

# Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Monday 23 November 2015

7.00 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

## Membership

Councillor Tom Flynn (Chair)  
Councillor Ben Johnson (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Karl Eastham  
Councillor Eleanor Kerlake  
Councillor Vijay Luthra  
Councillor Damian O'Brien  
Councillor Martin Seaton  
Cris Claridge  
John Nosworthy  
Michael Orey

## Reserves

Councillor James Barber  
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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

**Eleanor Kelly**

Chief Executive

Date: 13 November 2015



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## Order of Business

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### **PART A - OPEN BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES**

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

In special circumstances, an item of business may be added to an agenda within five clear working days of the meeting.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Members to declare any interests and dispensations in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.

**4. MINUTES**

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To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the open section of the meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

**5. INTERVIEW - POLICE BOROUGH COMMANDER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR M SITU**

The Sub-Committee to interview the Borough Commander regarding crime in the Borough.

The Cabinet Member for Communities and Safety has particular responsibility for:

- relationships with the voluntary and community sector;
- community councils and community engagement;
- relationships with faith communities;
- Southwark diversity standard;
- equalities and equal opportunities.
- volunteering;
- developing networks of community volunteer champions;
- working to ensure Southwark has a strong voluntary and community sector.
- crime & drugs strategy and alcohol control zones;
- licensing policy;
- lobbying to increase Southwark's police;
- environmental health;
- trading standards;
- Southwark anti-social behaviour unit;
- domestic violence strategy;
- women's safety charter;
- the community warden service;
- noise nuisance;
- CCTV and other safety measures in public places;

## **6. MATTERS ARISING**

**DISCUSSION OF ANY OTHER OPEN ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING.**

### **PART B - CLOSED BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION OF ANY CLOSED ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS URGENT.**

Date: 13 November 2015



## Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee held on Monday 26 October 2015 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Tom Flynn (Chair)  
Councillor Ben Johnson  
Councillor Karl Eastham  
Councillor Eleanor Kerslake  
Councillor Vijay Luthra  
Councillor Damian O'Brien  
Councillor Martin Seaton  
Cris Claridge  
Michael Orey

**OTHER MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny Project Assistant

**1. APOLOGIES**

1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

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

2.1 There were no urgent items.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

3.1 There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

**4. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2015 be agreed as a correct record, with an amendment to page 2, item 4, recommendation 3 to read “ That all consultation should ask specific questions to residents”.

## **VIDEO - OPENING THE MEETING**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGg1EbX2msU&list=PL\\_maFEOk7e9hzs6qKzTOAYLSoi4Tdx8F2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGg1EbX2msU&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hzs6qKzTOAYLSoi4Tdx8F2)

## **5. THEMES FOR INTERVIEWS OF CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY AND BOROUGH COMMANDER**

The sub-committee discussed and suggested the following themes for the interviews of the Cabinet member for Communities and Safety and the Borough Commander:-

- Potential loss of PCSO's
- Southwark Community Wardens
- Enforcement Officers
- ASB issues around the Elephant & Castle
- Young people and knife crime.
- Police relationships with communities in Southwark
- Southwark data on stop & search
- Financial impact on Southwark
- Women's Charter

## **6. HOUSING REPAIRS DRAFT**

The sub-committee heard from the Leathermarket JMB representatives, Andy Bates (Manager), John Paul Maytum (Chair), Peter Coulthard (Director) and Berni McEwan (Finance Manager) with regards to the housing repairs on their estate and answered members questions relating to this subject.

**RESOLVED:** That any recommendations from housing repairs should be shown to legal services prior to agreement.

## **VIDEO - EMPTY HOMES & REPAIRS**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BByx6wwnzws&index=3&list=PL\\_maFEOk7e9hzs6qKzTOAYLSoi4Tdx8F2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BByx6wwnzws&index=3&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hzs6qKzTOAYLSoi4Tdx8F2)

## **7. RIGHT TO BUY - HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS**

Members of the sub-committee were updated regarding the progress of the incoming bill by the chair and councillor Eleanor Kerslake.

**RESOLVED:** That the link for the Housing and Planning Bill 75 to 2015-16 be circulated to members for their information.

#### **VIDEO - RIGHT TO BUY**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9Pbm60hFGw&index=2&list=PL\\_maFEOk7e9hzs6qKzTOAYLSoi4Tdx8F2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9Pbm60hFGw&index=2&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hzs6qKzTOAYLSoi4Tdx8F2)

#### **8. AOB - EMPTY HOMES AND HOUSING STRUCTURE**

##### Empty Homes

The sub-committee discussed empty homes and highlighted the following points of interests that they will be looking at starting at the January 2016 meeting:-

- How the council deals with voids/sub-lets – officer briefing and council policy
- Private rented sector and conversions
- Buy to leave
- Look at other Councils and Housing Associations
- Hear from developers

##### The New Housing Structure

The chair reported that the housing department had been re-structured and members noted the new structure and requested that this information be e-mailed to members of the sub-committee after the meeting.

The sub-committee noted that SBS had been transferred to Environment & Leisure and then discussed interviewing the new heads of departments in the future, and the chair undertook to meet with housing officers to discuss the changes and the new outlook.

#### **VIDEO- HOUSING STRUCTURE**

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Meeting ended at 9.40 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**

**[CABINET ONLY]**

**DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, [DATE].**

**THE ABOVE DECISIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE CABINET BE CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY, THEN THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION.**

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**HOUSING & COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE  
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