

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 30 November 2015 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Gavin Edwards (Chair)
Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Maisie Anderson
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor Johnson Situ
Martin Brecknell

**OTHER MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**OFFICER
SUPPORT:**

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dale, Fleming and Johnson

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

2.1 There were none

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

3.1 There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of 17th September OSC were amended to correctly reflect the committee's

recommendation on item 4.6 as follows:

“That the Cabinet member give consideration and evidence in regards to giving exemption or offering a number of collections free of charges *within 3 months* to the poorest and most vulnerable residents”

The minutes of 20th October OSC were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting

Councillor Al-Samerai asked the committee to follow up on its recommendations on the South Dock Marina mooring fees. Allen Atwell from the berth holders association was also present. There had been a delay in arranging the meetings between the council and the berth holders, and this meant the discussion had not taken place before the new fees were implemented. Mr Atwell asked the committee to recommend a further brief delay in implementing the fees while the consultation and work on improved bench marking takes place and a new cost plus model could be designed which might potentially cover the boatyard as well as the moorings.

The committee agreed to return to this matter as part of Cllr Merrill’s session at budget scrutiny – 2nd February 2016.

VIDEO - MINUTES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRLTktGGHKg&list=PL_maFEOk7e9gVzVyB8oU9aS8TjocW8C14&index=6

5. RENTS ON COMMERCIAL PREMISES

Walter Akers and Manpreet Mahal (auditors from RSM UK) attended the committee to provide an update on this piece of work, which would be reported to OSC’s January meeting.

VIDEO - OPENING THE MEETING AND RENTS ON COMMERCIAL PREMISES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uM_46KV4HY&index=1&list=PL_maFEOk7e9gVzVyB8oU9aS8TjocW8C14

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATqwpocChJWU&list=PL_maFEOk7e9gVzVyB8oU9aS8TjocW8C14&index=2

6. UPDATE AND OVERVIEW REPORT ON THE DELIVERY OF 11,000 COUNCIL HOMES

Councillor Richard Livingstone introduced the report. He was accompanied by Bruce Glockling, Head of Regeneration Capital Works, and Dave Markham, Director of Asset Management

The chair of Mayflower Tenants & Residents Association, Sue Challis, made representation to the committee about the way in which their community hall had been selected to include in a proposed housing infill scheme. They did not feel that the communication had been adequate and had a series of questions for the cabinet member about how the process had been managed. They wanted to know how the hall could be removed from the list of schemes.

Councillor Livingstone apologised for the poor communication. He accepted that it needed to be better managed with a clear process and trail so it was easier to track progress on consultation. He felt that a stronger process was now in place, and specifically that discussions with TRAs and ward councillors would in future be complete before schemes were published on lists.

Recommendations:

- OSC should be provided with an explanation as to why the Mayflower Community Hall survey had not been made available to residents and councillors
- OSC and the TRA should be provided with the minutes of the June/July 2015 officer/member meetings about the proposal to develop the hall
- The TRA should be provided with a clear explanation of the consultation process
- That in the light of the concerns expressed about the accuracy of the 2012 survey of TRA halls a commitment is made to carry out a new survey of any TRA hall being considered for demolition under the 11000 council homes programme before any decision
- That the cabinet member's apology to Mayflower TRA should be put in writing

VIDEO - UPDATE AND OVERVIEW REPORT ON THE DELIVERY OF COUNCIL HOMES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZSBnMMokS0&index=3&list=PL_maFEOk7e9gVzVyB8oU9aS8TjocW8C14

7. RIGHT TO BUY - UPDATE

Councillor Edwards presented a draft report which he had worked on with Cllrs Flynn and Kerslake. He would re-circulate over the Christmas break for final comments with the aim of getting to January cabinet

VIDEO - RIGHT TO BUY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLmuXLxJz80&index=4&list=PL_maFEOk7e9gVzVyB8oU9aS8TjocW8C14

8. WORK PROGRAMME

Councillors Lury, Ali and Flynn updated OSC on the progress of their work. Councillor Al-Samerai asked that the OSC work programme should include follow up on call-ins and the Southwark Plan. Councillor Edwards said that OSC would do further work on national minimum wage enforcement – aiming to bring a report to the committee’s April meeting. The topic possibly should be broadened out to low pay and the living wage.

VIDEO - WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE FROM COMMITTEE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqN8nljMjQ4&list=PL_maFEOk7e9gVzVyB8oU9aS8TjocW8C14&index=5

Meeting ended at 9.55 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: