

ASSEMBLY

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Title: Motions	
Report of: Stella Manzie, Chief Executive	
Open	For Decision
Wards Affected: All	Key Decision: No
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Summary The following motion has been received in accordance with paragraph 14 of Article 2, Part B of the Council's Constitution: Raising Household Incomes and Helping to Combat Child Poverty To be moved by Councillor Carpenter: "Raising household incomes is one of our top priorities in Barking and Dagenham. We know that the poorest in our community will pay the most as a result of the tax and benefit reforms designed by the Coalition Government. We also know that the poorest will suffer the most as a result of the cuts in services forced on us by the Coalition Government. Nevertheless, this Council will do all in its power to raise household incomes in our Borough during these harsh times, and help combat child poverty." The deadline for amendments to this motion is noon on Friday 17 February 2012. For information, attached at Appendix A is the relevant extract from the Council's Constitution relating to the procedure for dealing with Motions.	
Recommendation The Assembly is asked to debate and vote on the above motion and any amendments.	
Reasons To accord with legislative requirements.	

**Extract from the Council Constitution
Part B, Article 2 - The Assembly**

14. Motions on issues directly affecting the Borough

- 14.1 Written notice of any motions must be received by the Chief Executive by no later than 4.00 pm on the Wednesday two weeks before the meeting. *The following provisions exclude a motion moving a vote of no confidence in the Leader of the Council (see paragraph 10 for details)*
- 14.2 The Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair, or in their absence the Deputy Chair, of the Assembly may decide not to place on the agenda any motions that he/she considers are of a vexatious or derogatory nature, or contrary to any provision of any code, protocol, legal requirement or rule of the Council; or that do not relate to the business of the Council or are otherwise considered improper or inappropriate.
- 14.3 The Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair, or in their absence the Deputy Chair, of the Assembly may decide not to place on the agenda any motions the content of which he/she feels forms the basis of a motion already considered at the Assembly within the previous twelve months.
- 14.4 In the event that the Member who submitted the motion is not present at the Assembly meeting, the motion will be withdrawn.
- 14.5 Any motions withdrawn as indicated above, or withdrawn at the request of the Member who submitted the motion, either before or during the meeting, may not be resubmitted to the Assembly within a period of six months. This condition will be waived where the Member, or a colleague on their behalf, has notified the Chief Executive by 5 pm on the day of the meeting of their inability to attend due to their ill health or family bereavement.
- 14.6 Motions will be listed on the agenda in the order in which they are received.
- 14.7 Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which directly affect the borough.
- 14.8 Written notice of any amendments to motions must be received by the Chief Executive by no later than 12 noon on the Friday before the meeting. The same criteria and actions as described in paragraphs 14.3, 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6 will apply in relation to any amendments received.
- 14.9 Any amendments proposed after the time specified in paragraph 14.8 will only be considered for exceptional reasons such as a change in circumstances appertaining to the original motion, in which case the consent of the Chair will be required.
- 14.10 Order/rules of debate:
1. Except with the Chair's consent, the debate on each motion shall last no longer than 10 minutes and no individual speech shall exceed two minutes.
 2. The mover will move the motion and explain its purpose.

3. The Chair will invite another Member to second the motion
4. If any amendment(s) has been accepted in accordance with paragraphs 14.8 or 14.9, the Chair will invite the relevant Member to move the amendment(s) and explain its (their) purpose.
5. The Chair will invite another Member(s) to second the amendment(s).
6. The Chair will then invite Members to speak on the motion and any amendments.
7. Once all Members who wish to speak have done so, or the time limit has elapsed, the Chair will allow the mover(s) of the amendment(s) a right of reply followed by the mover of the original motion.
8. At the end of the debate, any amendments will be voted on in the order in which they were proposed.
9. If an amendment is carried, the motion as amended becomes the substantive motion to which any further amendments are moved and voted upon.
10. After an amendment has been carried, the Chair will read out the amended motion before accepting any further amendments, or if there are none, put it to the vote.
11. If all amendments are lost, a vote will be taken on the original motion.

15. Closure Motions

- 15.1 A member may move, without comment, the following motions at the end of a speech of another Member:
 - (i) to proceed to the next business;
 - (ii) that the question/motion be now put;
 - (iii) to adjourn a debate; or
 - (iv) to adjourn a meeting.
- 15.2 If a motion to proceed to next business is seconded the Chair will put this to a vote without further discussion on the original motion or item
- 15.3 If a motion that the question/motion be now put is seconded the Chair will call the vote on the original motion or question.
- 15.4 If a motion to adjourn the debate or to adjourn the meeting is seconded and the Chair thinks the item has not been sufficiently discussed and cannot reasonably be so discussed on that occasion, they will put the procedural motion to the vote without giving the mover of the original motion the right of reply.