COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 26 2014 AMENDMENTS

<u>Amendment to Item: Motion 1 Proposed by Councillor Brooks</u> and seconded by Councillor Foreman

Motion 4: ROGUE LANDLORDS

Amendment:

First Para line 2 **delete all** after "the" and **insert** "Council's successful bid for £125,000 funding which has been boosted by a further £30,000 from Public Health in recognition of the link between poor housing and poor health outcomes. This funding will enable the Council to develop a programme which will include a dedicated enforcement co-ordinator and paralegal which will increase prosecutions."

At the beginning of para 2 **insert** the following which becomes the new start of the para "This Council welcomes the findings of the recent Housing Select Committee report which highlighted.." and **delete** capital "T" in "there".

Final sentence of para 2 **delete** "The Council commits to taking a..." and insert "The Council's" Then **delete** all after "landlords" and **insert** "along with the launching of the Private Sector Housing Agency will raise standards and improve the lives of many Lewisham residents.

So the amended motion will read:

"This Council recognizes the historical problem of rogue landlords across the borough of Lewisham, and welcomes the Council's successful bid for £125,000 funding which has been boosted by a further £30,000 from Public Health in recognition of the link between poor housing and poor health outcomes. This funding will enable the Council to develop a programme which will include a dedicated enforcement co-ordinator and paralegal which will increase prosecutions.

This Council welcomes the findings of the recent Housing Select Committee report which highlighted there are currently some 50 rogue landlords and letting agencies in the borough, and some of these own large portfolios of properties, blighting the lives of residents and communities. Problems such as overcrowding, harassment, illegal eviction and illegal fees present a real problem for Lewisham's residents, and can have a devastating effect on the vulnerable. The Council's strategic approach to tackling the problem of rogue landlords along with the launching of the Private Sector Housing Agency will raise standards and improve the lives of many Lewisham residents."

Proposed by: Cllr Britton Seconded by: Cllr De Ryk