

COUNCIL

Wednesday 24 January 2018 at 7.00 pm

MINUTES

The Worshipful the Mayor in the Chair

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Councillors Councillor Danial Adilypour, Councillor Michelle Agdomar, Councillor Scott Ainslie, Councillor Adedamola Aminu, Councillor David Amos, Councillor Donatus Anyanwu, Councillor Liz Atkins, Councillor Mary Atkins, Councillor Matthew Bennett, Councillor Alex Bigham, Councillor Anna Birley, Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite, Councillor Linda Bray, Councillor Tim Briggs, Mayor Marcia Cameron, Councillor Rezina Chowdhury, Councillor Malcolm Clark, Councillor Marsha de Cordova, Councillor Fred Cowell, Councillor Kevin Craig, Councillor Edward Davie, Councillor Jim Dickson, Councillor Max Deckers Dowber, Councillor Jacqui Dyer, Councillor Jane Edbrooke, Councillor Paul Gadsby, Councillor Adrian Garden, Councillor Nigel Haselden, Councillor Rachel Heywood, Councillor Jack Holborn, Councillor Claire Holland, Councillor Saleha Jaffer, Councillor John Kazantzis, Councillor Ben Kind, Councillor Vaila McClure, Councillor Paul McGlone, Councillor Jackie Meldrum, Councillor Diana Morris, Councillor Jennie Mosley, Councillor Luke Murphy, Councillor Louise Nathanson, Councillor Lib Peck, Councillor Jane Pickard, Councillor Sally Prentice, Deputy Mayor Guilherme Rosa, Councillor Neil Sabharwal, Councillor Mohammed Seedat, Councillor Iain Simpson, Councillor Joanne Simpson, Councillor Amélie Treppass, Councillor Imogen Walker, Councillor Christopher Wellbelove, Councillor Clair Wilcox, Councillor Andrew Wilson and Councillor Sonia Winifred

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Florence Eshalomi, Councillor Annie Gallop, Councillor Bernard Gentry, Councillor Robert Hill, Councillor Jack Hopkins, Councillor Matt Parr, Councillor Martin Tiedemann and Councillor Christiana Valcarcel

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 18 October 2017 and 18 December be approved as accurate records of the proceedings.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor invited colleagues to a charity dinner at the Kia Oval on 16 February 2018 in support of her two nominated charities – Care 4 Carers and Oasis Youth

Hub.

4. PETITIONS, PNQS AND DEPUTATIONS

4a. Petitions

Council received three petitions:

1. From Councillor Adrian Garden on road safety on Kildoran, Glenelg & Strathleven Roads.
2. From Councillor Fred Cowell on ticketed events in Brockwell Park.
3. From Councillor Tim Briggs on residents in Thurlow Park's request to the Borough Commander to increase police presence in the area.

4b. Public Notice Questions

There were none.

4c. Deputations

Council received a deputation from Janet Baker, regarding proposals for "buffer zones", which would restrict protests in the vicinity of women's sexual health and family planning clinics. Points raised in the deputation included the following:

- Despite claims that the protests around Lambeth clinics were peaceful, they were anything but.
- The protests were aggressive, gender-specific manipulation against women who were often in a state of distress.
- Any woman who has had to reach the point of seeking a pregnancy termination would be confident of her decision, but it would not have been an easy one.
- The protests were wilfully ignorant of why women may be at the clinics.
- Protests at these clinics were as much a violence against women as any other form of aggression and must be removed from the vicinity of these clinics.
- People living nearby also felt uncomfortable by the protests.
- She and those she spoke on behalf of agreed strongly with the right to protest and free speech, but this must be done in a place where no women would feel personally threatened.

The Cabinet Member for Healthier and Stronger Communities, Councillor Jim Dickson, responded to the deputation and raised the following points:

- He thanked Janet Baker and the other women in attendance for their encouragement of Council to address this issue.
- Women who had sought terminations had been subject to intimidation and harassment.
- It cannot be right that women have to walk past protesters bearing oftentimes graphic images.
- Council supported the right to protest peacefully, but women should not be harassed for exercising their legal right to seek a termination.
- To address this issue, Council would engage in a formal public consultation on whether to use a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to restrict protest around the clinics.
- A variety of stakeholders had been engaged to identify those engaged in harassment.
- He hoped that this delegation would receive cross-party support, and it was

regrettable that the Conservatives were not supporting this.

- He finally thanked the delegation once more, and hoped that all in attendance shared the ambition that women were able to access Lambeth clinics free of harassment in the future.

5. CABINET STATEMENT

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Lib Peck, addressed Council and raised the following points:

- She gave reassurance to the submitters of a deputation to the 18 October 2017 Council meeting that they would receive a response by the end of the week.
- She also noted that it was good to be back in the Town Hall for the first Full Council meeting since refurbishment.
- She further thanked all those who had played a part in the project, including construction workers, apprentices and Lambeth staff.
- Paid tribute to the Deputy Leader of the Council (Investment and Partnerships), Councillor Paul McGlone, for his leadership on the project.
- The starting premise of the project had been to save money during a time of austerity, and the Town Hall refurbishment would save £4.5m a year.
- There were also a smaller number of Council buildings, and local demands for more affordable business space and more community space had been addressed.
- Over 290 homes were part of Lambeth's regeneration effort, with 47% of those homes being affordable.
- There were also ambitious plans for hundreds more affordable homes being implemented. Lambeth Council had created and managed a Special Purpose Vehicle to implement this.
- She also invited Councillors to go to other regeneration efforts on Somerlayton Road, Lollard Street and Ackerman Road.
- All that could be done to help struggling residents remain in the borough would be done.
- The Government was not prepared to take any action so it was the responsibility of Council to do something.

6. OPPOSITION STATEMENT

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Tim Briggs, gave the following statement to Council:

"I have mixed views about this New Town Hall. It's sad to hear Councillor Peck talking about this renovated building without any mention of what it cost.

This renovated Town Hall is actually a metaphor for everything wrong with this Labour administration.

It has a historic Edwardian outside, which is a façade of trustworthiness, civic values, and financial prudence. The inside has been hollowed out.

Back in 2015 no councillors opposed the plans – we were told it would cost £50 million and save £2.5 million a year, so paying for itself after 20 years. At Planning Committee Councillor Gentry expressed concerns about the council's ability to manage the project within its budget.

So assuming that Labour colleagues were incompetent in 2015 rather than lying to us - the cost of renovation then rose to £104 million. The estimate now is £160 million. Could be more, no-one knows, there is no transparency.

Is this really £160 million of renovation? And paid back after 64 years? When today's toddlers are picking up their pensions?

Councillor McGlone, if you were on the board of a company and a project you said would cost £50 million ended up costing £160 million, you would be sacked immediately.

Is this a good deal for residents? No. It's the vanity of Labour councillors trumping common sense. There is no longer any sensible business case for this renovation.

What penalties for the Labour councillors that got it wrong? Nothing.

What penalties for council officers that messed up? Nothing.

What incentives to get this kind of thing right in the future? None.

Who has to pay the money back? Residents, of course.

Locally, just like nationally, Labour cannot stop racking up debt. £150 million borrowed for the Shirley Oaks survivors, £300 million and more for Homes for Lambeth, plus this Town hall - that's £610 million. Only in Labour-Lambeth is over half a billion of borrowing pushed under the carpet, so everyone can pretend later its somehow the Government's fault when Labour councillors run out of money.

Yet we know that Conservative-run Wandsworth is the 4th best place for disadvantaged children to grow up - the facts speak for themselves.

And next month we will set out plans in our alternative budget to deal with the financial mess left by these Labour councillors - and a manifesto of hope for residents who have had tenancies taken away, homes and libraries destroyed or decrepit, their green spaces trashed, living on filthy streets - the communities and residents ignored by Labour.

Because Labour councillors can't stop leaseholders getting ripped off by the same kinds of contractors that built this Town Hall, then charged residents 320% more.

The cost of this Town Hall is absolutely conclusive, unequivocal evidence that Lambeth Council under Labour has no control over spending resident's money."

NB - The factual accuracy of this statement was subsequently contested by the Deputy Leader of the Council (Investment and Partnerships). The Leader of the Opposition, on advice of council officers, has since accepted that the stated figure of '£160m' was factually incorrect and that the total investment for the wider project amounted to £104m.

7. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

1. Councillor Louise Nathanson to the Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture, Councillor Sonia Winifred.

Supplementary Question

Lambeth Conservatives do not want to cancel the Country Show, however we would like the administration to consider the financial responsibility of the show, as well as disruption for nearby residents and overuse of green spaces.

Supplementary Answer

Allowing residents to use our open spaces is part of our events strategy. The criticisms stated here are ignorant – we get a lot of revenue from the Country Show. In keeping with our processes, we have a robust events strategy and we also take into account our commitment to deliver sustainable and accessible events to the community. The events strategy works in line with our community health and wellbeing strategy. We engage, listen and act accordingly if events organisers do not adhere to our events strategy.

2. Councillor Scott Ainslie to the Cabinet Member for Healthier and Stronger Communities, Councillor Mohammed Seedat.

Supplementary Question

The Mayor's Officer for Policing and Crime stated that a petition from Lambeth residents on police cuts was never presented to them – why not?

Supplementary Answer

This petition was submitted to the Mayor's Office.

3. Councillor Wellbelove to the Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Tim Briggs.

Supplementary Question

Is it true that no Conservative Councillor has taken their allocated spot on the Planning Committee? Is it true that Councillor Nathanson has never turned up to the Children's Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee? Is it also true that there is one Conservative Councillor who has not even operated a surgery?

Supplementary Answer

I am not even a representative of Councillor Wellbelove's ward, however I am there often because there are so many issues which Labour have not addressed. Councillor Wellbelove himself missed three Council meetings last year.

4. Councillor Saleha Jaffer to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Environment, Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite.

Supplementary Question

Streatham is a particularly bad area with regard to air pollution. We have seen action to address this from the Mayor of London and Lambeth Council, but what action have we seen from the Government?

Supplementary Answer

We have not seen much from the Government. Lambeth has, though, campaigned for the low-emission bus corridor. Since the introduction of the low-emission bus corridor on the A23, records show that levels of pollution have been lowered overnight. Air pollution causes 40,000 deaths every year – the Government is not acknowledging this and has to be dragged kicking and screaming to the courts. Their response has been a damp squid; we would like to see a proper clean air strategy from the Government. I would also like to see funding for clean air at a level which is useful for local authorities.

5. Councillor Jack Holborn to the Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Tim Briggs.

Supplementary Question

I was pleased to hear at Corporate Committee that Councillor Briggs was satisfied with the measures to update fire risk assessments at Lambeth Properties. Councillor Briggs has, however, not answered my question as to what Lambeth Conservatives have done to pressure the Government to adopt fire safety regulations.

Supplementary Answer

There were no promises of financial support made from the Government – I have looked carefully for this online, and what was suggested was not a binding promise. The idea that landlords are not responsible for the safety of their properties makes no legal sense. Wandsworth, however, are providing retro-fitted sprinklers to their properties, which this administration is not.

6. Councillor Joanne Simpson to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lib Peck.

Supplementary Question

We are fortunate to have This Girl Can, which is a programme to provide women and girls with opportunities to engage in physical activity across the borough. Would Councillor Peck agree to accept our invitation to come and see first-hand the work being done by the young women in our borough?

Supplementary Answer

I would love to. Lambeth will go out of its way to encourage women in all avenues of life. I would also like to pay tribute to Dame Tessa Jowell, who has recently announced that she is suffering from brain cancer. I will be sending her a letter on behalf of the Council.

7. Councillor Alex Bigham to the Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Tim Briggs.

Supplementary Question

Councillor Tim Briggs has previously stated that people getting new homes in Lambeth were a bunch of “bike riding socialists who work in the public sector and PR”. I would like to see some respect for our public sector workers. Would he rather see people who ride bikes on our estates or people who drive cars?

Supplementary Answer

It's not a choice between bikes or vehicles – it is possible to support both. I made no comments about public sector workers or people who work in PR.

8. Councillor Ed Davie to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lib Peck.

Supplementary Question

Does the Leader of the Council recall that members of the current Conservative Cabinet promised £350m a week for our National Health Service. However,

Brexit will cost roughly £125bn in lost revenue to the Treasury, which is more than the entire NHS budget. Does she agree that Tory Brexiteers were lying? And does she agree with the outgoing King's College Hospital Chair that the NHS is in crisis and struggling to recruit?

Supplementary Answer

I do agree with him. I also agree that it was incredibly manipulative to present the figures in the way they were presented. The £350m was a complete fabrication, the impact of the lack of funding in the NHS has been particularly evident with regard to the current flu epidemic.

8. REPORTS

8.1 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

The Leader of the Opposition spoke on the item, and stated that whilst he broadly agreed with the changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme, the Conservative's alternative budget would extend the five week run-on period to people who were on Universal Credit to two months, so that support was provided for a longer period before it fell away.

Councillor Scott Ainslie also spoke on the item. Points raised included the following:

- Government cuts had put the Council in a difficult position, but the situation was not so bad that even more money should be taken from the pockets of Lambeth's poorest residents.
- Over 5,500 local payments were facing potential recovery action, this would drive more residents into a downward spiral of unsustainable debt.
- Camden had scrapped its Council Tax Recovery Scheme altogether.
- Following action from residents, the Mayor of Hackney had also decided to scale back his reduction in Council Tax support. Lambeth should follow this example.
- A Freedom of Information request had shown that 375 Lambeth households had been referred to bailiffs. Whilst this was explained for reasons of compliance, this would still cause people to fall into debt spirals.
- The Child Action Poverty Group had also written to him to state that bailiff actions were completely unfair and kicking people whilst they were down.

The Deputy Leader of the Council (Finance and Resources) also spoke on the item. Points raised included the following:

- 30,000 people in Lambeth receive Council Tax Support and for them it is a lifeline.
- Many of the most vulnerable would still receive complete protection from Council Tax, and this would not change under the new scheme, however the cuts from central Government meant that the scheme costs the Council £5m more than it did when it started and those costs rise every year.
- Changes had been made so support would go to those who

needed it most.

- Capital cut-offs had been reduced, and backdating of support had been altered.
- The Council would soon have faced a total of £0.25bn in cuts, and these could not be addressed entirely by efficiency savings.
- £400,000 had been put aside for a discretionary fund to help local residents in need.
- The financial resilience team also worked to ensure that no residents slipped through the net.
- Nobody in receipt of Council Tax Support would receive a visit from a bailiff.

9. MOTIONS

The first motion was from the Conservative Group, on Social Mobility in Labour-Lambeth and Conservative-run Wandsworth. Councillor Louise Nathanson opened the debate. Speakers were as follows:

- Councillor Diane Morris.
- Councillor Sally Prentice.
- Councillor Lib Peck.
- Councillor Scott Ainslie.

Councillor Tim Briggs closed the debate.

The second motion was from the Labour Group on Universal Credit. Councillor Paul McGlone opened the debate. Speakers were as follows:

- Councillor Tim Briggs.
- Councillor Scott Ainslie.
- Councillor Anna Birley.
- Councillor Christopher Wellbelove.

Councillor Luke Murphy closed the debate.

10. VOTING

Report – Council Tax Support

Voting on the report was as follows:

For: 50
Against: 3
Abstain: 1

RESOLVED:

- (1) To adopt the following amendments to the Council Tax Support scheme for 2018/19;
 - a. Increase the baseline reduction from 15.86.% to 20%
 - b. Make the baseline reduction from liability instead of entitlement
 - c. Reduce backdating to 13 weeks from 26 weeks
 - d. Reduce the capital cut off from £16,000 to £10,000
 - e. Introduce non dependent deductions in respect of all non dependents currently exempted from these deductions

- f. To introduce a discretionary Council Tax Support Hardship scheme to help mitigate the potential impact of the amendments in (1) and therefore ensure those who cannot pay can receive extra help.

Motions

Motion 1: Conservatives

Social Mobility in Labour-Lambeth and Conservative-run Wandsworth

Amendment 1: Labour – Forwarded by Councillor Peck

For: 51

Against: 2

Abstention: 1

The Labour amendment was **CARRIED**.

Substantive motion as amended by Labour:

For: 51

Against: 2

Abstention: 1

The motion was **CARRIED** and Council **RESOLVED**:

The Council notes that Lambeth is the 17th best place in the country out of 324 local authorities (and next-door Conservative-run Wandsworth is now the 4th best place in the country) for disadvantaged children to do well in life, according to the Government's Social Mobility Commission.

Council notes that 17 out of the top 20 boroughs in the country are inner London boroughs, attributed by the Commission to the economic strength of the capital and the success of schools in London.

Given Lambeth Council's Borough Plan principles of 'inclusive growth', 'reducing inequality', and 'strong and sustainable neighbourhoods'. Council welcomes the success of Lambeth, and of other London boroughs, for major strides made in social mobility that are specifically identified in the report, in particular:

- The need for genuinely affordable housing, with Lambeth Council building 1,000 new homes at council rent and exceeding our affordable housing target by driving a hard bargain with developers - unlike Wandsworth Tories who allowed the Battersea Power Station developer to cut 250 affordable homes.
- 96% of Lambeth secondary schools, and 94% of secondary schools in Wandsworth, are rated 'Good' or 'Outstanding', helping children from lower income families achieve more
- The payment of the London Living Wage, with the report calling on local authorities like Wandsworth to follow Lambeth's lead as one of the first local authorities to "become an accredited living wage employer and to encourage others in the community to do likewise."
- The importance of early year's investment, where Lambeth has invested heavily in our network of children's centres (of which we have one of the largest networks of any London borough) and why we're

proud to be one of the only five areas in the country to be awarded funding from the Big Lottery Fund Lambeth Early Action Partnership (LEAP) to support children in the most deprived wards

Council praises the work of Social Mobility Commission and expresses its dismay that since the publication of the report, the entire Commission, including a former Conservative Cabinet Minister, have quit because of the complete loss of “hope of the current government making the progress...necessary to bring about a fairer Britain”.

Council shares the Commission’s lack of faith in the Conservative government and resolves to reaffirm our commitment to tackling inequality in all parts of our borough, as outlined in the work of the Lambeth Equality Commission.

Motion 2: Labour

Universal Credit

Amendment 1: Green – Forwarded by Councillor Scott Ainslie

For: 52
Against: 2
Abstain: 0

The amendment was **CARRIED**.

Substantive motion as amended by Councillor Scott Ainslie

For: 52
Against: 2
Abstain: 0

The motion was **CARRIED** and Council **RESOLVED**:

Council notes:

- That the Labour administration in Lambeth and Labour councils across the country have campaigned against Tory government cuts to benefits since 2010.
- That the full roll-out of Universal Credit Full Service began in December 2017, and will be completed across the borough in February for those residents who experience a change in circumstances.
- That when fully implemented, the council estimates that the total number of affected residents is likely to be over 40,000.
- That the roll-out is happening at the same time as the Government has decided to close the Job Centres in Brixton and Clapham.

Council further notes:

- That Lambeth Council’s Welfare Rights Service identified significant flaws in the pilots of Universal Credit in parts of Lambeth that were published in its submission of evidence to the Department for Work and Pensions Select Committee in October 2017
- That this included that residents had experienced months of delays when trying to claim Universal Credit and when trying to resolve issues with underpayments caused by poor assessments.
- That residents have faced additional stress and financial problems,

including significant rent arrears. 85% of tenants claiming Universal Credit were in arrears, while the figure for tenants who aren't claiming Universal Credit is around 25% (reflecting similar increases seen in other parts of the country).

- That the impact on resources from local advice services, charities and to local and health authorities has been considerable in terms of increased time trying to resolve the problems and increased pressure on services resulting from the detrimental impact on claimant's health. The services have also found increasing numbers of people presenting in crisis with no income to meet their essential needs.
- That the Leader of the Council wrote to the Chancellor in November presenting this evidence and requesting a pause in the roll-out of Universal Credit – but has not received a response and the government has failed to act.

Council believes:

- That while appreciating the principle of simplifying the benefits system to help claimants, the actual design of the current system and implementation of Universal credit has been a disaster.
- That the purpose of piloting such a complex scheme should be to learn from the evidence and improve it, but the government has completely failed to listen to examples presented from across the country, including from Lambeth
- That the government should pause the roll-out of universal credit until it has fixed the significant problems that are causing misery for thousands of people across the country

Council resolves to:

- Provide comprehensive advice and support to those who have faced benefit delays or errors as a result of Universal Credit.
- Ensure that no tenant is evicted and classed as 'intentionally homeless' due to rent arrears caused by Universal Credit errors.

Motion 3: Green

Single Use Plastics

Amendment 1: Labour

For: 51

Against: 2

Abstain: 1

The amendment was **CARRIED**.

Substantive motion as amended by Labour

For: 52

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

The amendment was **CARRIED** and Council **RESOLVED**:

Council notes that 8 million metric tonnes of plastic waste pollutes the seas each year and that by 2050 the weight of plastic in the oceans is predicted to exceed that of fish, posing a risk to marine life and to human health.

It further notes that Single use plastic such as packaging makes up half the 300 million tons of plastic produced in the world. The introduction of a 5p bag charge has been effective in reducing single-use plastic (SUP).

Council resolves to play its part and commits to exploring:

- making Lambeth Council a full signatory of the 'Plastic Free Pledge'
- becoming a 'single-use-plastic-free' authority by the end of 2018, phasing out the purchase and procurement of SUPs through the Council's supply chain;
- ending the sale and provision of SUP products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws in council buildings, and work with tenants and operators in commercial properties owned by Lambeth Council to do the same at meetings and events;
- investigating the possibility of requiring pop-up food and drink vendors at council events to avoid SUPs as a condition of their contract;
- encouraging the borough's businesses, organisations and residents to go 'single-use-plastic-free' working with best practice partners to explore the creation of a 'plastic free network,' providing business support, practical guidelines and advice to help local businesses transition from SUPs to sustainable alternatives.

Council commits to exploring conditions relating to the use of SUPs on festival organisers using its parks and will actively encourage facilities' users, local businesses and other local public agencies to do the same.

Council welcomes the progress made in increasing recycling rates since 2014 and resolves to continue to monitor its progress to improve on recycling waste from buildings and parks and help residents and visitors to use alternatives, such as re-filling bottles from taps.

Motion 4: Labour

Ending harassment of women, residents and staff at health centres

Amendment 1: Conservative

For: 1

Against: 51

Abstain: 2

The amendment from Councillor Tim Briggs was **NOT CARRIED**.

Substantive motion

For: 52

Against: 1

Abstain: 1

The motion was **CARRIED** and Council **RESOLVED**:

This council notes:

- That in recent years, regular demonstrations have taken place outside Lambeth's three health clinics providing abortion services from Marie Stopes or BPAS in Waterloo, Brixton and Streatham.

- These protests often involve graphic imagery and false medical information that many women seeking to access services at this site, as well as residents in the area and staff working at the clinics, have found intimidating and distressing.

This council believes:

- That the right to protest and freedom of speech are important, and that there are strongly held views on both sides of the abortion debate.
- But no woman should face intimidation when seeking support from clinics offering abortion services as laid out in the Abortion Act 1967.
- That these protests are furthermore causing unwarranted distress to residents and staff working at these clinics.

This council resolves:

- To condemn the intimidation taking place at these sites, particularly those targeted at intimidating women seeking to use services at health clinics in Waterloo, Brixton and Streatham.
- To call on Lambeth to urgently explore every possible option and will take all necessary actions within its powers to prevent anti-abortion protestors from intimidating and harassing women and staff, as well as causing distress to Lambeth residents.
- To call on Lambeth to explore as part of its approach the implementation of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which can be used to ban protests within 100 metres of defined sites with fines of up to £1,000 if this area is breached.

Motion 5: Labour

Making Lambeth a greener, cleaner borough

Amendment 1: Conservative

For: 2

Against: 51

Abstain: 1

The amendment was **NOT CARRIED**.

Amendment 2: Green

For: 1

Against: 53

Abstain: 0

The amendment was **NOT CARRIED**.

Substantive motion

For: 51

Against: 2

Abstain: 1

The motion was **CARRIED** and Council **RESOLVED**:

This council notes the significant improvements implemented by the current Labour administration to make our borough a greener and cleaner place to live. This

includes:

- Successfully lobbying for the introduction of a new clean air bus corridor along the A23 route that will reduce pollution from Transport for London (TfL) buses by an estimated 84 per cent.
- Improving cycling opportunities for residents by delivering more secure cycling storage spaces than any other borough, resurfacing 102 miles of public roads since 2014 and successfully lobbying for the installation of Santander bike docking stations this year in Brixton and Stockwell.
- Working with TfL to create new Quietways and over ten miles of new quieter and safer cycling routes in the borough
- Planting hundreds of trees across the borough, including those as part of the Our Streets programme in Streatham.
- Introducing a borough-wide 20mph speed limit to make our roads safer
- Introducing a tough new crackdown on anti-social behaviour crimes focused on keeping streets and estates free from fly tipping, littering and spitting which has seen more than 3,500 fines issued in 2017.
- Bringing forward safety improvements to dangerous junctions in Vauxhall, Stockwell, Tulse Hill and on Streatham High Road.
- Publishing an air quality action plan, committing us to deliver 59 specific actions to improve air quality in Lambeth
- Increasing recycling and maintained weekly bin collections
- Delivering a record 12 Green flags in Lambeth's parks and open spaces

To continue these improvements, council resolves to:

- Lobby the government to introduce a new Clean Air Act that develops a national approach to improving poor air quality throughout the country.
- Ensure Ministers enshrine current EU air quality protections in UK law after Brexit.
- Maintain pressure on the Secretary of State for Transport to honour his commitment to provide Lambeth with adequate funding to make further improvements to Lambeth's roads to benefit cyclists, road users and pedestrians.
- Lobby for the extension of Santander bike docking stations in the next four years further south into Lambeth.

The meeting ended at Time Not Specified

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