

Council

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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.

Key to shading:

Bold – additions

~~Strikethrough~~ – deletions

Motion 1: Councillor Julia Memery

Clean and Green Borough – A priority for the 2014-2015 Budget

In the run up to the February Budget setting, Council agrees that a clean and green borough benefits all residents of Lambeth, and this objective must underpin the budget recommendations put forward to Council in February.

In particular, Council agrees that green spaces must be protected for the enjoyment of all residents, and not sacrificed for events which are often poorly run, destroy the land, frustrate residents and in reality generate minimum revenue when set against the total costs of Lambeth's six-member events team. Wandsworth Council have shared the concerns around the excessive use of Clapham Common for events, and Council agrees to follow their example of supporting a small number of well-run events which are accessible to the whole community.

Council further commits to ensuring that the streets of Lambeth are subject to more regular rubbish collections, particularly in problem areas which are regularly overloaded with rubbish and fall victim to fly tipping. Council also agrees to take a more cautious approach to licensing, learning from the huge issues created on Clapham High Street by the large number of late licences and the associated problems that late night anti-social behaviour has created for residents and in relation to maintaining the cleanliness of streets in the area.

Amendment 1: Councillor Sally Prentice

In the run up to the February Budget setting, Council agrees that a clean and green borough benefits all residents of Lambeth, and this objective must underpin the budget recommendations put forward to Council in February.

In particular, Council agrees that green spaces must be protected for the enjoyment of all residents. **Council recognises the fantastic work the events team do to ensure a diverse range of events, which have all been approved via the current protocols. With about 300 community events, as well as extremely popular events such as the Country Show and fireworks, it is a good mix. Council recognises that with the Tory and Lib Dem government budget cuts of about £90million to be delivered over the next three years, it is necessary to look at ways of raising income.** ~~and not sacrificed for events which are often poorly run, destroy the land, frustrate residents and in reality generate minimum revenue when set against the total costs of Lambeth's six member events team. Wandsworth Council have shared the concerns around the excessive use of Clapham Common for events, and Council agrees to follow their example of supporting a small number of well-run events which are accessible to the whole community.~~

Council ~~further~~ commits to ensuring that the streets of Lambeth **continue to be well maintained and will work with residents to reduce the impact of** ~~subject to more regular rubbish collections, particularly in problem areas which are regularly overloaded with rubbish and fall victim to fly tipping~~ **with a programme of education and enforcement in addition to continuing to remove rubbish.**

Council also agrees to ~~work take~~ **work with businesses, for example building on the success of the "Which Side of the Fence" campaign on** ~~a more cautious approach to licensing, learning from the huge issues created on Clapham High Street, which showed what an excellent job the council does in maintaining our high streets, and which is part of our conversation with businesses about how they can contribute to and benefit from our public spaces. by the large number of late licences and the associated problems that late night anti-social behaviour has created for residents and in relation to maintaining the cleanliness of streets in the area.~~

Motion 2: Councillor Lib Peck

Delivering in tough times

Council:

- Commends the administration's progress in fulfilling its pledges to the people of Lambeth in 2013.
- Applauds Lambeth's ongoing commitment to create more jobs, prioritise cleaner, safer streets and build better, more affordable homes.
- Notes that while household incomes have fallen by an average of £1600 per year since 2010, Lambeth has taken meaningful steps to help families with the cost of living. In this respect commends the decision to freeze council tax for the sixth year in a row and adopt the living wage.

- Recognises that a commitment to improve living standards must go hand in hand with tackling unemployment and extending opportunity, particularly for the 6,000 16-24 year olds currently out of work in Lambeth. Accordingly, Council welcomes the huge new development at Nine Elms and looks forward to local people benefiting from the 25,000 jobs which will be created. Similarly, Council recognises that Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) will play a key role in creating a stronger local economy and celebrates the establishment of four BIDs in Lambeth. Looks forward to the approval of two more in 2014.
- Notes that the creation of a more prosperous borough must be underpinned by improved educational standards and essential improvements to Lambeth's strategic transport network. Therefore, Council celebrates the successful community campaign to save the Thameslink through service and celebrates the remarkable turnaround in exam results since 2006, which has seen results rise from 7% behind the national average to 7% above the national average. Council further notes that rising demand for school places is being met with the completion of two new secondary schools and the expansion of three primaries with five more to follow.
- Recalls that the administration promised a major expansion of sports and leisure and has delivered two fantastic new leisure centres in Clapham and Streatham with another one due to open in West Norwood in spring 2014. Further notes that this has been achieved while Tory Lib Dem Government cuts are forcing councils up and down the country to cut provision
- Commends Lambeth's determination to transform the way services are delivered by harnessing the creativity and insight of our borough's citizens through the Co-operative Council.
- Recognises that these huge changes in the way we work with our citizens, have succeeded in giving them greater control over their neighbourhoods to transform public services, from youth services to libraries and to parks.
- Points out that all of this has been achieved despite a savage 50% cut in central Government funding.
- Looks forward to continuing to work with residents to build a safer, stronger, more prosperous borough where residents can reach their full potential.

Amendment 1: Councillor John Whelan

Add at end:

Council notes that Lambeth Council has £38 million in uncollected council tax for 2012-13 (as of 11 December 2013 in a Parliamentary answer) which would go a long way towards "delivering in tough times." Furthermore the administration motion refers to the cost of living being a burden on citizens. Arguably the council has made this worse by its own actions – for example raising the cost of cremations in its crematoriums by 38 per cent in 2012 after a 41 per cent rise in 2011, according to a statement on 12 January

by the National Association of Funeral Directors. Council calls on the administration to refrain from self-congratulation, to do more to collect council tax arrears and to cease to imposing “death taxes” on bereaved families.

Amendment 2: Councillor Julia Memery

Addition to bullet point 9 of Motion 2:

- Points out that all of this has been achieved despite a savage 50% cut in central Government funding **required to tackle the huge deficit created by the last Labour government.**

Amendment 3: Councillor Ashley Lumsden

Council:

- ~~Commends the administration's progress in fulfilling its pledges to the people of Lambeth in 2013.~~
- ~~Applauds~~ **Notes** Lambeth's ~~ongoing commitment~~ **promises** to create more jobs, prioritise cleaner, safer streets and build better, more affordable homes **but regrets that the roll out of the new wheelie bins and food recycling service has been a complete shambles, with many residents left without bins resulting in rubbish being strewn across streets; and that Lambeth has repeatedly failed to achieve its own policy of 40% affordable homes in large developments, most notably in its own New Town Hall development which will only provide 20% affordable housing.**
- Notes that while household incomes have fallen by an average of £1600 per year since 2010, Lambeth has taken meaningful steps to help families with the cost of living. In this respect commends the decision to freeze council tax for the sixth year in a row **which has only been possible because of a grant from the coalition government. Council notes that although it has promised to ~~and~~ adopt the living wage, staff employed through contractors such as the Carpet Cleaning Contract are not being paid the Living Wage. Council further welcomes the increase in the income tax threshold, which thanks to the Liberal Democrats in government has resulted in thousands of Lambeth residents being taken out of paying tax altogether, making them hundreds of pounds better off.**
- Recognises that a commitment to improve living standards must go hand in hand with tackling unemployment and extending opportunity, particularly for the 6,000 16-24 year olds currently out of work in Lambeth. Accordingly, Council ~~welcomes~~ **hopes that** the huge new development at Nine Elms ~~and looks forward to~~ **will result in** local people benefiting from the **estimated** 25,000 jobs which will be created. Similarly, Council recognises that Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) will play a key role in creating a stronger local economy and celebrates the establishment of four BIDs in Lambeth. Looks forward to the approval of two more in 2014.
- Notes that the creation of a more prosperous borough must be underpinned by improved educational standards and essential improvements to Lambeth's strategic transport

network. Therefore, Council celebrates the successful **cross-party campaign, spearheaded by Liberal Democrats in this and other boroughs, with backing from members of the community, campaign** to save the Thameslink through service **but regrets the Labour administration's continued support of the costly Northern Line extension which will be of little benefit to most Lambeth residents and rules out any extension of the tube further south to Streatham.** ~~and~~ **Council welcomes the continued improvement** ~~celebrates the remarkable turnaround~~ in exam results since 2006, which has seen results rise from 7% behind the national average to 7% above the national average. Council further notes that rising demand for school places is being met with the completion of two new secondary schools and the expansion of three primaries with five more to follow. **Council recognises that this investment in school places has only been possible because of the huge amount of capital funding awarded to Lambeth by the coalition government.**

- Recalls that the administration promised a major expansion of sports and leisure and has delivered two ~~fantastic~~ new leisure centres in Clapham and Streatham with another one due to open in West Norwood in spring 2014. ~~Further notes that this has been achieved while Tory Lib Dem Government cuts are forcing councils up and down the country to cut provision~~
- ~~Commends Lambeth's determination to~~ **Has yet to see whether the administration is capable of transforming** the way services are delivered by harnessing the creativity and insight of our borough's citizens through the Co-operative Council- **and whether the administration has**
- ~~Recognises that these huge changes in the way we work with our citizens, have succeeded in giving them~~ **residents** greater control over their neighbourhoods to transform public services, from youth services to libraries and to parks.
- ~~Points out that all of this has been achieved despite a savage 50% cut in central Government funding.~~
- Looks forward to continuing to work with residents to build a safer, stronger, more prosperous borough where residents can reach their full potential.

Amendment 4: Councillor Jeremy Clyne

Add at end:

Council deplores the growing housing crisis in Lambeth under this Labour administration and notes the burying of Labour's 2010 manifesto pledge that it would build more social housing and "never sell off council-owned homes unless the proceeds will pay to make at least double the number of homes available for rent."

Motion 3: Councillor Ashley Lumsden

Lambeth New Town Hall

Council notes that:

- in papers for a meeting of the Asset Disposal Commission in 2011, Members were told that the 'Office Accommodation Strategy' project would cost £25m and that the scheme would make a profit
- in December 2013, the costs of the rebranded 'New Town Hall' project had soared to £50m and the scheme was scheduled to just about break even.

Council further notes that:

- the costs have increased because more money is to be spent on refurbishing the existing Town Hall and because new open space is to be created on Buckner Road
- the 2011 proposals were based on 3,356 staff requiring accommodation. The number of staff employed by the Council has reduced by approximately 1/3 since these proposals were made, yet the cost of providing new office accommodation for this reduced number of staff has doubled since 2011
- the value of Phoenix House has increased since the 2011 Office Accommodation Strategy proposals, but this increase in capital receipt is not reflected in the profit levels of the New Town Hall scheme
- any savings in office running costs will not be realised until 2018/19.

Council is extremely concerned that given costs have spiralled before any work has started - and given the tendency of public sector building projects to go over budget - that the New Town Hall project will make a loss.

Furthermore, Council is shocked that the New Town Hall scheme will not achieve the Council's own policy of 40% affordable housing, as the developer bids submitted were modelled on providing only 20% affordable housing. Council recognises that this is contrary to the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Policy. Council notes that at the Full Council meeting on 20th November 2013, Council reaffirmed its commitment to achieving 40% affordable housing for new developments. Council is therefore incredulous that the Labour Administration has no aspirations to achieve anywhere near 40% affordable housing with its own building project. Council believes this reaffirms the impression to other developers in the borough that Lambeth is more interested in building expensive offices and luxury apartments than it is in providing affordable housing for local residents.

Council believes that it is outrageous to claim that this development is cost-neutral, given the financial and social costs to the borough.

Council resolves to:

Reject the proposal to build a New Town Hall and to instruct officers to sell off unwanted office buildings, such as Phoenix House, and invest some of the capital receipt in making the remaining office buildings sustainable.

Amendment 1: Councillor Julia Memery

Addition to bullet point 6 of Motion 3:

- any savings in office running costs will not be realised until 2018/19, **which is later than originally proposed.**

Amendment 2: Councillor Paul McGlone

~~Lambeth~~ **Your New Town Hall**

Council notes that the **Your New Town Hall project is a good deal for Lambeth:**

- **It will save at least £4.5 million a year, deliver new homes as well as jobs for local people;**
- **It is a smart deal – by selling off our old and expensive office buildings we can make the development pay for itself; and**
- **It builds civic pride– A Town Hall is traditionally the heart of a community and we want it to remain so in the 21st Century. And this development assures that.**
- ~~in papers for a meeting of the Asset Disposal Commission in 2011, Members were told that the ‘Office Accommodation Strategy’ project would cost £25m and that the scheme would make a profit~~
- ~~in December 2013, the costs of the rebranded ‘New Town Hall’ project had soared to £50m and the scheme was scheduled to just about break even.~~

Council further notes **recognises** that:

- **Government funding cuts of nearly 50% by 2016 mean we will have less staff;**
- **By reducing the number of office buildings the council has from 14 to just two, and using those two more efficiently, we will save £4.5m a year in running costs - that’s a saving of 59%; and**
- **Not doing so would mean having to continue to pay millions in rent, lease and maintenance charges for office buildings that would be half empty.**
- ~~the costs have increased because more money is to be spent on refurbishing the existing Town Hall and because new open space is to be created on Buckner Road~~
- ~~the 2011 proposals were based on 3,356 staff requiring accommodation. The number of staff employed by the Council has reduced by approximately 1/3 since these proposals were made, yet the cost of providing new office accommodation for this reduced number of staff has doubled since 2011~~
- ~~the value of Phoenix House has increased since the 2011 Office Accommodation Strategy proposals, but this increase in capital receipt is not reflected in the profit levels of the New Town Hall scheme~~
- ~~any savings in office running costs will not be realised until 2018/19.~~

Council **unanimously accepts** that at its **November 2013 meeting Cabinet instructed officers to pursue ways of achieving a greater level of affordable housing through the scheme up to 40%.** ~~is extremely concerned that given costs have spiralled before any work has started – and given the tendency of public sector building projects to go over budget – that the New Town Hall project will make a loss.~~

~~Furthermore, Council is shocked that the New Town Hall scheme will not achieve the Council's own policy of 40% affordable housing, as the developer bids submitted were modelled on providing only 20% affordable housing. Council recognises that this is contrary to the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Policy. Council notes that at the Full Council meeting on 20th November 2013, Council reaffirmed its commitment to achieving 40% affordable housing for new developments. Council is therefore incredulous that the Labour Administration has no aspirations to achieve anywhere near 40% affordable housing with its own building project. Council believes this reaffirms the impression to other developers in the borough that Lambeth is more interested in building expensive offices and luxury apartments than it is in providing affordable housing for local residents.~~

Council highlights the findings of December's Call In – as requested by the Leader of the Liberal Democrats – at which the Strategic Director, Enabling confirmed:

- **That the project would fund itself in capital terms, deliver revenue savings and anticipated a small surplus; and**
- **While full savings of £4.5m a year would not be realised until the project's completion in 2018/19, £1.2m would be saved in 2013/14 with further such savings accruing over the course of the project.**

~~believes that it is outrageous to claim that this development is cost neutral, given the financial and social costs to the borough.~~

Council notes that the basis for December's Call In was rejected.
resolves to:

~~Reject the proposal to build a New Town Hall and to instruct officers to sell off unwanted office buildings, such as Phoenix House, and invest some of the capital receipt in making the remaining office buildings sustainable.~~

Council deplores Lib Dem's back of an envelope proposals which are unworkable, inefficient, provide no actual place for staff to work and do not save any money. Council recommends that any further opposition to this project, either in this Chamber or on the doorstep, be:

- **Significantly better considered;**
- **Fact-based;**
- **Of sound economic and accounting origin; and**
- **In keeping with the very clear views and values of Lambeth residents as resoundingly demonstrated in last year's three consecutive by elections.**

Motion 4: Councillor Jim Dickson

Mental Health

This Council notes:

- That nationally one in six people will experience a mental health condition in any given year and that Lambeth has a higher proportion of residents with mental health conditions than the national average.
- Mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England or about £700 million in Lambeth alone.
- People with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK.

- There is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt.
- As a provider of high quality education, advice, social and other services and by participating in the Lambeth Living Well Collaborative and the Health and Wellbeing Board's Lambeth Black Mental Health Commission the council is positively contributing to improving mental health in the borough.
- Lambeth has signed up to the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds.

This Council believes:

- As a local authority Lambeth has a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health.
- Mental health should be a priority across all the local authority's functions, from public health, adult social care and children's services to housing, planning and public realm.
- All councillors, whether members of the Executive or Scrutiny and in our community and casework roles, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis.

As part of the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge this Council resolves:

1. To appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the council.
2. Identify a 'lead officer' for mental health to link in with colleagues across the council.
3. Follow the implementation framework for the mental health strategy where it is relevant to the council's work and local needs.
4. Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community.
5. Work with the NHS to integrate health and social care support.
6. Promote wellbeing and initiate and support action on public mental health.
7. Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community.
8. Encourage positive mental health in our schools, colleges and workplaces.
9. Proactively engage and listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.
10. Sign up to the Time to Change pledge.

Amendment 1: Councillor Clare Whelan

Deletion to bullet point 5 of Motion 4:

- As a provider of ~~high-quality~~ education, advice, social and other services and by participating in the Lambeth Living Well Collaborative and the Health and Wellbeing Board's Lambeth Black Mental Health Commission the council is positively contributing to improving mental health in the borough.

Motion 5: Councillor Paul McGlone

Exemplary employment

Council:

- Welcomes Lambeth's commitment along with other London boroughs and the local government trade unions to work together to safeguard and deliver quality public services for Londoners. Council notes that local authorities not only provide essential services to the public, they are often the largest employer within their locality and their workforce makes a significant contribution to the local economy.

Ethical Procurement

- Applauds Lambeth's support for ethical procurement practices and notes the important role ethical procurement plays in upholding acceptable working conditions, wages and delivering social value.
- Observes that discouraging tax avoidance is a key feature of ethical procurement and highlights the steps Lambeth takes to disqualify any potential supplier found to be engaged in tax avoidance. Council further highlights the importance of accreditation schemes, such as fairtrade in upholding standards in the supply chain and commends Lambeth's insistence that suppliers disclose membership of accreditation schemes.

Zero Hours

- Notes that insecure working has become a sad reality in the UK, with over 22% of the work force employed on agency, short hour and zero hours contracts.
- Recognises that zero hours contracts can give workers virtually no notice for compulsory shifts, no guaranteed income and often come with no written statement of terms and conditions. Also notes that a significant number of zero hours workers report having pre-arranged work cancelled with little or no notice.
- Condemns the exploitation of zero hours contracts in this way agrees that employers should only use zero-hours contracts where the flexibility inherent in such arrangements suits both the organisation and the employee. Accordingly notes that in the small number of cases where zero hours contracts are used in Lambeth, a no mutual obligation approach is adopted, meaning there is no obligation to offer work, no obligation on the worker to accept the work and no restriction on these workers being employed by other employers.
- Also welcomes the fact that all zero hours contracted workers in Lambeth receive a written statement of terms and conditions are paid the same rate as people with a different employment status doing the same job.

Blacklisting

- Deplores the illegal use of blacklisting within the construction industry. Council regrets that 3,213 construction workers have been denied work as a result of the blacklist according to research conducted by the GMB union, in some cases merely for raising legitimate health and safety concerns.
- Supports calls for an apology and compensation for all blacklisted workers and an end to the practices of unlawful blacklisting.
- Encourages construction workers who suspect they may have been identified on a blacklist to contact the Information Commissioner's Office.
- Welcomes the steps Lambeth takes to avoid and prevent blacklisting activities from taking place in supply chains, particularly through procurement and contract management policies, including strict supplier capability assessments, robust terms and conditions and efficient and thorough contract monitoring and management.

Amendment 1: Councillor Julia Memery

Addition of bullet point to paragraph [Ethical Procurement](#) of Motion 5:

- **Acknowledges that the fundamental principle underpinning any procurement decision is achieving value for money for the tax payer and good services for the residents of Lambeth.**

Amendment 2: Councillor Ashley Lumsden

Add at end:

London Living Wage

Council reaffirms its commitment to paying the London Living Wage to all employed staff and contracted staff. Consequently Council resolves that all staff working in the council's leisure centres and all staff employed on the SLAM Carpet Cleaning contract will be paid at or above the London Living Wage.

Motion 6: Councillor Ed Davie

Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs)

Council recognises that the use of Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) in bookmakers is having a detrimental effect on our communities. Data supplied by Fairer Gambling shows that each betting shop in Lambeth, with an average of four FOBTs each, costs the borough a net loss of two-and-a-half jobs.

Council resolves to take a lead on this issue and notes the excellent work done by Lambeth's cross-party 'Healthier High Streets' Scrutiny Commission. Council welcomes its recommendations and therefore commits to explore:

- Drafting a by-law which will set a maximum Fixed Odds Betting Terminal (FOBT) stake of £2.
- Commissioning an economic impact study which will provide robust evidentiary data and intelligence on the impacts arising from betting shops (and payday loan shops) on our high street. The evidence of economic impact would be used to facilitate better Planning decision-making.
- Investigating the introduction of Article 4 Direction to restrict permitted development and provide additional powers of planning control regarding betting shops.

Amendment 1: Councillor Jemery Clyne

Add at end:

Council welcomes the belated recognition by Labour of the dire effects of the Labour Government's Gambling Act and other changes contributing to a proliferation of betting shops on the high street with the introduction of fixed odds betting terminals.

Council recalls that Labour's deputy leader Harriet Harman has attacked the changes brought in by her own government, saying they had ruined people's lives. Council calls on Labour politicians to apologise for their disastrous mistake and to apologise for the lives they have destroyed.

Motion 7: Councillor Clive Bennett

Housing

With the latest hike in London house prices there is now a pressing need to go well beyond accommodating noises in support of more affordable housing. Council is now being put on notice to deliver realistic proposals for partnership working and engagement with sponsors, so that funding can be found to move us from the maintenance of stock to a programme of building Lambeth Homes within the 2014 – 2018 administration as an wholly responsible and progressive London borough south of the river.

Amendment 1: Councillor Peter Robbins

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Council therefore welcomes the progress being made across a range of schemes to deliver much needed homes in Lambeth; including plans for new council housing on Rushcroft Road, the Somerleyton Road project, the Shell Centre development and the Estate Regeneration programme. Combined with the historic investment in the council's housing stock through the Lambeth Housing Standard, council reaffirms its commitment to delivering better homes for Lambeth's residents.

Council notes that these schemes will build on this administration's excellent record in delivering 3,160 affordable homes since 2006.

Motion 8: Councillor Jeremy Clyne

Council leaseholders

Council is alarmed at the numerous cases being reported by council leaseholders of gross overcharging for major works, with many leaseholders receiving financially crippling bills with little or no warning. Council is further concerned at the decision taken to charge leaseholders up front for major works, a move which has caused uproar among leaseholders who see themselves at the mercy of Lambeth Living.

Council is further alarmed that, as admitted by officers, the council is locked into long-term contracts with set charges negotiated when building costs were higher. Council calls on the administration to investigate a renegotiation of these contracts and calls for an urgent review before any further long-term contracts are signed.

Council calls for an urgent review of Lambeth Living home ownership services which had to write off another £2.6m million of Section 20 debt in 2012/13, apparently in addition to the scandalous loss of some £5m as a result of the Project 500 fiasco.

Amendment 1: Councillor John Whelan

Add at end:

Council calls for greater transparency around leaseholder charges in general and for better administration of Section 20 contributions which cause grave hardship and worry to many individual leaseholders. In particular responses to member enquiries about constituents issues over high and unreasonable charges are often delayed and outside agreed service level agreements.

Amendment 2: Councillor Jemery Clyne

Add at end:

The Council should respond positively to the resolution agreed by Leaseholders' Council following their special meeting on 19 December.

Amendment 3: Councillor Peter Robbins

~~Council is alarmed at the numerous cases being reported~~ **understands the legitimate concerns being raised** by council leaseholders **who have started to receive estimates for major works taking place on their estates.** ~~of gross overcharging for major works, with many leaseholders receiving financially crippling bills with little or no warning. Council is further concerned at the decision taken to charge leaseholders up front for major works, a move which has caused uproar among leaseholders who see themselves at the mercy of Lambeth Living.~~

~~Council is further alarmed that, as admitted by officers, the council is locked into long term contracts with set charges negotiated when building costs were higher. Council calls on the administration to investigate a renegotiation of these contracts and calls for an urgent review~~

~~before any further long-term contracts are signed. M committed to working closely with leaseholders and Lambeth Living to address these concerns and welcomes the recommendation of Leaseholders Council to establish a Working Group, which will be convened by the Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration to ensure fairness and transparency in the process of costing works, the billing procedure and the range of repayment options.~~

~~Council calls for an urgent review of Lambeth Living home ownership services which had to write off another £2.6m million of Section 20 debt in 2012/13, apparently in addition to the scandalous loss of some £5m as a result of the Project 500 fiasco. acknowledges that addressing the long standing underinvestment in Lambeth's council housing stock will ultimately benefit tenants and leaseholders by bringing thousands of homes up to the Lambeth Housing Standard.~~

Motion 9: Councillor Kita Ogden

Housing Investment

Lambeth Council agrees with Labour's Housing Spokesman at the London Assembly, Tom Copley, that Labour's record on providing Council housing was abysmal and that Margaret Thatcher's Government built more Council houses in her last year of office than Tony Blair and Gordon Brown's combined Governments managed in thirteen. Council concludes that 13 wasted years under a Labour Government has contributed to the current crisis in housing that caused Lambeth's Housing Spokesperson, Councillor Pete Robbins, to state that "thousands have been failed by Lambeth over the past 20, 30 years."

Council applauds the allocation by the Coalition Government to Lambeth of the largest amount of funding towards providing Decent Homes in the UK. Council contrasts this with the complete lack of funding towards the Decent Homes Fund provided by the previous Labour Government despite setting-up the hugely expensive Arms Length Management Organisation Lambeth Living.

Amendment 1: Councillor Peter Robbins

Council celebrates Labour's introduction of the Decent Homes Standard in 2002, which set a minimum standard of housing conditions for all council and housing association tenants and marked a sea change in investment into social housing. Council also commends the achievement of consecutive Labour governments between 1997 and 2010 in delivering 350,000 housing association homes for those on low incomes.

However, ~~Lambeth Council agrees with Labour's Housing Spokesman at the London Assembly, Tom Copley, that Labour's record on providing Council housing was abysmal and that Margaret Thatcher's Government built more Council houses in her last year of office than Tony Blair and Gordon Brown's combined Governments managed in thirteen. Council concludes that 13 wasted years under a Labour Government has contributed to the current crisis in housing that caused Lambeth's Housing Spokesperson, Councillor Pete Robbins, to state that "thousands have been failed by Lambeth over the past 20, 30 years."~~ **building new Council housing could have been better, which is why the Labour party nationally has pledged to build 200,000 homes a year by 2020.**

Council applauds ~~the allocation by the Coalition Government to Lambeth of the largest amount of funding towards providing Decent Homes in the UK. Council contrasts this with the complete lack of funding towards the Decent Homes Fund provided by the previous Labour Government despite setting up the hugely expensive Arms Length Management Organisation Lambeth Living.~~ **this administration's commitment to deliver the Lambeth Housing Standard programme in spite of getting less than 20 per cent of the funding needed for this from the Coalition Government and to invest its own resources in delivering the first new council homes in a generation.**

Conversely, council notes that the Lib Dems in coalition with the Tories have demolished subsidies for social housing, choked the supply of new affordable housing and urged local councils to introduce fixed term tenancies for their tenants.

Motion 10: Councillor Ishbel Brown

Vauxhall gyratory and bus station

Council resolves to carry out a meaningful consultation with Vauxhall residents on their preferences for the bus station and gyratory including an option for the status quo in advance of taking any irrevocable decision.

Amendment 1: Councillor Ishbel Brown

Council resolves to carry out a meaningful consultation with Vauxhall residents **and commuters** on their preferences for the bus station and gyratory including an option for the status quo in advance of taking any irrevocable decision.

Amendment 2: Councillor Lib Peck

Council resolves to carry out a meaningful consultation with Vauxhall residents on their preferences for the bus station and gyratory ~~including an option for the status quo in advance of taking any irrevocable decision.~~ **to make sure we retain the positives of the current scheme. Lambeth Council is ambitious for Vauxhall to be transformed and is determined to create a vibrant district centre, walkable and cycle friendly, well connected to the riverbank and the parks, and characterised by high quality public spaces. At its centre will be an attractive district centre of shops, cafes and restaurants centred upon a high street. The Council is ensuring that development here delivers this ambition, as it is set out in the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) of January 2013, adopted after extensive consultation with the community.**

Motion 11: Councillor Brian Palmer

Streatham Mums Network

Council deplores the fact that the Streatham Mum's Network were denied a platform at the last Full Council meeting to present a deputation condemning the shambolic roll-out of Lambeth's new recycling and refuse arrangements. The Labour administration claimed that the Constitution allowed only two deputations per meeting but they were allowing three. The Streatham Mum's came fourth on the list out of a total of six. Liberal Democrats argued that as Labour had cancelled the July Full Council Meeting at short notice they could and should have

allowed all six deputations which would only have taken up about half an hour of the evening's allocated time. Council regrets that the whole episode brought the Authority and local democracy into disrepute and resolves in future to have a presumption that residents should be heard.

Amendment 1: Councillor Matthew Bennett

Council ~~deplures~~ **notes** the fact that the **larger than normal number of deputation requests meant that the** Streatham Mum's Network were denied a platform at the last Full Council. **Council further notes all submitted deputations received a written response addressing their concerns. The constitution allows for two deputations, but three were accepted in view of the large number submitted. Council notes that deputations are governed by rules agreed by all parties and that deputations must be relevant and adhere to clear deadlines. However Council will always try to exercise some flexibility to accommodate members of the public and community groups because it regards public participation as an essential feature of full council meetings.** ~~meeting to present a deputation condemning the shambolic roll-out of Lambeth's new recycling and refuse arrangements. The Labour administration claimed that the Constitution allowed only two deputations per meeting but they were allowing three. The Streatham Mum's came fourth on the list out of a total of six. Liberal Democrats argued that as Labour had cancelled the July Full Council Meeting at short notice they could and should have allowed all six deputations which would only have taken up about half an hour of the evening's allocated time. Council regrets that the whole episode brought the Authority and local democracy into disrepute and resolves in future to have a presumption that residents should be heard~~

Motion 12: Councillor Judy Best

Streatham Leisure Centre

Council applauds the Streatham Mums Network for exposing the lack of creche facilities at the new Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre which makes using this new facility difficult or impossible for them. Council is concerned that makes a mockery of the idea of access to all at a brand new Council facility aimed at improving health and well-being.

Council is further concerned to ensure that there is proper provision and discreet changing facilities at the new Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre for single sex classes and swimming for Muslim women.

Council is concerned that no provision has been made for gym only membership at Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre and that Streatham Residents who have been without these facilities for several years will still have to travel to Brixton.

Council believes that £20m investment of public funding – secured by the previous Liberal Democrat-led administration – should have ensured facilities that work for all residents.

Council resolves to work with GLL and users to make the necessary changes to ensure that this new leisure centre is accessible to everyone in the community.

Amendment 1: Councillor Sally Prentice

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Council recognises that the new centre is an asset to Streatham residents, with its pool, ice rink, sports hall and gym. Council notes that the Lib Dems repeatedly showed themselves completely unable to make the right judgment calls at the right time in the development of the £26 million scheme. Council believes that Streatham would still be without an ice rink if the Lib Dems ran the Council.

Council notes that the pool changing facilities give two options for single sex changing, and that GLL is developing the programme of classes and a provision of single sex activities. Council also notes that a programme of activities aimed at increasing participation in the community is being developed, examples of which are wheelchair basketball, a dedicated over 55s activity programme and special needs ice hockey.

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Motion 13: Councillor Alex Davies

Nelson Mandela

Liberal Democrats call for a suitable statue to be commissioned and installed in Brixton to commemorate the life and the inspirational leadership of South Africa's first black President. Such a statue will not only commemorate his historic visit to Brixton in 1996 but the warmth of his reception and the legacy of hope for future generations that he leaves behind.

Amendment 1: Councillor Lib Peck

~~Liberal Democrats Council calls plans to permanently honour the memory of for a suitable statue to be commissioned and installed in Brixton to commemorate the life and the inspirational leadership of Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first black President. Council notes that a commemorative celebration was held in St Matthew's Peace Gardens which reflected the importance of Nelson Mandela to so many people in the borough. Council will work with the community to develop an enduring tribute to an extraordinary man who touched so~~

~~many of our lives. Such a statue will not only commemorate his historic visit to Brixton in 1996 but the warmth of his reception and the legacy of hope for future generations that he leaves behind.~~

Motion 14: Councillor Christine Barratt

Lambeth Parks

Council calls on the Labour Administration to abandon its damaging exploitation of the borough's open spaces. The parks and commons of Lambeth are not a revenue raising opportunity to make up for waste and mismanagement of the borough's finances. Council notes that the Administration is currently seeking to involve the public in the management of open spaces but reminds the Administration that its treatment of objections to its intensified events strategy will be a test for the "co-operative" model which it claims to be pursuing.

Amendment 1: Councillor Jeremy Clyne

Add at end:

Council shares the concerns of local residents over the increased use of Clapham Common for large scale events.

Amendment 2: Councillor Sally Prentice

~~Council is proud of Lambeth's wonderful parks and green spaces, which provide a haven that contributes to people's enjoyment of living, working, and visiting Lambeth. Council recognises the fantastic work the events team do to ensure a diverse range of events, which have all been approved via the current protocols. Council notes that the environmental impact fund ensures promoters using our green spaces pay for any repairs, such as reseeding or new grass. With about 300 community events, as well as extremely popular events such as the Country Show and fireworks, it is a good mix. Council recognises that with the Tory and Lib Dem government budget cuts of about £90million to be delivered over the next three years, it is necessary to look at ways of raising income. calls on the Labour Administration to abandon its damaging exploitation of the borough's open spaces. The parks and commons of Lambeth are not a revenue raising opportunity to make up for waste and mismanagement of the borough's finances. Council notes that the Administration is currently seeking to involve the public in the management of open spaces but reminds the Administration that its treatment of objections to its intensified events strategy will be a test for the "co-operative" model which it claims to be pursuing.~~

Council recognises that the Cooperative Parks Programme builds upon the progress and achievements made through the years of Lottery Investment and notes that 11 Lambeth parks currently have Green Flag Awards – 9 more than in 2008. Celebrates the more ambitious vision for our park services that gives Lambeth's residents more control and say over their green spaces.
