

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 29 February 2012 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Councillors Jackie Addison, Obajimi Adefiranye, Anne Affiku, Christine Allison, Abdeslam Amrani, Pauline Beck, Paul Bell, Kevin Bonavia, John Bowen, David Britton, Suzannah Clarke, Liam Curran, Janet Daby, Vincent Davis, Amanda De Ryk, Damien Egan, Alexander Feakes, Julia Fletcher, Patsy Foreman, Vicky Foxcroft, Helen Gibson, Sven Griesenbeck, Alan Hall, Carl Handley, Michael Harris, Ami Ibitson, Stella Jeffrey, Darren Johnson, Helen Klier, Madeliene Long, Chris Maines, Jim Mallory, Paul Maslin, Joan Millbank, Pauline Morrison, John Muldoon, Marion Nisbet, Sam Owolabi-Oluyole, Jacq Paschoud, John Paschoud, Pete Pattisson, Philip Peake, Alan Smith, Eva Stamirowski, Alan Till and Susan Wise

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Best, Councillor Duwayne Brooks, Councillor Peggy Fitzsimmons and Councillor Joseph Folorunso

88. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Muldoon declared a personal interest in Item 7 as a directly elected member of the South London & Maudsley NHS Trust Members Council.

Councillor Long declared a personal interest in Item 7 as Chair of the South London & Maudsley NHS Trust.

Councillor Onuegbu declared a personal interest in Item 7 as a Council appointed member of the South London & Maudsley NHS Trust Members Council.

Councillor Bonavia declared a personal interest in Item 7 as a Board member of Blackheath Concert Halls.

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal interest in Item 7 as a member of the Council of Management Lewisham Youth Theatre.

Councillors Johnson and Till both declared personal interests in item 7 as Board Members of the Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust.

Councillor Klier declared a personal interest in Item 7 as a Trustee of Age Exchange Blackheath.

Councillor Jacq Paschoud declared a personal interest in Item 7 as a Trustee of the Ravensbourne Trust.

89. Minutes

RESOLVED that

(1) The minutes of the Council held on November 29 2011 were approved and signed as a true record; and

(2) The minutes of the Council held on January 25 2012 were approved and signed as a true record subject to the inclusion of the name of Councillor Padmore on the attendance list.

90. Announcements or Communications

There were none.

91. Petitions

Councillor Johnson presented a petition bearing 272 names from residents of New Cross and New Cross Gate calling on the Council to ask Goldsmith's College to either maintain or sell empty commercial and residential properties in its ownership in the New Cross area.

Councillor Morrison presented letters and a petition bearing about 150 names objecting to the proposed use of 57-59 Honor Oak Park SE23 as a Sainsbury Store.

Councillor Mallory petition bearing 205 names from residents objecting to changes to parking times and a rise in fees in Lee Green.

Councillor Jacq Paschoud presented a petition bearing 27 names from a Muslim women's cultural group asking for support to provide a community centre where people could meet socially to receive advice and celebrate cultural festivals and newcomers to the country could be helped to adjust to unfamiliar systems.

Councillor Daby presented a petition bearing 188 names from residents of Downham and Whitefoot wards asking the Council to do all in its power to stop gold crime particularly within the Asian community.

92. Public questions

13 questions were received from the following members of the public which were answered by the Cabinet Member indicated. In respect of Question 10, the Mayor promised an updated version would be sent to the questioner subsequent to the meeting and be published on the website. Copies of all questions and answers will be circulated separately.

<u>Question</u>	<u>Questioner</u>	<u>Member to Reply</u>
1	Ms G Raggett	The Mayor
2	Ms G Raggett	The Mayor

3	Mr R Woolford (on behalf of Lewisham People before Profit)	Councillor Wise
4	Mr R Woolford (on behalf of Lewisham People before Profit)	Deputy Mayor
5	Mrs P Richardson	The Mayor
6	Mr P Richardson (on behalf of Users & Friends of Manor House Library)	The Mayor
7	Mrs P Richardson	The Mayor
8	Mrs P Richardson	The Mayor
9	Mrs P Richardson	Councillor Wise
10	Mr P Richardson	The Mayor
11	Mr P Richardson	The Mayor
12	Mr P Richardson	The Mayor
13	Mr J Hamilton	Councillor Wise

93. Member questions

48 questions were asked from Members of the Council and written answers were provided by the Members indicated.

1	Councillor Harris	Councillor Wise
2	Councillor Jacq Paschoud	Councillor Klier
3	Councillor Daby	Councillor Onuegbu
4	Councillor Hall	The Mayor
5	Councillor Maines	Councillor Wise
6	Councillor Brooks	The Mayor
7	Councillor Johnson	Councillor Wise
8	Councillor Beck	Councillor Wise
9	Councillor Peake	Councillor Wise
10	Councillor Griesenbeck	The Mayor
11	Councillor Fletcher	The Mayor
12	Councillor Bowen	The Mayor
13	Councillor De Ryk	The Mayor
14	Councillor Ibitson	Councillor Onuegbu
15	Councillor Feakes	Deputy Mayor
16	Councillor Foreman	Councillor Onuegbu
17	Councillor Harris	Councillor Maslin
18	Councillor Brooks	Councillor Wise
19	Councillor Johnson	Deputy Mayor

20	Councillor Beck	The Mayor
21	Councillor Maines	Councillor Wise
22	Councillor Griesenbeck	Deputy Mayor
23	Councillor Bowen	Deputy Mayor
24	Councillor Feakes	Deputy Mayor
25	Councillor Foreman	Deputy Mayor
26	Councillor Brooks	Councillor Onuegbu
27	Councillor Maines	The Mayor
28	Councillor Griesenbeck	Deputy Mayor
29	Councillor Bowen	Councillor Wise
30	Councillor Feakes	Councillor Maslin
31	Councillor Brooks	Councillor Klier
32	Councillor Maines	Councillor Klier
33	Councillor Feakes	Councillor Wise
34	Councillor Brooks	Councillor Klier
35	Councillor Maines	Councillor Wise
36	Councillor Feakes	Councillor Wise
37.	Councillor Brooks	Councillor Klier
38.	WITHDRAWN	
39.	Councillor Brooks	Councillor Klier
40.	Councillor Feakes	Councillor Hall
41.	Councillor Brooks	Councillor Klier
42.	Councillor Brooks	Councillor Klier
43.	Councillor Brooks	Councillor Klier
44.	Councillor Brooks	Councillor Klier
45.	Councillor Maines	Councillor Maslin
46.	Councillor Maines	Deputy Mayor
47.	Councillor Maines	Councillor Egan
48.	Councillor Maines	Councillor Maslin
49.	Councillor Maines	Councillor Wise

94. Council Budget 2012-13

The Chair of Council proposed a procedure for consideration of this item which required the suspension of Council Procedure Rules. The Council agreed to have the Budget moved by the Mayor and then introduced by the Cabinet member for Resources, Councillor Paul Maslin. The Council then considered the Liberal Democrat motion appearing as Item 12 on the agenda and held one debate on both motions. During this general debate on the budget the 5 minute limit on speeches for the Mayor and Councillors Hall, Maines and Allison was suspended.

The Mayor began by saying he would not speak at great length as his budget proposals had already been fully set out at Mayor and Cabinet. He confirmed that as a result of representations made to him, the original Budget paper considered at the Public Accounts Committee on February 9 had been modified and saving COM02 relating to local assemblies amounting to £67,500 would not be taken. Saving COM08b the second phase of the saving agreed in 2011, amounting to £70,000 be not taken. Saving RES02 relating to Trade Union secondments amounting to £25,000 in 2012/13 and £10,000 in 2013/14 would be not taken; and saving RES04 relating to the Black Staff Forum would be reduced to £1,500 from

£5,000. The Mayor's modifications also included a commitment to examine alternatives to the flat rate charging policy for residents parking permits to take place during the 2012/13 financial year; the creation of a one off Reserve Fund of £500,000 be set up for the 2012/13 financial year to fund apprenticeships and associated issues affecting young people identified in the Youth Task Force Action Plan and the withdrawal of Appendix Y11 pertaining to Early Years Centres.

The Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Paul Maslin introduced the Budget by pointing out it did not truly reflect the policies of the Mayor and the Labour Group but rather those of the Coalition Government which seemed committed to austerity measures in the belief that cuts to the public sector would boost the private sector.

Councillor Maslin highlighted the budgetary sections on Capital, the Housing Revenue Account, Dedicated Schools Grant, General Fund Requirements, Council Tax, Future Years Revenue Strategy, Treasury Strategy, Fees and Charges, and the Complex Needs Review. He concluded by advising the proposals amounted to savings of £3.78M and that the budget strategy had been prudent and defensive rather than heroic and aspirational. He confirmed all proposals had been measured against the six Sustainable Community priorities, the ten Corporate priorities, the ten questions prepared by Sir Richard Leese, the Leader of Manchester City Council and the Council's nine Guiding Principles. He also reported the proposals had been the subject of an Equalities Analysis Assessment and that all necessary consultation had taken place. He stated there had been full scrutiny on the proposals by the Public Accounts Select Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel prior to them being finalised at Mayor and Cabinet.

Item 12, the Liberal Democrat motion was next moved by Councillor Maines and seconded by Councillor Feakes. The Council also considered a supplementary agenda document containing officer commentary on the Liberal Democrat proposals.

There then followed a general debate on the Budget and Item 12 to which the Mayor, and Councillors Allison, Johnson, Harris, Bell, Fletcher, Bonavia, Foxcroft, Britton, Feakes, Davis, Maslin and Hall contributed.

Once the debate was concluded, there was a vote on Item 12 which was declared to be clearly lost. Once the result of this vote was known the Mayor was asked if he wished to amend his proposals, being aware of the earlier debate and the results of the vote. He confirmed he did not wish to amend his submitted proposals as a result of the debate but did need to report that Lewisham's view, that staff should be awarded an annual pay increase having had their salaries frozen for three years, had not been successful in a national context. He therefore wanted to confirm that locally he wished to pay all staff earning less than £21,000pa an additional salary payment of £250 for this year.

The Mayor's Budget was then formally moved by Councillor Maslin and seconded by Councillor Hall. Following a vote the Budget, containing the recommendations shown below was declared to be carried by 34 to 12 with 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED that the recommendations shown below in respect of the 2012/13 budget be agreed;

(i) the following modifications to the original proposals be confirmed:

There be an examination of alternatives to the flat rate charging policy for residents parking permits take place during the 2012/13 financial year;

Youth Task Force – a one off Reserve Fund of £500,000 be set up for the 2012/13 financial year to fund apprenticeships and associated issues affecting young people. Details of proposed expenditures to be reported back to Mayor & Cabinet later in the year.

Salaries – all staff earning less than £21,000pa to be paid an additional £250pa in 2012/13.

(ii) the proposals contained in Appendix Y11 pertaining to Early Years Centres be withdrawn and a further report on this item be submitted to the Mayor at an early date;

(iii) the 2011/12 Quarter 3 Capital Programme monitoring be noted;

(iv) proposed new capital projects, and the 2012/17 Capital Programme of £399.2m be approved,

Housing Revenue Account

(v) dwelling rents be increased by £5.76 per week or 7.04% in accordance with the Rent Restructuring formula and Department Communities and Local Government (DCLG) guidance;

(vi) hostels accommodation charge be increased by £3.99 per week or 7.18% in accordance with the Rent Restructuring formula;

(vii) the following average weekly increases for dwellings be approved for: service charges to non Lewisham Homes managed dwellings (Brockley);

- caretaking 3.0% (£0.08)
- grounds 3.0% (£0.04)
- communal lighting 38.67% (£0.20)
- bulk waste collection 3.0% (£0.01)
- window cleaning 3.0% (£0.00)
- Tenants Levy No increase

(viii) the consultation report on service charges to tenants and leaseholders in the Brockley area, presented to area panel members on 14 December 2011 be noted;

(ix) the following service charges to Lewisham Homes managed dwellings be approved:

- caretaking 1.47% (£0.08)
- grounds 5.0% (£0.04)
- Lumber Collection No increase
- Window Cleaning 200% (£0.04)
- communal lighting 38.67 (£0.23)
- block pest control -1.29% (-£0.02)
- Tenants Levy No increase

(x) a Lewisham Homes consultation report on Service charges to tenants and leaseholders, presented to area panel members on 7 December 2011, be noted;

(xi) the comments of the Housing Select Committee, on rent setting be noted;

(xii) the following average* weekly percentage increases for hostels and shared temporary units be approved for;

- Service charges (hostels) – caretaking/grounds 31.98% (£4.15)
- The overall rise in Hostel Service Charge will therefore be £4.15 per week and increase the weekly charge from £12.99 to £17.14 per week.
- In lieu of Council Tax - 0.0%
- Energy cost increases for heat, light & power – 23.38% (£3.34 per week)
- Water Charges increase – 64.68% (£1.22 per week)

* The average amount varies according to bed space/type of accommodation

(xiii) an increase in Garage rents by inflation of 5.6% (£0.44 per week) for Brockley residents and 5.6% (£0.54 per week) for Lewisham Homes residents be approved;

(xiv) there be no proposals to increase charges for sheltered housing and very sheltered housing;

(xv) an increase of 6.97% or £0.32 per week for Linkline Charges to tenants for line rental and maintenance be approved. This would raise the charge from £4.59 to £4.91 per week;

(xvi) Private Sector Leasing rents movement to the Local Housing Allowance rate as at January 2011, according to bed size or capped LHA limit, be noted;

(xvii) the Housing Revenue Account budget strategy proposals be approved in order to achieve a balanced budget in 2012/13;

(xviii) the impact on HRA self-financing be noted;

(xix) the Authority enters into a maximum sum of additional prudential borrowing of £44m (to the level of DCLG's 'self financing cap') over the period 2012/13 to 2016/17;

(xx) authority, as to the amounts and timings of any such borrowing, be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration, acting on the advice of the Head of Law;

Dedicated Schools Grant

(xxi) the Dedicated Schools Grant allocation of £232.1m be the Schools Budget for 2012/13;

General Fund Revenue Budget

(xxii) the overall variance against the agreed 2011/12 revenue budget be noted;

(xxiii) the already approved revenue budget savings of £12.608m for 2012/13 be noted;

(xxiv) further revenue budget savings of £3.780m for 2012/13 be agreed, as set out in detail in Appendix Y3. Amendments totalling £166k from the original package of proposals of £3.946m are as follows:

- COM02 – Assembly Fund of £67.5k
- COM08B – Financial Assessments of £70k
- RES02 – Trade Union Secondments of £25k and a further £10k for 2013/14
- RES04 – Black Staff Forum of £3.5k (£1.5k remains in the package of savings proposals agreed)

(xxv) the implications of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2012/13 be noted;

(xxvi) revenue budget pressures of £2.930m in 2012/13 be funded;

(xxvii) risks and other potential budget pressures which could emerge during the year, as set out be noted and recommendations as necessary be made to Council;

(xxviii) a General Fund Budget Requirement of £268.510m for 2012/13 be set;

(xxix) the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration issue cash limits to all Directorates once the 2012/13 Revenue Budget is agreed;

Council Tax

(xxx) an increase of 0% in Lewisham's Council Tax element for 2012/13 be

approved;

(xxxix) subject to final notification from the Greater London Authority (GLA), the overall decrease in Council Tax for 2012/13 is 0.23%, which includes the indicative GLA precept for 2012/13 being reduced by 1% from its 2011/12 level;

Future Years' Revenue Budgets

(xxxii) the prospects for the revenue budget for 2013/14 and future years be noted;

(xxxiii) officers continue to develop firm proposals to help meet the forecast budget shortfalls in future years;

Treasury Strategy

(xxxiv) the prudential indicators and authorised limits, as set out, be approved;

(xxxv) the revision to the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy, be adopted;

(xxxvi) the 2012/13 Treasury Management Strategy, including the Investment Strategy and the revised credit rating criteria be approved;

(xxxvii) the Council's priorities for specified and non specified investment be noted;

(xxxviii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration during 2012/13 to make amendments to the Borrowing and Investment Strategies provided there is no change to the Council's authorised limit for borrowing;

Specific Recommendations - Fees & Charges

(xxxix) approval be given to recommendations in relation to:

- **Parking Charges** – there be no new or amended parking charges for 2012/13.

- **School Meals**

(a) to increase the price of primary school meals paid by those children to £1.70 for 2012/13 with effect from the start of the summer term

(b) Agree in principle, that in subsequent years the price for a primary school meal should increase further in 2013/14, subject to the proper process for implementing such at the appropriate time.

- **Early Years Nursery Places** - there be no changes to the prices charged for its nursery places.

- **Highways Charges**

- (a) the inspection fee for skip licences be removed
- (b) the skip licence fee be increased by £10, from £50 to £60
- (c) there be no changes to all other highways related charges.

- **Trade refuse**

- (a) there be no further specific pricing proposals and the existing delegated authority for Executive Directors to vary prices by 10% be confirmed.

- **Libraries** – there be no increase to the prices for library fines in 2012/13

- **Community Education Lewisham**

- (a) there be no change to the fees for “learner responsive” courses
- (b) there be no change to the charge for those courses that are able to operate on a “full cost recovery” basis to that cost, currently calculated at £7.50/hour
- (c) to increase other course fees by roughly the current rate of inflation, from £4.00 per hour to £4.20 per hour, generating additional income of £5,000 in 2012/13.

- **Registrars** – there be no changes to the fees for the registrars service for 2012/13.

- **Community Centres**

- (a) insurance charges and the charges for one-off hires be increased by 5% to cover inflationary costs, and to authority be delegated to the Head of Neighbourhood and Community Development to implement precise pricing schedules to achieve this, rounding fees to convenient charging units.

- **Pest Control** – there be no changes to the fees for the pest control service for 2012/13.

- **Local Land Charges**

- (a) to increase the fee for a ‘register only’ search to £88
- (b) to increase the fee for a full local land search to £132

- **HMO Licensing**

- (a) to increase fees by 20% and adopt the following fee structure:

Licence fee for first application within the London Borough of Lewisham

- £180 per unit of accommodation
- 20% discount for landlords accredited through the London Landlord Accreditation Scheme (LLAS) or members of a recognised Landlord Association
- The maximum fee is £1,800 (or £1,440 if the discount applies)

Subsequent applications or relicensing by the same Landlord

- £120 per unit of accommodation
- 20% discount for landlords accredited through the LLAS or members of a recognised Landlord Association
- The maximum fee is £1,200 (or £960 if the discount applies)

Other charges

- Visit by an Environmental Health Officer (EHO) or Technical Officer (TO) to draw up floor plans which satisfy the HMO Licensing application process only and are not intended for any other purpose (if the landlord does not wish to draw up floor plans themselves): £220
- Registering a change of ownership or change of managing agent: £275
- Registering changes in the use or layout of the property: £275
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Specific Recommendations – Complex Needs Review Savings Proposals

(xl) approval be given to recommendations in relation to:

1. begin consultation on proposals coming out of the Management Review of services to support children with complex needs to:

- (a) organise services within the Directorate for Children and Young People to bring together all assessment, planning, intervention and support functions for children and young people with complex needs under single management, deleting a service manager post;
- (b) reconfigure the Inclusion Service, in order to remove duplication with the Early Intervention service; rationalise support for 0-5 s with complex needs and to build capacity to support and challenge schools and early years settings to improve their provision related to children and young people with special and complex needs;
- (c) realign other services relating to children with special and complex needs to ensure coherence (e.g. work on planning to

secure sufficient SEN places in schools).

- (d) note that, if agreed following consultations, the reorganisation above is planned to release £243k for savings with £425k reinvested to ensure sufficient capacity to support 0-5 s with special and complex needs and £220k DSG resource released to cover pressures in the DSG relating to the education of children with special and complex needs. In addition, £160k is reserved for one-off transitional support and implementation.

2. officers be asked to complete a full equalities impact assessment.

3. officers be asked to undertake further work following the initial implementation to develop proposals to integrate assessment and support processes including to consider the extent to which further savings are possible. by end of March 2013.

4. report the outcomes of the public consultation and any proposed changes to the recommendations arising.

Statutory calculations

1) It be noted that at its meeting on 25 January 2012, the Council calculated the number of 89,419 as its Council Tax base for 2012/13 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Taxbase) Regulations;

2) The following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

a. £965,237,160 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimated aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for gross expenditure, calculated in accordance with Section 31A (2) of the Act;

b. £696,727,370 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for income, calculated in accordance with Section 31A(2) of the Act;

c. £268,509,790 being the amount by which the aggregate of 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate of 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year;

d. £174,308,705 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and Revenue Support Grant, increased by the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988;

e. £94,201,085 being the residual amount required to be collected from Council Tax payers. This includes the surplus on the Council's Collection Fund.

f. £1,042.11 being the residual sum at (e) above, divided by the Council Tax base of 89,419.04 which is Lewisham's precept on the Collection Fund for 2012/13 at the level of Band D;

Band	Council Tax (LBL)
	£
A	694.74
B	810.53
C	926.32
D	1,042.11
E	1,273.69
F	1,505.27
G	1,736.85
H	2,084.22

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (f) above by the number which, in proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;

3) It be noted that for the year 2012/13, the Greater London Authority is currently consulting on the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Band	GLA Precept
	£
A	204.48
B	238.56
C	272.64
D	306.72
E	374.88
F	443.04
G	511.20
H	613.44

4) Having calculated the estimated aggregate amount in each case of the amounts at 2)(f) and 3) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, assumed the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2012/13 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Band	Total Council
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	Tax (LBL & GLA)
	£
A	899.22
B	1,049.09
C	1,198.96
D	1,348.83
E	1,648.57
F	1,948.31
G	2,248.05
H	2,697.66

RELEVANT AMOUNTS OF COUNCIL TAX AND LEVIES

Basic Amount of Council Tax	2011/12	2012/13
Council Tax Base	88,487	89,419
Council Tax Requirement with Levy (£)	92,213,169	93,184,475
Basic Amount of Council Tax (£)	1,042.11	1,042.11
% Increase in basic amount of Council Tax		0.00%

Relevant Amount of Council Tax	2011/12	2012/13
Levies	1,729,975	1,722,646
Council Tax Requirement without Levy	90,483,194	91,461,829
Relevant basic amount of Council Tax	1,022.56	1,022.85
% Increase in relevant basic amount of Council Tax		0.03%

Levy bodies for Lewisham	2011/12	2012/13
LPFA	£1,294,231	£1,292,295
Lee Valley Regional Park	£261,597	£255,940
Environment Agency	£174,147	£174,411
Total Levies	£1,729,975	1,722,646

95. Site Allocations DPD - Proposed Submission

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith moved that the recommendations be approved, and this was seconded by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Liam Curran.

RESOLVED that the proposed submission document be approved for publication and, following the prescribed representation period, it be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for an Examination In Public.

96. Proposed Submission Lewisham TC AAP

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith moved that the recommendations be approved, and this was seconded by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Liam Curran.

RESOLVED that the proposed submission document for be approved for publication and following the prescribed representation period be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for an Examination In Public.

97. CIL Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith moved that the recommendations be approved, and this was seconded by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Liam Curran.

RESOLVED that the CIL Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule be approved for statutory public consultation.

98. Motion 1 Proposed by Councillor Fletcher and seconded by Councillor Maines

The motion was moved by Councillor Fletcher and seconded by Councillor Maines. The movers accepted an amendment in the name of Councillors Smith and Maslin which read as follows

Insert after the third paragraph:

“Council is concerned that the abolishment of Cycle England by the coalition government has been detrimental to the cause of safer cycling”.

Insert after the final sentence:

“and also lobby him to bring the London cycle-hire scheme to Lewisham.”

Following contributions from Councillors Britton and Smith, Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hall, successfully moved that the question be now put and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“This Council believes that cycling is an efficient and effective mode of transport; recognises the environmental and health benefits of cycling and acknowledges the need to improve the safety of cyclists on Lewisham’s roads.

Council commends the work of ‘Lewisham Cyclists’ in campaigning for cyclist safety and acknowledges their achievement in promoting this activity in Lewisham.

Council notes with concern that more than 27,000 cyclists have been killed or seriously injured on British streets in the past 10 years.

Council is concerned that the abolishment of Cycle England by the coalition government has been detrimental to the cause of safer cycling.

Council supports the Times' "Cities fit for Cycling" campaign and calls on the Mayor of Lewisham to take steps to improve the safety of cyclists in the borough.

Council urges the Mayor of Lewisham to enter into discussions with the Mayor of London about the Times' eight-point manifesto to ensure that cyclists in our borough are kept safe and also lobby him to bring the London cycle-hire scheme to Lewisham."

99. Motion 2 Proposed by Councillor Feakes and seconded by Councillor Maines

This motion was considered as part of Item 7.