

Item No. 3.2	Classification: Open	Date: 25 March 2020	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Motion on the Theme: A Decade of Delivery	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The theme for this meeting is A Decade of Delivery.

The relevant cabinet member shall submit a motion on the theme. All other political groups on the council are allowed to submit one amendment to the motion. The cabinet member's motion and the amendments do not need to be seconded. The cabinet member will present the motion to the meeting, followed by the lead opposition spokesperson's response and moving of their amendment, if any. Following this, the subject matter of the theme will be open to debate. Amendment(s) from other opposition groups on the council can be moved during this part of the meeting.

Motion from Councillor Peter John, Leader of the Council

1. Council assembly notes:
 - a. In 2010, the people of Southwark elected a Labour administration, following eight years of Liberal Democrat control.
 - b. That the subsequent 2014 and 2018 local elections have increased the number of Labour councillors, demonstrating the continuing support that Southwark residents have for this Labour council.
 - c. That since then, this Labour council has transformed Southwark, by creating new homes, new jobs and new opportunities for our residents.
 - d. That the Labour values of building a fairer future for all run throughout this council, and have been embedded in the transformation of the borough.
 - e. That Southwark is without doubt a better and fairer place than it was a decade ago.

2. Council assembly further notes the work that has been done by this Labour council to build new homes and transform existing homes in the borough over the last ten years, including:
 - a. Encouraging development and investment in the borough, resulting in over 16,000 new homes of every type being built in the decade.
 - b. Committing to the most ambitious council house building programme in a generation by pledging to build 11,000 council homes by 2043.
 - c. Spending £500m on making our council housing warm, dry and safe, with over 6,000 boilers replaced.
 - d. Bringing the housing repairs service in house, increasing satisfaction to 86%.
 - e. Fitting over 5,000 council homes with a new kitchen and/or bathroom.
 - f. Launching the Great Estates programme, working in partnership with estate residents to make Southwark's estates places to be proud of.
 - g. Creating an award winning homelessness prevention service, and working with partner organisations.

- h. Ending the use of unsuitable and expensive 'bed and breakfast' accommodation.
 - i. Taking back over 1,600 council homes from people who were illegally subletting them.
 - j. Opening Tayo Situ House in 2016 – an Extra Care Housing Scheme made up of 42 flats with round the clock support.
3. Council assembly recognises the role that this council has played in the transformation of Southwark's economy, and the new jobs and apprenticeships that have been created, including:
- a. Helping over 10,000 Southwark residents into jobs.
 - b. Creating the Southwark Construction Skills Centre, which has trained 8,000 people.
 - c. Ensuring that major regeneration projects like the Shard and Elephant Park create construction jobs for local residents.
 - d. Creating over 3,000 high quality apprenticeships.
 - e. Securing over 10,000 work experience placements, and starting a programme to help 500 young people from low income backgrounds get paid internships with London's top employers.
 - f. Supporting local businesses through new Business Improvement Districts, and setting up new funds like the Pioneers Fund to help entrepreneurs at the early stages of their business development.
 - g. Investing £2.2m to support Southwark's businesses and town centres
 - h. Funding £750,000 worth of projects through the High Street Challenge.
 - i. Becoming one of the first local authorities in the country to become a Living Wage accredited employer, and now working in partnership with businesses and employers to make Southwark the first Living Wage Place in London.
 - j. Receiving an 'excellence' accreditation under the Mayor of London's Good Work Standard'.
 - k. Working with Unison to introduce the Ethical Care Charter, improving conditions for care workers and driving up satisfaction in the service from 53% to 96%.
4. Council assembly welcomes the many other new opportunities this council has created in Southwark in the last decade, including:
- a. Creating the Southwark Scholars scheme to make it easier for outstanding young people from our borough to go to university.
 - b. Opening new libraries at Canada Water, Camberwell and Grove Vale, and protecting and investing in Southwark's libraries across the borough.
 - c. Introducing Free Healthy School Meals for all primary school age children, and rolling this out to nursery schools.
 - d. Building world class leisure facilities like the Castle Leisure Centre, and introducing Free Swim and Gym to ensure that nobody is priced out of living an active lifestyle.
 - e. Refurbishing and expanding popular schools, opening new schools and driving up school standards so now 9 in 10 schools in Southwark are rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted.
 - f. Becoming accredited as an Age Friendly Borough, and halving the price of Meals on Wheels.
 - g. Committing to 100% of young people with mental health problems getting the treatment they need.
 - h. Investing £61m in parks since 2010, with 30 parks in the borough being awarded Green Flag status.
 - i. Doubling Southwark's recycling rate, and cracked down on flytipping.

- j. Increasing CCTV coverage to tackle crime hotspots.
 - k. Investing in fire safety improvements to our council homes and estates.
 - l. Introducing the innovative Women's Safety Charter to help local businesses and venues tackle sexual harassment.
 - m. Making it easier to cycle by building 8km of new cycle routes, training nearly 5,000 children and adults to be confident cyclists.
 - n. Tackling poor air quality by introducing anti-idling fines and closing roads around primary schools to encourage walking and cycling rather than driving to school.
5. Council assembly resolves to call on cabinet:
- a. To thank council staff, local partners, and most importantly residents for their work in making this an outstanding decade of delivery in Southwark.
 - b. To ensure that the next ten years builds on this decade of delivery, rises to meet the challenges of the next ten years, including tackling the climate emergency, an uncertain financial future, and the impact of Brexit, so we can continue building a fairer future for all our residents.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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