them be developed.

## **15. EXTENSION OF THE INTERSERVE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the variation to extend the term of the consolidated facilities management (FM) contract with Interserve (Facilities Management) Limited (Interserve FM) for a period



of up to 14 months, from 1 February 2020 to 31 March 2021, at an estimated total cost of £11.2m, be approved.

2. That it be noted that from the start date 1 February 2013 to 31 March 2021 the estimated total contract value will be £63m.
3. That it be noted that a break clause will be sought as part of the variation to allow for an earlier end to the contract as further detailed in paragraph 10 of the report.

## **16. INSOURCED REPAIRS SERVICE - YEAR ONE REVIEW**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That it be agreed that all non-chargeable repairs and associated works (responsive repairs inside council tenants' homes) remain in-house, delivered by the council.
2. That it be requested that a three year improvement plan for this housing repairs service be developed, in consultation with staff, members and residents, and presented to cabinet for approval in March 2020
3. That the need to negotiate with the relevant trade unions of affected staff on pay and reward terms and conditions in Southwark Traded Services be recognised, and that it be agreed to delegate authority for negotiation and implementation to the strategic director of environment and leisure with the aim of reaching agreement.
4. That the cabinet member for housing management and modernisation discuss an action plan on how to deal with mould and damp with officers.

## **17. HOUSING DELIVERY TEST ACTION PLAN FOR SUBMISSION**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Housing Delivery Test Action Plan attached at Appendix A of the report be agreed for publication.

## **18. OLD KENT ROAD SOCIAL REGENERATION CHARTER**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Old Kent Road Social Regeneration Charter [OKRSRC] attached as Appendix 1 to the report be agreed for consultation.
2. That it be noted that cabinet will agree the final OKRSRC following consultation.

**19. 593 OLD KENT ROAD - ACQUISITION OF SITE TO DELIVER NEW COUNCIL HOUSING**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That it be authorised pursuant to s120 of the Local Government Act 1972 and s9 of the Housing Act 1985, that the council acquires the freehold interest in the property shown edged red on the plan at Appendix A of the report.
2. That the principal purchase terms set out in full in paragraph 4 of the closed version of the report and substantially in paragraph 19 of the report be authorised.
3. That authority to agree the detailed terms of the acquisition be delegated to the director of regeneration.

**20. NUNHEAD ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLVED:**

That:

1. Authority to continue to negotiate the terms of the acquisition of the freehold interest in the property shown edged red on the plan at Appendix A be delegated to the director of regeneration and the strategic director of housing and modernisation in consultation with the strategic director of finance and governance.
2. The council, subject to terms being agreed between the parties, be authorised to acquire the freehold interest in the property pursuant to s120 of the Local Government Act 1972 and s9 of the Housing Act 1985.
3. It be authorised that any acquisition will be made from the Housing Investment Programme with the primary focus being the delivery of high quality council housing.

**21. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLVED:**

**Delivering the transport infrastructure for Southwark's future**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be noted and agreed (relevant actions were also noted):

1. Council assembly notes:
  - a. The Southwark Labour manifesto and council plan commitment to creating a fairer future for Southwark, where every resident has the chance to thrive, and make the most of the opportunities being created in the borough.
  - b. That we want a borough where growth works for all, with high quality employment, healthcare, schools, park and libraries for residents.
  - c. That in order for our residents to be able to access these opportunities being

created in Southwark, there needs to be an accessible, sustainable transport network, right across the whole borough.

- d. That the Southwark Labour manifesto committed to delivering the transport infrastructure needed for Southwark's future by pledging to:
  - i) Campaign to re-open Camberwell train station
  - ii) Make cycling accessible for all, increase cycle hangers where people want them, boost access to cycle hire and double the proportion of journeys in Southwark done by bike
  - iii) Campaign for three new tube stations on the Old Kent Road, including one at the Bricklayers Arms
  - iv) Work with the Mayor of London to build a new pedestrian and cycling bridge from Canada Water to Canary Wharf
  - v) Develop a green walking network
  - vi) Adapt lamp posts to charge electric cars so that every home is within walking distance of a charging point
  - vii) Campaign to reinstate the frequency of the RV1 bus service.
  
- e. The progress made against these commitments, including:
  - i) Making cycling safer and easier by delivering 7.8 kilometres of cycle ways, and providing bikeability training to 3,484 children and 1,359 adults
  - ii) Creating the 'Back the Bakerloo' campaign, in partnership with Lewisham Council, to which nearly 17,500 local residents and businesses have pledged their support
  - iii) Improving accessibility at Peckham Rye station, as, thanks to the council's lobbying, the government has committed funds to installing a lift in the station
  - iv) Adapting 81 lamp posts into electric charging points, with many more in the pipeline, enabling residents to move away from greenhouse gas emitting petrol or diesel cars
  - v) Working with Network Rail to redevelop London Bridge station, making it a station fit for the future and accessible to all.

2. Council assembly further notes:

- a. That at the March 2019 council assembly, council assembly declared a climate emergency.
- b. That for the council to play its part in addressing the recently announced climate emergency, it will need to continue to promote the shift from driving to walking, cycling and public transport.
- c. That in April cabinet agreed the Movement Plan, committing the council to transport policies that promote walking and cycling, improve air quality and safety, and reduce carbon.
- d. That wherever possible, the council has worked closely with Transport for London (TfL) to enable them to deliver schemes that benefit the borough.
- e. That thanks to Conservative austerity, TfL's budget has been dramatically reduced by £700m a year.
- f. That despite the council's close partnership working with TfL, they have made a number of disappointing decisions, such as the withdrawal of the RV1 bus service, the decision not to include a third station at Bricklayers Arms in their proposals for the Bakerloo line extension, and the recent decision to halt work on the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf pedestrian bridge, despite widespread

- community and cross-party support for each of these.
- g. That TfL's decisions make it harder for the council to promote walking, cycling and public transport, improve air quality, and tackle the climate emergency.
  - h. That although TfL's decisions are understandably based on their reduced budget, council assembly remains disappointed that they have not done more to work with the council to deliver the transport infrastructure needed for Southwark's future.
3. Council assembly resolves to call on cabinet to:
- a. Campaign for better transport links in Southwark's transport 'not spots', where residents are not within a short walk of a train, overground or tube station (see map).
  - b. Campaign for better accessibility to Southwark's transport, including:
    - i) Calling on the government to continue the work that will be done at Denmark Hill and Peckham Rye stations and ensure lifts and step free access in all stations in the borough
    - ii) Support the improvement of the Canada Water station interchange
    - iii) Calling on TfL to ensure accessible, step free access along bus routes and reinstate the RV1 bus
    - iv) Call on TfL to ensure adequate support available at underground and overground stations for those who need it by keeping ticket offices open.
  - c. Continue to work to ensure that transport in the borough is sustainable, including promoting active travel, in particular, walking and cycling, and continue to work with TfL to deliver the extension of the Santander Cycle scheme in Southwark.
  - d. Continue to lobby TfL to rethink their decision to pause work on the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf Bridge.
  - e. Review planning policy in the light of the climate emergency to ensure the planning process promotes sustainable, environmentally friendly transport options for the borough.

### **Promoting equality and valuing diversity**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be noted and agreed (relevant actions were also noted):

1. Council assembly:
  - a. Asserts its pride in Southwark as one of the most diverse and vibrant parts of London, the UK and indeed Europe.
  - b. Recognises the contributions that all communities, classes and cultures have made to Southwark in the past and will continue to make in future.
  - c. Welcomes the promotion and integration of equality and diversity in all that the council undertakes; and in its work undertaken with partners.
  - d. Welcomes its community leadership role and commits to working towards being a borough where all feel safe, included, valued and respected, as well as helping to promote good community relations in the borough so that all feel a common sense of belonging to one Southwark – a borough that welcomes and celebrates its great diversity.
2. Council assembly acknowledges that:
  - a. The level of hate crime in Southwark is still too high, with 788 incidents in 2018.

- b. The levels of hate crime and hate incidents in Southwark and across London have risen in recent years. Race-hate crime across London has increased from 8,000 incidents a year in 2012 to almost 18,000 this year. Sexual orientation hate crime across London has almost doubled in five years, from 1,092 incidents in 2014 to 2,048 incidents this year
    - c. People from minority groups feel less safe as verbal and physical attacks driven by misogyny, homophobia and racism have become more frequent.
    - d. A complacent assumption that hateful attitudes and discrimination will inevitably decline over time has been disproved and needs to be rejected.
3. Council assembly notes:
  - a. That in November 2017, council assembly voted unanimously to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.
  - b. That both the Liberal Democrats and the Labour party have accepted the All-Party Parliamentary Group working definition of Islamophobia, defined as being 'rooted in racism and [is] a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.'
  - c. The recent acceptance of Conservative party leadership candidates to support an independent inquiry into Islamophobia within the Conservative party, and hopes that the independent inquiry will take place promptly rather than being postponed to an unspecified date.
4. Council assembly also notes the work that the council already does to promote diversity and tackle hate crime, including:
  - a. Promoting and taking part in National Hate Crime Awareness Week.
  - b. Providing Hate Crime Awareness materials and resources to community, voluntary, and faith groups across the borough.
  - c. Engaging more than 1,400 young people across over 30 primary and secondary schools with in-school workshops on diversity, tolerance, equalities and tackling prejudice.
  - d. Funding interactive Hate Crime awareness raising workshops in five primary schools in the borough for over 400 primary school children, and securing funding for the "Free to Be" programme which will help 1,900 young people across four schools to tackle homophobic and transphobic bullying and hatred.
  - e. Supporting celebrations of diversity, including Black History Month, the annual interfaith walk, council staff equality forums and networks, as well as community and voluntary organisations in Southwark that promote diversity.
5. Council assembly asserts that:
  - a. Discrimination, harassment and abuse in all its forms and manifestations is not only wrong in itself but also corrodes the core pillars of society and undermines attempts to build a secure, prosperous, and decent society that we all want to live in.
  - b. There has been a lack of leadership across Parliament in developing effective strategies to confront discrimination and the causes of these prejudices.
  - c. There has been a generational failure to clearly acknowledge and celebrate the rewards we have reaped from people who have moved to the UK to build their lives here and contribute to our societies and communities as well as those rewards we will reap from people who will choose to move to the UK in the future.
  - d. Southwark should be a leader and serve as a beacon to others in demonstrating how to create the tolerant, open and mutually supportive society

we want to see.

6. Council assembly:
  - a. Adopts the All-Party Parliamentary Group working definition of Islamophobia.
  - b. Affirms its previous adoption of the IHRA definition on antisemitism.
  - c. Commits to standing up against hate and to challenging Islamophobia, antisemitism and all other forms of racism and discrimination, in our own organisations and parties as well as outside them.
  - d. Calls on the civic awards sub committee to create a specific award for those who have made an outstanding contribution to making Southwark a more integrated, plural and tolerant place for us all, as part of the borough's Civic Awards.
  
7. Council assembly calls on cabinet to:
  - a. Actively ensure that activities and events in Southwark acknowledge and reflect the diversity of life and society in our borough.
  - b. Continue to work with schools to:
    - i. celebrate diversity
    - ii. ensure that young people are educated about hate crime, including how to tackle the spread of hate speech online
    - iii. make all Southwark schools inclusive places for all children and young people.
  - c. Call on the government to make misogyny-driven attacks a hate crime and to commit additional resources to tackling the spread of hate crime.
  - d. Establish diversity champions, drawn on a cross-party or non-party basis, to act as additional focal points for enabling greater integration and strengthening community bonds of belonging, solidarity, tolerance and mutual support.
  - e. Launch an updated equality and diversity standard for Southwark Council.
  - f. Specifically and additionally include those who have made an outstanding contribution to making Southwark a more integrated, plural and tolerant place for us all in the borough's Civic Awards.
  - g. Work with Transport for London on how to make public transport a safe place for all users.
  - h. Promote and protect spaces in the Borough where people from minority groups feel safe, particularly LGBT+ spaces that have declined by 60% in Southwark over the last decade.
  - i. Commit to making Southwark a borough that stands out for its integration, tolerance and mutual cross-community support, which can serve as a model for others to follow.

### **Supporting the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf Bridge**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be noted and agreed (relevant actions were also noted):

1. Council assembly notes:
  - a. The 2016 transport motion, in which council assembly called on Transport for London (TfL) to bring forward plans for a bridge linking Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf.
  - b. That since then the Rotherhithe Bridge proposal has received widespread support, with over 90% of local residents backing the plans.
  - c. That local councillors have led the push for the bridge, and that the council has

recognised the importance of delivering the bridge in the most recent Council Plan.

- d. The Southwark Labour manifesto pledge to work with the Mayor of London to build a new pedestrian and cycling bridge from Canada Water to Canary Wharf.
  - e. The Mayor of London's 2016 commitment to "work to break down some of the city's physical barriers, such as by backing the Rotherhithe-Canary Wharf cycle and pedestrian bridge".
  - f. That the Mayor of London had previously expressed his support for the bridge, including by filming a video with local councillors supporting its construction.
  - g. That current river crossings in the area are seriously overcrowded, with serious traffic issues in the approach to the Rotherhithe Tunnel, and Canada Water station having to be closed during rush hour as a result of safety concerns.
  - h. That the current ferry service across the river is both expensive and has a very low capacity.
  - i. That if the cost of ferry tickets were to be subsidised by TfL, or even made free, its limited capacity would not solve the overcrowding issues which the bridge would address.
  - j. That there is no segregated cycle lane across Tower Bridge, making it harder for cyclists to safely cross the river.
  - k. The council's plans to clean up the air and help people make healthy choices of walking and cycling are much more challenging if the bridge is cancelled.
  - l. That the whole of east and southeast London stand to gain from this bridge being built.
2. Council assembly further recognises:
- a. That the significant growth planned in the Canada Water area, including an increase in new homes and job opportunities, will require a significant investment in transport infrastructure.
  - b. That the current plans for the area anticipate the bridge being built.
  - c. That TfL's budget has been cut as a result of Conservative austerity, and that the decision to pause work on the bridge has been made as a result of financial pressures, rather than because TfL consider the bridge to be unnecessary.
  - d. That TfL are continuing to press ahead with the Silvertown Tunnel scheme, despite the significant cost of this scheme, and the concerns that have been raised about its negative impact on the local area and environment.
  - e. That the council has previously publicly stated its support for the bridge, including financial support through the Community Infrastructure Levy.
3. Council assembly believes:
- a. That the recent TfL decision to 'pause' progress on plans to deliver the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf Bridge is the wrong one and condemns the decision.
4. Council assembly therefore calls on cabinet to:
- a. Continue to lobby TfL to reconsider their decision not to progress with plans for the bridge.
  - b. To ask TfL to share details of the increase in cost with the council and commit to jointly review the cost for the bridge.
  - c. Seek an urgent meeting with Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor of London for Transport to relay the strength of feeling within the local community and urge

TfL to reconsider, as well as seek assurances on other major transport infrastructure commitments in the borough, including committing to extending Santander Cycles to Canada Water.

- d. Call on TfL to address in a full and proper manner the concerns and recommendations raised by the council in relation to the proposals for the new Silvertown Tunnel, which will impact negatively on the quality of life of a vast number of people who live and work in the borough.
- e. Work with TfL to deliver on plans to extend the Bike Hire scheme across Bermondsey to Surrey Docks, along the CS4 route to where the bridge is planned to be built, by no later than April 2022.

### **A permanent memorial to remember the terrorist attacks in London Bridge and Borough Market**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be noted and agreed (relevant actions were also noted):

1. Council assembly notes that:
  - a. 3 June 2019 marks the second anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks which took place on London Bridge and in Borough Market.
  - b. Eight people lost their lives and a further forty-eight people were injured in the attacks.
  - c. In addition to those directly involved, many in the local communities in Borough, Bankside and London Bridge are still affected by the traumatic events.
2. Council assembly praises:
  - a. The swiftness of those who responded to the attack, who in their speed and bravery saved the lives of many.
  - b. The spirit of solidarity and social cohesion that flourished following the attacks, showing to the world that Southwark stood together against hate.
  - c. The continued support that has been offered to victims, witnesses and those affected.
  - d. Southwark Council staff, both for their work in responding at the time and for the work they have done since the attack, including making appropriate arrangements to commemorate the first and second anniversaries of the attack, and sharing learning from the response to the attack with other local authorities around the country.
  - e. The Humanitarian Assistance Steering Group, which is led by the council and includes representatives from the Metropolitan Police Service, the NHS, charitable bodies, Borough Market, Team London Bridge, Bankside Residents Forum and others, for their ongoing work, including starting to consult the victims and their families on a permanent memorial in March this year, and ensuring support continues to be available for the victims, their families, and all who were affected.
3. Council assembly calls on cabinet to:
  - a. Continue to support the Humanitarian Assistance Steering Group to establish a permanent memorial to commemorate those who were killed and injured. This memorial should provide a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives and offer a place of remembrance, as well as acknowledging those who were injured, and the wider community impact.
  - b. Ensure that the voices of victims, their families, local representatives and the



wider community are heard, respected and taken into account throughout the process of creating a permanent memorial, including on the design, location and nature of the memorial.

### **Adult social care**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be noted and agreed (relevant actions were also noted):

1. Council assembly notes:
  - a. That social care is in crisis, which puts at risk tens of thousands of older and disabled people who could end up being denied even the most basic personal support such as help with washing or dressing. Yet despite this, the Conservative government has no strategy or plan to deal with this.
  - b. Southwark Council continues to do the very best for our residents by delivering our commitments for a fairer future for all. The council is doing this despite the malign neglect of central government.
  - c. Southwark is having to continually find new ways to ensure that we support people with profound and increasingly complex needs as well as work to transform lives for the better.
  - d. That the coalition government and now the Conservative government have no sustainable plan and are failing to deliver adequate funds to local authorities which risks putting Southwark's current high standard of social care under threat.
  
2. Council assembly further notes:
  - a. That across the country local council spending on social care has dropped in real terms and is now £700 million below what it was in 2010/11. That this is despite an ageing population and a 2 per cent rise in new requests for adult social care since 2015/16, which reached 1.84 million requests in 2018.
  - b. That a recent study from the King's Fund warns that fewer people are receiving care, with almost 13,000 fewer granted help over the same period
  - c. That the study found it is not just older people who are requesting help, with a rise in the number of adults of working age seeking support as levels of disability rise. Since 2015/16, there has been a rise from 1.31 million to 1.32 million older people requesting help, while among working-age people requests have gone up from just over 500,000 to nearly 524,000.
  - d. That more than 7,000 working-age people are receiving long-term support compared with 2015/16, but there more than 20,000 fewer older people receiving it.
  - e. That failure to address a systematic undervaluing of autistic people, dementia sufferers and disabled people in general make the sort of abuse uncovered by Panorama at Whorlton Hall more likely to occur again in the future.
  
3. Council assembly recognises:
  - a. That in Southwark, members of our community can access high quality information, advice and coordinated community services that prevent, reduce and delay their needs for social care support.
  - b. That adults with eligible support needs and their carers have access to services which maximise independence and choice, and enable them to live healthy, safe and fulfilling lives in their community.
  - c. That the council's vision and priorities for the period April 2018 to March 2020 flows from the council's vision first developed in 2015. This vision and priorities

are driven by the belief that the council should be “*Empowering and enabling people to live fulfilled and independent lives with dignity and respect*”.

- d. That Southwark council has put these values into practice, and taken a number of important steps to improve adult social care services, including by:
    - i) Implementing the Southwark Ethical Care Charter, which has significantly increased satisfaction rates in the service, meaning the satisfaction rates are now well above the national average
    - ii) Establishing a Reablement Service that works with the NHS to successfully support 82% of adult care service users in their own homes following hospital discharge
    - iii) Protecting funding for adult mental health services.
    - iv) Agreeing plans to open two new nursing homes, one in Burgess Park and one in Camberwell
    - v) Making it easier for people to access mental health services, disability services and older people services through our hub and satellite
    - vi) Working with the NHS, the voluntary sector to create a sustainable, high quality integrated care system locally
    - vii) Developing a Residential Care Charter that will recognise the importance of demonstrating the value of workers in the care system.
4. Council assembly resolves to call on cabinet to:
- a. Condemn this Conservative government for shamefully abandoning older people and young adults with care needs.
  - b. Call on the government to publish a 10 year social care plan, in line with the 10 year NHS plan, publish a Green Paper on adult social care, and reverse cuts to adult social care funding and expand provision by restoring local government funding.

### **Monthly leave your car at home days**

That the motion referred from council assembly as a recommendation to cabinet, set out below be noted and agreed (relevant actions were also noted):

1. Council assembly welcomes:
  - a. The Mayor of London's and the council's commitment to take part in international car free day on Sunday 22 September 2019.
  - b. Southwark's role in the Mayor's centrepiece of this year's event with the closure to traffic of Tower Bridge and most of Tooley Street on that day, along with non-bus traffic across London Bridge, as part of a car free zone that also includes much of the City of London.
2. Council assembly recognises:
  - a. That in addition to the impact on air quality in cities like London, cars are a major contributor to carbon emissions and long term climate change.
  - b. The role that the Fizz Free Feb campaign has had in highlighting the public health risk posed by sugar and to encourage people to make personal pledges to change their behaviour.
3. Council assembly believes that a similar public health approach to car use is important in changing behaviour.
4. Council assembly reaffirms its commitment to take action to tackle the climate emergency and welcomes international car free day as a positive step towards this.

5. Council assembly therefore calls on cabinet to:
  - a. Develop proposals to introduce a Leave Your Car At Home day every month on all Southwark roads, where the council will encourage road users to leave their car at home, and use alternative ways to travel.
  - b. Work with community groups, schools, businesses and our residents to build support across the borough which change habits and get more people out of their cars.
  - c. Work with councils across London and the Mayor of London to follow Southwark's lead to build support for a monthly Leave Your Car At Home days across London.
  - d. Encourage more people to make use of the council's play streets scheme so that more streets are enjoyed by local children and communities.

The meeting ended at 6.05 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**

**DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2019.**

**THE ABOVE DECISIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE CABINET BE CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY, THEN THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION.**