Delivering a Fairer Future for All
Southwark Council plan 2014/15 to 2017/18

1. Value for money
   We will continue to keep Council Tax low by delivering value for money across all our high quality services.

2. Free swimming and gyms
   We will make it easier to be healthier with free swimming and gyms for all residents and will double the number of NHS health checks.

3. Quality affordable homes
   We will improve house standards and build more homes of every kind including 11,000 new council homes with 1,500 built by 2018. We will make all council homes warm, dry and safe and start the roll out of our quality kitchen and bathroom guarantee.

4. More and better schools
   We will meet the demand for primary and secondary school places and drive up standards across our schools so at least 70 per cent of students at every secondary get at least five good GCSEs.

5. Nurseries and childcare
   We will help parents to balance work and family life including investment in our children's centres to deliver more quality affordable childcare and open two new community nurseries.

6. A greener borough
   We will protect our environment by diverting more than 95 per cent of waste away from landfill, doubling the estates receiving green energy and invest in our parks and open spaces.

7. Sober communities
   We will make Southwark safer with increased CCTV, more estate security doors and a Women's Safety Charter. We will have zero tolerance on noisy neighbours.

8. Education, employment and training
   We will guarantee education, employment or training for every school leaver, support 5,000 more local people into jobs and create 2,000 new apprenticeships.

9. Revitalised neighbourhoods
   We will revitalise our neighbourhoods to make them places in which we can all be proud to live and work, transforming Elephant and Castle, the Aylesbury and starting regeneration of the Old Kent Road.

10. Age friendly borough
    We want you to get the best out of Southwark whatever your age so we will become an age friendly borough including the delivery of an Ethical Care Charter and an older people’s centre of excellence.

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**Quality affordable homes**
Good quality affordable homes are essential to maintaining strong communities and making this a borough which all residents are proud to call home. We are determined to lead the way in London. We'll build more homes of every kind across the borough and use every tool at our disposal to increase the supply of all different kinds of homes in the borough. Homes in Southwark will be of such quality that when you come to see families and friends in Southwark, you will not know whether you are visiting homes in private, housing association or council ownership. We will make sure that vulnerable residents and families are helped to find the right housing and live as independently as possible. We aim for our residents to take pride in and feel responsible for their homes and the local area too.

**Best start in life**
We believe in giving all our young people the best start in life. We want them to be in a safe, stable and healthy environment where they have the opportunity to develop, make choices and feel in control of their lives and future.

We will offer our young people and families, including those who are more vulnerable or have special educational needs, the right support at the right time, from their early years through adolescence and into successful adult life.

We will work with our looked-after children to find them stable and loving homes. In our schools, the high demand for new primary and secondary places means we’ll make sure there are enough places for all. Our children deserve the very best and that’s what we’ll always aim for.

**Strong local economy**
When our economy is strong, then all our residents benefit. It brings more opportunities for people in Southwark to find work, get into training and achieve their aspirations.

We want our town centres and high streets to thrive. We want to make Southwark the place to do business in a central London and global economy, where business owners know this is the borough where their enterprises will grow and prosper.

We want our residents to be and stay financially independent. With local business and other partners we’ll make sure our residents are equipped with the skills and knowledge to access the many exciting opportunities that being in Southwark brings.

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**Healthy active lives**
For people to lead healthy lives, we need to tackle the root causes of ill health and reduce the inequalities that limit the lives of too many in our society. The council is now responsible for public health and we will work across the council to reduce health inequalities and improve people’s lives; for example, by making all council homes warm, dry and safe and by building quality new homes, we are helping people to live healthier lives.

We will work with residents and our partners to build resilient communities, extending opportunities to all to maintain and improve their health and wellbeing. We’re also committed to people remaining in their own homes for longer and we want our most vulnerable residents to lead and enjoy independent lives, achieve their goals and have a great future in Southwark.

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**Cleaner greener safer**
We want people to feel safe in their borough, to walk down clean streets and to know that their borough is leading the way when it comes to things that matter like recycling and reducing landfill waste. With local people our aim is to deliver the very best so the borough is clean, green and a safe place to be.

We’ll keep getting the basics right and continue to do all we can to be as efficient as possible in providing the essential services you need. We want to make a positive difference to the quality of life in Southwark and by providing good services well, we know we can deliver.

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**Revitalised neighbourhoods**
We are a borough with a proud heritage and a great future. It’s a future filled with potential, with some of the most exciting and ambitious regeneration programmes in the country being delivered right on our doorstep.

We will continue work with our local communities to make our neighbourhoods places that we are proud to live and work in. We will ensure that all our residents can access the benefits of our regeneration programmes and the opportunities created by those programmes – new homes, new jobs, new infrastructure.

Southwark is a borough that is growing for the future and we’ll ensure that our residents and neighbourhoods prosper from that growth.

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**Our Values...**
1. **Treating residents as if they were a valued member of our own family**
2. **Being open, honest and accountable**
3. **Spending money as if it were from our own pocket**
4. **Working for everyone to realise their own potential**
5. **Making Southwark a place to be proud of**
Quality affordable homes

- Build more homes of every kind - Housing strategy was agreed in January 2015 and building is already underway on new homes.
- Build 11,000 new council homes by 2043, with at least 1,500 by 2018 - A Council spokesperson said: "We are committed to delivering more affordable homes, and we are already making progress on this front."
- Introduce ‘play streets’, where some streets are closed to traffic - To provide a quality kitchen and bathroom in every council home underway.
- Introduce licensing in the private rented sector and further crack down on rogue landlords - First stage, consultation exercise completed with over 1,000 responses.
- Set up an independent leaseholder and freeholder management company - Consulted with homeowner representatives, and draft proposals are now being developed.
- Introduce resident housing inspectors - Two waves of recruitment already done. On target to recruit 100 resident inspectors by March 2016.
- Further reduce illegal subletting - Southwark’s work has been recognised as a national best practice, achieving outstanding results.
- Have a lettings policy that means that 50 per cent of all new council homes go to people from that area, with the rest going to other Southwark residents.
- Keep council rents low - We continue to keep rents low, with the fourth lowest rents in central London.
- Keep council rents low - Over 8,000 households are making use of a free library card to every secondary school.
- Increase estate deep cleans - Domestic abuse
- Deep clean - Our offer to parents with three to four year olds on pupil premium
- A site and sponsor for a new secondary school
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- A sustainable schools fund

Healthy active lives

- Make swimming and gym use free for all residents - The pilot is now in place in five locations.
- Increase library access with a free library card to every secondary school
- Increase CCTV coverage
- Have zero tolerance on noisy neighbours
- Maintain clean streets - Continue to maintain a consistently high level of cleanliness for litter
- Better education and enforcement to people who don’t clean up after their dogs - Increased the fine for littering.
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- Deliver a multi-cycling strategy - Our innovative new cycling strategy has now been agreed and delivery is underway.
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- Introduce estate deep cleans - The deep clean programme has now started, covering all estate action days, with a further programme on a third of all estates
during summer.
- Increase recycling rates - Waste recycled has increased but levels of fly-tipping have increased faster, resulting in an overall slowing in the rate of growth.
- Divert more recycling from the 95% of waste away from landfill - 99% of non-recyclable waste has been diverted from landfill in the last 12 months.
- Have zero tolerance on noisy neighbours - Noise service provision reviewed and recommendations being implemented.
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- Campaign for the 300 Southwark police officers and police community support officers since 2010.
- After a community-led campaign, over 2,000 signatures were delivered to the Prime Minister.
- Double the number of estates receiving green energy from the South East London Combined Heat and Power - Started incorporating 30 estates.
- Donate capital investment into roads - Provided new investment and agreed plan for maintaining our roads for the next three years, winning an award for our work.
- Invest in our libraries and keep them open, including Dulwich and Kingswood House - Investment continues in libraries, with work at Herne Hill and the Canada Water public art project building works due to start.
- Campaign for the Bakerloo Line to be extended south of the Elephant and Castle to Camberwell and Old Kent Road - After winning commitment from the Mayor, consultation exercise included with the Canada Water and the Canada Water public art project building works due to start.
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- Invest in Camberwell including a new library - The library is almost complete and due to open soon.
- Work with local parents to open two new community nurseries
- Open new pedestrian crossings outside Borough Station and between Trinity Street and Great Suffolk Street - A consultation the scheme will be added to the TUx programme, with implementation to be confirmed.