

## COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

15 JULY 2020

### AMENDMENTS

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#### ITEM 3.2 – MOTIONS ON THE THEMES: SOUTHWARK TOGETHER: COUNCIL RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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##### AMENDMENT A

**Moved:** Councillor Nick Johnson

1. Insert after paragraph 1c:
  - d. That there has been a disproportionate impact on Southwark’s diverse communities, with the report to cabinet in June 2020 titled “#Southwark Together: Council response to coronavirus pandemic” highlighting that being impoverished and/or from a black, asian or minority ethnic background means you are more than twice as likely to have died during this pandemic than those from a wealthier or white ethnic background.
  - e. That Southwark has demonstrated over a few short months that extraordinary changes are possible by working together; we should learn from this by seeking to take immediate and in depth action to prepare for a new future and mitigate potentially more apocalyptic threats including climate change.
2. Insert after paragraph 2c:
  - d. The council has the opportunity to demonstrate leadership and become a model for other councils by making substantive changes for this new future as one of the largest and most dynamic councils in London.”
3. Delete and replace paragraph 3b with:
  - b. The thanks of all councillors to the NHS, council workers, mutual aid groups, community organisations, businesses and volunteers for their hard work, and to all Southwark residents who have played their part in controlling the spread of the virus.
4. Insert after paragraph 4d:
  - e. To identify NHS, care and public sector staff and other key workers, small business workers and volunteers working on the front line fighting coronavirus in Southwark who have gone the extra mile (by saving lives and by staying open during the pandemic to support their communities) and award them the ‘Freedom of the Borough’.
  - f. To commit to initiating far reaching climate change action projects across Southwark by the end of 2020 to build on the improvement in air quality and other environmental improvements experienced during lockdown.

- g. To adopt the ‘Rethinking Locally’ framework of the Local Government Association<sup>1</sup> and establish a diverse cross-party working group of councillors, council officers, public health experts, businesses and community representatives with the scope to define the key actions and investment needed for the “Future Southwark in response to coronavirus and future threats” including but not limited to tackling inequality, poverty and climate change in Southwark. The scope should include Planning and Housing, Adults’ and Children’s Social Care, Education, Health, Environment, Transport and Local Economy including Retail and High Streets as per the ‘Rethinking Locally’ framework.
- h. To back this “Rethinking Locally” initiative with a seed fund of £30 million from reserves and the strategic portion of the borough-wide Community Infrastructure Levy (SCIL)” to be used for commencing initial stages of comprehensive and long-lasting change initiatives within the next two years.

and renumber the subsequent subparagraph accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.local.gov.uk/about/campaigns/re-thinking-local](http://www.local.gov.uk/about/campaigns/re-thinking-local)

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**ITEM 3.2 – MOTIONS ON THE THEMES: SOUTHWARK STANDS TOGETHER:  
SOUTHWARK’S COMMITMENT TO TACKLE RACIAL INEQUALITIES**

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**AMENDMENT B**

**Moved:** Councillor William Hougbo

1. Insert after paragraph 1a:

b. Places on record the support of Southwark Council for the objectives of the Black Lives Matter movement and for all similar initiatives.

and renumber all subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

2. Insert after paragraph 3a:

b. That on 17 July 2019 Council Assembly agreed a cross-party motion which called upon Cabinet to implement 9 recommendations aimed at promoting equality and valuing diversity in Southwark<sup>2</sup>.

and renumber all subsequent paragraphs accordingly

3. Insert after paragraph 5a:

b. Direct the Southwark Stands Together working group to review the recommendations from the motion “Promoting Equality and Valuing Diversity” agreed on 17 July 2019 and to report back to Cabinet as soon as possible with an action plan to take forward those which have not yet been implemented.

and renumber all subsequent paragraphs accordingly

4. Insert at the end of (renumbered) paragraph 5c:

and introduce a Race Equality Strategy to tackle racial injustice across the UK.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=54249>