

Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee held on Monday 21 March 2016 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Tom Flynn (Chair)
Councillor Ben Johnson
Councillor Karl Eastham
Councillor Eleanor Kerlake
Councillor Vijay Luthra
Councillor Martin Seaton

**OTHER MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

OFFICER Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny officer
SUPPORT:

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Damian O'Brien.

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 22 February 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

VIDEO OF OPENING THE MEETING

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5. EMPTY HOMES

The sub-committee welcomed Mr Edward Mayers Development Director from Lendlease, who gave a short introduction and then answered members questions relating to empty homes in new developments.

VIDEO OF EMPTY HOMES

<https://bambuser.com/v/6170432>

6. REVIEW OF SUB-COMMITTEE WORK

The chair summarised the work that the sub-committee had looked into during the 2015-16 period and highlighted the following areas:-

- Call centre opening times
- TMO evidence regarding housing repairs
- Housing Bill
- Interviewed the Borough Commanders of Fire & Police
- Interviewed the cabinet members
- Update – Women’s safety charter
- Empty homes
- Local delivery service

The sub-committee then compiled a wish list of areas they would like to explore for the next working year, which was as follows:-

- Anti-social behaviour
- Water charges
- Deaths in council homes
- Local housing repairs provision
- Community safety
- Ward panels/ Police
- Repairs service – common complaints
- Homelessness & temporary housing
- Mystery shopper visits
- Joint meeting with neighbouring boroughs
- Leaseholders & charges
- Tenants & residents association – support
- Mixed developments - visits

VIDEO OF REVIEW OF SUB-COMMITTEE WORK

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Meeting ended at 8.20 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: