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Council Motions

Wards: All

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Report summary

Motions and amendments submitted by Councillors, in accordance with Standing Order 13, are set out below. Motion 1 and 2 will be debated as per council and committee rules and procedures.

Key to shading:

Bold – additions

~~Strikethrough~~ – deletions

Motion 1: Green

Women with disabilities and Covid-19

Council notes that:

The COVID-19 pandemic is both an unprecedented health and economic crisis, which has brought into sharp focus multiple inequalities in our society and in particular, for people with disabilities. In addition, the intersectional nature of inequality, particularly for women with disabilities, is clearly evidenced in the results from the research that this Motion is based upon. The consequences of unequal impacts will be stark and long-lasting.

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The previously converging disability pay gap widened and funding for many essential services for people with disabilities was cut.

However, unequal economic impacts are by no means inevitable and can be ameliorated or (as is more often the case) worsened by policy decisions.

This crisis also poses a greater threat to the health of people with disabilities. Many have been at the sharp end of the failure to limit the spread of Covid-19 in care homes, for example, while others may have had home support arrangements compromised.

Council further notes that:

The survey conducted in April by the Fawcett Society (1) found that:

- People with disabilities were most likely to say that they will come out of the coronavirus outbreak in more debt.
- Women reported doing more of the housework and childcare.
- A quarter (25.5%) of women with disabilities and 22.3% of men with disabilities said they had not left their home in the past week.
- A higher proportion of people with disabilities worked from home, particularly women, and reported spending more time working now compared to before the crisis.
- Over a third (37.7%) of mothers with disabilities said they were struggling to feed their children, compared to 16.7% of mothers without a disability.
- 39.7% of mothers with disabilities reported that their children did not have access to the equipment they needed to study at home, compared to 24.2% of mothers without a disability.
- 58.8% of mothers with disabilities said they were struggling to go to the shops or do other tasks because their child/ren were at home.
- 1 in 5 women with disabilities reported losing access to support from the government.
- A third (32.3%) of women with disabilities said they were not sure where to turn to for help as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.
- 56.4% of women with disabilities reported finding social isolation difficult to cope with, compared to 41.6% of non-disabled women.
- Women with disabilities were more likely to say that the current situation was causing a strain in their relationships.
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Council calls on Government to:

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(1) <https://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/Pages/Display.aspx?IsPreview=true&PostType=Page&IDPost=85f1e52b-fa0a-413f-8242-2bfcdc803463>

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- **The Council have continued face to face support to individuals and their families throughout the lockdown and increased the level of support offered when Day Services were forced to close at the end of March.**
- **The Council increased the support available to supported living and care home providers to ensure they always had good supplies of PPE and access to additional financial support through the infection control fund.**
- **The Learning Disability Forum remained active in supporting residents with learning disabilities throughout the lockdown, holding virtual meetings to ensure that the forum could continue to meet and offer support.**
- **The Council supported residents being discharged from hospital, adopting the Discharge to Assess model so that necessary packages could be put in place in a timely manner.**

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- **Ensure that the review of the Violence Against Women and Girls strategy will focus on catering for the needs of those suffering from other forms of disadvantage and oppression. Lambeth has a high proportion of BAME survivors of domestic abuse (and other forms of VAWG) and the same is also true for survivors with disabilities.**

Motion 2: Labour

Lambeth's Economic Recovery

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Council welcomes the significant support provided by the administration to businesses in Lambeth during the pandemic, including the dedicated £4.2 million Hardship Fund which supported over 300 businesses in the borough who did not receive Government support. Funded by taxes on developers, this investment helped to protect the businesses that are vital to Lambeth's local economy, including market traders, independent hospitality and retail, arts and cultural organisations and charities.

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- Support our existing and new businesses to survive in the short term and to adapt and thrive in the new post-Covid economy.
- Encourage our businesses to be inclusive and resilient, by tackling low pay, in-work poverty and to reduce their carbon emissions.
- Work with our anchor institutions and major employers to utilise our supply chains and increase spend with local businesses.

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- Achieve sustainable, welcoming places with inclusive public realm improvements in our neighbourhoods that are accessible for all.
- Improve physical and digital connectivity in and between all of our neighbourhoods.
- Deliver rapid back to work support for the newly unemployed and the Lambeth Youth Promise for our young people in transition, with guaranteed support to find work, apprenticeship or further education.
- Increase the volume of and expand the range of online courses being delivered by our providers to help residents upskill and reskill.

Council urges the government to extend the furlough scheme for key sectors where it is not possible to return to business as usual, to work with businesses and trade unions on a genuine national plan for jobs, skills and training and to give the resources to local councils to deliver the economic recovery.

Amendment 1, Conservative

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Council welcomes the significant support provided by the administration to businesses in Lambeth during the pandemic, including the **£60 million paid out by the Conservative Government to local businesses in Lambeth, alongside the** dedicated £4.2 million Hardship Fund which supported over 300 businesses in the borough who did not **apply for or** receive Government support. Funded by taxes on developers, this investment helped to protect the businesses that are vital to Lambeth's local economy, including market traders, independent hospitality and retail, arts and cultural organisations and charities.

Council welcomes Lambeth's Economic Resilience strategy, which is designed not just to **help** deliver Lambeth's economic recovery from the pandemic and resulting economic shock, but to

put it on track for a more inclusive, equitable and greener future, **again**. **The strategy will try to address some of the consequences of previous poor decisions by the Labour-run Council.**

Council welcomes the genuine partnership work including the Business Taskforce, the Lambeth First Partnership, the South Bank & Waterloo Partnership, Housing Associations, Employment and Skills Board, and others, because ~~only~~ by harnessing all of Lambeth's collective strengths and opportunities ~~can~~ we **hope to** deliver this more equitable future.

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- Create a skills system responsive to changing employer demand and the growth sectors of the future, **despite Labour councillors having committed to create a 'skills system' for decades;**
- Enable our residents to unlock their potential through upskilling, reskilling, training provision and apprenticeships, **and supporting the measures taken by the Conservative Government to create rapid growth in the economy, the economy bouncing back with 6.6% growth in July;**
- Support our existing and new businesses to survive in the short term and to adapt and thrive in the new post-Covid economy **by reducing the tax burden on local businesses and on individuals generating wealth, thereby increasing the profitability and economic activity of local businesses, which will increase overall tax income to pay for more and better local services;**
- Encourage our businesses to be inclusive and resilient, by tackling low pay, in-work poverty and to reduce their carbon emissions.
- Work with our anchor institutions and major employers to utilise our supply chains and increase spend with local businesses **by helping local businesses become more competitive and effective, making their goods and services more attractive to potential customers in Lambeth, but also across London and beyond;**
- Increase the supply and accessibility of homes of all types and tenures, particularly **real council** homes ~~at council rent~~, and the supply of **competitively-priced** workspace that responds to changing needs, **spaces that are genuinely attractive not just to organisations that require council funding to survive, but to new small businesses;**
- Achieve sustainable, welcoming places with inclusive public realm improvements in our neighbourhoods that are accessible for all **by lobbying the current Mayor of London Sadiq Khan to change his disastrous draft *London Plan*, and for Lambeth to re-think its open-space-and-light-blocking *Local Plan*, with its lack of parking spaces for electric vehicles and cars which are needed by the disabled, the vulnerable, large families, small businesses, and people who need to drive for their job;**
- Improve physical and digital connectivity in and between all of our neighbourhoods, **for example by pledging to follow Conservative Wandsworth and fit superfast fibre broadband into the structure of all housing developments as a standard feature;**

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- Increase the volume of and expand the range of online courses being delivered by our providers to help residents upskill and reskill, **and increase their quality, collecting data on their success and utility, to be able to make a cost-benefit analysis of which online courses work well and which do not, to aid further improvement.**

Council urges the government to extend the furlough scheme for key sectors where it is not possible to return to business as usual, to work with businesses and trade unions on a genuine national plan for jobs, skills and training and to give the ~~resources~~ **support to those** local councils, **businesses and organisations with a track record in using money wisely to create and sustain wealth to help** deliver the economic recovery.

Amendment 2: Green

Lambeth's Economic Recovery

Council notes with serious concern that **the Covid-19 pandemic** has caused tremendous pain and has had the most profound economic shock on our communities, **bringing into sharp focus the social and financial inequalities and injustices that our society is built upon.**

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Council notes the current and future impact of the pandemic on the livelihoods and wellbeing of Lambeth's young people.

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Council acknowledges the vital backbone of the unpaid (often referred to as the 'love') economy. These are the often forgotten workforce, who provide unpaid care for elderly, young or vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours. Very often they are the most generous people in society, who put others before themselves when it comes to sharing what time and resources they have. All these are areas in which women, in particular, have bolstered the economy practically and many of whom have also had the multiple impact of having children at home, rather than school.

Council welcomes that the Government set up two Coronavirus grant schemes; the Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Grants Fund (RHLCGF) through which money was given to local authorities for distribution to Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs). Council notes that 4023 SMEs were given grants to the value of £55.5 million.

Council welcomes the significant support provided by the administration to businesses in Lambeth during the pandemic, including the dedicated £4.2 million Hardship Fund which supported over 300 businesses in the borough who did not receive Government support. Funded by taxes on developers, this investment helped to protect the businesses that are vital to Lambeth's local economy, including market traders, independent hospitality and retail, arts and cultural organisations and charities.

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Council recognises the work and adaptability of officers in taking on new roles, often at short notice; for example at Brixton Hub, at Somerleyton Road testing station, on the Vulnerable Person Helpline and dealing sensitively with the administration of the Hardship Fund where households have struggled with Council Tax and rent payments.

Council is committed to seeking ways to avoid court prosecution and referrals to debt recovery agencies due to arrears.

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Council will write to the government and ask it to pilot a Universal Basic Income in Lambeth, in order to support all those who would not receive assistance under the current and proposed schemes.

Motion 3: Conservative

To reverse the failed Low Traffic Neighbourhoods scheme and consult residents properly

All councillors are committed in their manifestos to having more people walk and cycle. However, under pressure from Green councillors, Labour councillors have panicked and used the Coronavirus pandemic as an excuse for their war on cars.

The Low Traffic Neighbourhoods imposed by this Labour council are a complete disaster, along with the road restrictions imposed by the chauffeur-driven London Mayor Sadiq Khan, which are also choking off the economy of central London. These measures achieve the opposite of the Council's stated aim of having lower vehicle use with less pollution.

These schemes have created more vehicle use overall as a result of longer journeys, with vehicles gridlocked in traffic jams, cars accelerating into tight spots, both of which create more pollution for longer periods, and break up the cohesiveness of neighbourhoods with angry motorists and residents shouting at and threatening one another.

Emergency vehicles cannot get through to save lives. Disabled people and elderly people are particularly disadvantaged, stuck in their homes, unable to have carers come to them, unable to drive at the times they need to shop for food or meet hospital appointments. People who need their cars for work, for example nurses working in the NHS, people with large families or small businesses that need to transport children or goods for their shops, people that have made the UK their home who tend to travel further out of their own area to get to churches or mosques or faith schools specific to their community, have all been particularly disadvantaged. The scheme is a complete shambles.

The most sinister aspect of this Labour scheme has been that the young and fit that can ride bikes are favoured over the old and infirm; the rich are favoured over the poor; the more mobile over the less able. A sensible Conservative Government policy has been twisted by Labour-Lambeth councillors into something autocratic, favouring the young and fit that can look after themselves and use bikes, at the expense of everyone else. Communities are made up of people of different ages and different abilities. We should not penalise people who need cars.

When Labour councillors are told that hybrids and electric cars are replacing petrol vehicles,

and that pollution will decrease as a result, they have no answer. Labour councillors have sat around making decisions in the Town Hall and Civic Centre by pointing at a map. A related issue is that Labour councillors and the do-nothing Mayor of London Sadiq Khan have no interest in creating parking spaces for electric vehicles in any new housing developments being built.

These poorly thought-out schemes help make parts of London that are run by Labour authorities to become even more poorly-managed, compared to areas outside the capital. Cycle around London now and you can see for yourself which areas are run by Labour: poorly-managed housing, litter, potholes, high debt, high council tax driving lower opportunities, low social mobility, residents that accept the failure of their Council because they are told that Labour councillors are on their side – in reality keeping residents exactly where they are, to vote Labour.

The current Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes were rushed through by Labour councillors under the pretence of a response to Coronavirus, with no proper consultation whatsoever. This is the now legendary Labour-Lambeth approach of ‘Make a decision, then have a consultation.’ Labour councillors have lost their sense of balance from being in power too long. They have learnt nothing from the Loughborough Junction fiasco, and persist in their authoritarian approach of telling people what to do and how to live their lives, without using common sense and taking into account the needs of all of our residents.

Next door Wandsworth have suspended their Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes, citing ‘concerns with emergency access and traffic flows... compounded by the changes that TfL [Sadiq Khan] is making to red route roads... [which] has caused confusion and long traffic queues’. The Secretary of State for Transport has written to Lambeth Council asking that it stop abusing the £250 million fund meant for a Conservative green transport revolution by installing pointless one-way systems and barriers that offer ‘no benefit to anyone’.

We should do the same, and have proper consultations to establish where Low Traffic Neighbourhoods are wanted, or required to solve a problem.

Council therefore resolves:

1. To end the Low Traffic Neighbourhoods trial immediately, with all road blockages removed;
2. For the Council to go back to the drawing board and consult residents in an unbiased way that does not presume an outcome, to see where low-traffic neighbourhoods or restrictions are actually wanted, or required to solve a problem (for example in the streets off Clapham Common Southside in Clapham Common ward SW4 to avoid cut-throughs to the South Circular Road: Lessar Avenue, Lynette Avenue, Cautley Avenue and others);
3. To lobby Sadiq Khan to end his road-narrowing and other anti-car schemes, open the bridges, and allow the economy of Central London to return to normal, so businesses there can have a chance of survival whilst he remains Mayor of London, before consulting properly on ways to encourage safe cycling and walking.

Motion 4: Labour

Invest in key workers and public services, don't just clap for them

Council notes:

- That residents, businesses, community groups and public services across Lambeth have shown the very best of our borough during the Covid-19 pandemic by working together to ensure we could keep the most vulnerable in our community safe and supported.
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- That Lambeth council worked with residents and community groups to support care homes, provide PPE, keep businesses going, make emergency transport changes to aid social distancing, and deliver over 20,000 food packages to vulnerable people.
- That despite promising to fund councils to do 'whatever it takes' to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, the government have so far not made good on their promise, leaving Lambeth facing huge financial uncertainty, with a funding shortfall of at least £10 million this year and a possible £50 million in the next few years.
- That throughout the Covid-19 pandemic Lambeth has been able to effectively respond to the challenge due to the prudent use of the council's resources and assets and good financial management over the last few years despite government cuts.
- That despite promising to end the austerity that they have administered over the last decade, successive Tory administrations have continued to mercilessly slash council funding, leaving them operating on shoestring budgets with services at breaking point.

Council believes:

- That for the government to renege on their promise to fund councils to do 'whatever it takes' is a betrayal to the very people they have been elected to serve, and will have a wholly negative impact on the services that vulnerable residents rely on – now more than ever before. That we need government ministers who proudly clapped for key workers and public services to deliver an autumn budget that actually invests in those same key workers and public services.
- That year after year of one-year grants, rather than sustainable long-term funding, places uncertainty and huge amounts of pressure on councils when they consider their finances over the medium term.

Council resolves:

- To write to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to demand that the autumn budget and this year's funding settlement commit the government to reinvesting in councils, restoring our budgets and closing the funding shortfalls councils face due to ten years of austerity and the Covid-19 crisis.
- To endorse the #10billionbailout campaign from UNISON calling on the government to provide emergency funding for councils to close the £10 billion national shortfall in council funding.

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- That despite promising to fund councils to do 'whatever it takes' to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, the government have so far not made good on their promise, leaving Lambeth facing huge financial uncertainty, with a funding shortfall of at least £10 million this year and a possible £50 million in the next few years.
- ~~That throughout the Covid-19 pandemic Lambeth has been able to effectively respond to the challenge due to the prudent use of the council's resources and assets and good financial management over the last few years despite government cuts.~~
- That despite promising to end the austerity that they have administered over the last decade, successive **Conservative** Tory administrations have continued to mercilessly slash council funding, leaving them operating on shoestring budgets with services at breaking point.
- **That key workers' wellbeing, prospects, pay and conditions are best served when their jobs are secure.**
- **Public services are best served when there is long term strategic planning and finance in place.**

Council believes:

- That for the government to renege on their promise to fund councils to do 'whatever it takes' is a betrayal to the very people they have been elected to serve, and will have a wholly negative impact on the services that vulnerable residents rely on – now more than ever before. That we need government ministers who proudly clapped for key workers and public services to deliver an autumn budget that actually invests in those same key workers and public services.
- That year after year of one-year grants, rather than sustainable long-term funding, places uncertainty and huge amounts of pressure on councils when they consider their finances over the medium term.

Council resolves:

- To write to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to demand that, **despite there being no** the autumn budget, **and this year's the government commits to a funding settlement** ~~commit the government~~ **which reinvests** ~~to reinvesting in~~ councils; restoring our budgets and closing the funding shortfalls councils face due to ten years of austerity and the Covid-19 crisis.

To endorse the #10billionbailout campaign from UNISON calling on the government to provide emergency funding for councils to close the £10 billion national shortfall in council funding.

Motion 5: Labour

Adopting the UN Sustainable Development/Global Goals

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The Council believes that all levels of government work together and that local government is a key component to successful domestic implementation of the SDGs.

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That this council resolves to begin work by mapping which targets are relevant using the LGA and UKSSD Sustainable Development Guide.

Amendment 1: Green

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