

Fairer future

Delivering our promises

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 housing 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 Safer 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.

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.



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.

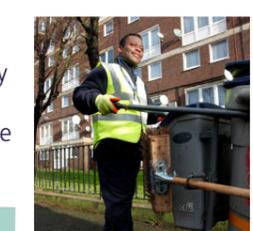
We will work with residents and our partners to build resilient communities, extending opportunities to all to maintain and improve their health and wellbeing. We're also committed to people remaining in their own homes for longer and we want our most vulnerable residents to lead and enjoy independent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



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.



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.



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**

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We will ...

Quality affordable homes

- Build more homes of every kind
- Build 11,000 new council homes by 2043, with at least 1,500 by 2018
- Finish our programme to make every home Warm, Dry and Safe by 2016 and have started a programme to deliver a quality kitchen and bathroom for every council tenant
- Introduce licensing in the private rented sector and further crack down on rogue landlords
- Set up an independent leaseholder and freeholder management company
- Introduce resident housing inspectors
- Further reduce illegal subletting of our council homes
- 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

Best start in life

- Invest in the borough's children's centres
- Work with local parents to open two new community nurseries
- Find new ways to guarantee care and early education to help parents
- Ensure that 70 per cent of students at every secondary get at least five good GCSEs
- Deliver more quality affordable childcare places
- Guarantee a local primary place for every child
- Open new secondary schools to meet demand including on the Dulwich Hospital site in East Dulwich
- Ensure a top quality children's playground in every local area
- Provide free fruit for all primary school children as a healthy morning snack
- Invest more in 'early support' for families
- Help more people to foster and adopt by paying their council tax for them
- Establish a new Childcare Commission, bringing together experts, parents, providers and employers to find new ways to guarantee care and early education
- Increase library access with a free library card to every secondary school child
- Double the number of Southwark Scholarships

Strong local economy

- Keep council tax low
- Deliver value for money in council services
- Make sure young people are ready for work
- Guarantee education, employment or training for every school leaver
- Deliver an hour's free parking in our shopping parades
- Open a credit union account with a £10 opening deposit for every 11 year old
- Deliver good money advice for secondary school students
- Establish a Southwark Business Forum
- Stop the spread of pawnbrokers, betting shops, gambling machines and pay day lenders
- Invest in more affordable business space, street markets and encourage pop-up shops to help start up businesses
- Support 5,000 local people into jobs
- Create 2,000 new apprenticeships
- Make sure local residents benefit from new jobs and apprenticeships
- Award scholarships to local young people from low income backgrounds to study art foundation courses
- Support business improvement districts including around the Blue in Bermondsey
- Enhance and expand affordable studio and performance space

Healthy active lives

- Make swimming and gym use free for all residents
- Improve homecare standards, making sure our staff are only ever judged by the quality of care they provide to our older and more vulnerable residents
- Deliver a safer cycling network
- Extend bike hire across the borough
- Implement a Southwark Ethical Care Charter, with better paid carers and an end to zero hours contracts
- Establish a commission to enhance the vital work of the voluntary and community sector
- Double the number of free NHS health checks to catch problems like heart disease and diabetes early
- Become an 'age friendly borough'
- Bring ten more parks to green flag standard
- Introduce 'play streets', where some streets are closed to traffic during school holidays

Cleaner greener safer

- Maintain clean streets
- Better education and enforcement of people who litter
- Better education and enforcement of people who don't clean up after their dogs
- Increase recycling rates
- Divert more than 95 per cent of waste away from landfill
- Zero tolerance on noisy neighbours
- Increase CCTV coverage
- Increase estate security doors
- Deliver a new Women's Safety Charter
- Deliver a domestic abuse strategy
- Introduce estate deep cleans
- Campaign for the 300 Southwark police officers and police community support officers cut since 2010
- Double the number of estates receiving green energy from the South East London Combined Heat and Power
- Double capital investment into roads
- Invest in our libraries and keep them open, including Dulwich and Kingswood House
- Campaign for Seeley Drive police base in the south of the borough
- Campaign against the super-sewer in Chambers Wharf

Revitalised neighbourhoods

- Revitalise our neighbourhoods to make them places where we can all be proud to live and work
- Transform the Elephant and Castle with a new leisure centre, affordable homes and a shopping centre
- Introduce a new diversity standard to make sure that people from every community get their voices included when decisions are made
- Open a new civic centre in Walworth
- Campaign for the Bakerloo Line to be extended south of the Elephant and Castle to Camberwell and Old Kent Road
- Invest in Camberwell including a new library
- Bring superfast broadband to Rotherhithe
- Secure the long term future of Greendale in East Dulwich
- Start work on the regeneration of the Old Kent Road
- Invest in Peckham Town Centre to support arts and business
- Deliver a free cash point in Nunhead
- Improved playground in Peckham Rye park
- Open new pedestrian crossings outside Borough Station and between Trinity Street and Great Suffolk Street