

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G01B - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Tom Flynn (Chair)
Councillor Ben Johnson (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Samantha Jury-Dada
Councillor Karl Eastham
Councillor Damian O'Brien
Councillor Martin Seaton
Cris Claridge

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Stephanie Cryan

OFFICER SUPPORT: Shelley Burke - Head of Overview & Scrutiny
Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny officer

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Luthra, Vijay.

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 5 December 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

VIDEO OF THE OPENING OF THE MEETING

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5. CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY - COUNCILLOR BARRIE HARGROVE

The Chair welcomed councillor Barrie Hargrove Cabinet Member of Communities and Safety to the meeting and requested a short introduction of the member's portfolio and update, members of the sub-committee would then ask their questions.

VIDEO OF COUNCILLOR BARRIE HARGROVE INTERVIEW

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6. TENANT'S AND RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION - STRUCTURE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL

The Chair welcomed Mr Ian Ritchie (Vice-chair of Tenant's Council) to the meeting and requested a short introduction and advised him that members of the sub-committee would wish to ask questions relating to the present tenant structures.

During the discussion it was made clear by Mr Ritchie and members that the lines of communications between the Council and Tenant's Council, Area Forums and Tenant's & Resident's Association requires improvement. Members also expressed an interested in improving communication with all stakeholders with the use technology such as SKYP, Facebook, Twitter and website.

RESOLVED: That the sub-committee recommend that the Cabinet Member and Strategic Director for Housing and Modernisation appoint an independent person to review the current structures in consultation with all stakeholders, specifically looking at lines of communication.

VIDEO OF TENANT'S & RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION STRUCTURE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL

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7. AOB

Councillor O'Brien raised the following points for the sub-committees information:-

The sub-committee were informed that the St. Saviour's Estate leaseholders had challenged a major works bill and successfully had it reduced from £17k to £8K.

The sub-committee resolved to review general leaseholder charges at the next meeting of the sub-committee. Dominic Cain (Exchequer Services) – Finance.

The apparent new housing policy requiring leaseholder properties to be inspected and rules around what defines an HMO. The Chair and/or councillor O'Brien agreed try to get an answer and report back to the next meeting of the sub-committee.

VIDEO OF COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN - LEASEHOLDER ISSUES

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Meeting ended at 9.50 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: