

Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Tuesday 7 February 2017

7.00 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G01B - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

Membership

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

Reserves

Councillor Radha Burgess
Councillor James Coldwell
Councillor Catherine Dale
Councillor Lucas Green
Councillor David Hubber

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Eleanor Kelly

Chief Executive

Date: 30 January 2017



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	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	1 - 3
	To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the open section of the meeting held on 5 th December 2016.	
5.	CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY - COUNCILLOR BARRIE HARGROVE	
6.	TENANT'S AND RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION - STRUCTURE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL	
7.	AOB	

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: 30 January 2017

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following motion should be moved, seconded and approved if the sub-committee wishes to exclude the press and public to deal with reports revealing exempt information:

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1-7, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.”



Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee held on Monday 5 December 2016 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Tom Flynn (Chair)
Councillor Karl Eastham
Councillor Damian O'Brien
Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Radha Burgess
Councillor James Coldwell
Cris Claridge

**OTHER MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

OFFICER Stephen Douglass - Director of Communities
SUPPORT: Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny
Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ben Johnson, Samantha Jury-Dada, Vijay Luthra and Damian O'Brien for lateness..

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 17 October 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

VIDEO - OPENING THE MEETING

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5. POLICE COMMANDER INTERVIEW

The Borough Commander, Simon Messinger, introduced himself to the committee. His early priorities were knife crime, protecting vulnerable people, domestic assault and following up some cases of wanted people

In response to questions from the committee he said that

Crime hot spots in the borough have not changed - they remain Elephant & Castle, Walworth Rd, Camberwell and Peckham. Moped crime has increased. There has been a reduction in discharge of firearms. Knife crime occurs in episodes which are driven by allegiances between gang members and often instigated by insults on social media.

Community effort is needed to tackle knife crime. Allegiances between people can mean they are not willing to speak to the police. He has been meeting with headteachers and gathering data from NHS to capture more intelligence where for example a victim of knife crime might not call the police but would call an ambulance. Joint effort is required across the police, the local authority and community and voluntary groups.

RESOLVED:

1. The sub-committee recommends the Community Safety team requests that the Local Authority Liaison Officer reports serious incidents and success stories to a wider circle of people than ward councillors, and that ward councillors in turn to pass information to tenant groups.
2. That the sub-committee discuss with the Cabinet member for Communities and Safety the need for significant youth involvement to be introduced to the Youth Council and request that they consider a new structure to introduce young people from the following groups Churches, Mosques and Southwark citizens to its membership.
3. The Sub-Committee recommends a new name be considered for the "Anti Knife Crime Forum" and suggests the "Youth Safety Forum".

VIDEO - POLICE BOROUGH COMMANDER INTERVIEW

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

Stephen Douglass the Director of Communities introduced the report to the sub-committee and then answered questions from members.

Points raised during the discussion were as follows:

- Officers attendance at area forum, tenants council and TRA's meetings
- Failing TRA's and providing the required support
- The council working with the wider community
- Strategies to get more people active with their TRA's
- TRA's meeting to be more inclusive of the community

Resolved:

1. That the sub-committee invite a representative from the SGTO, TRA from Housing Association and TRA from a private block to the next meeting of the sub-committee on Tuesday 7th February 2017.

VIDEO - TRA'S STRUCTURE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL

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Meeting ended at 9.16 pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

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Councillor Damian O'Brien	1	Barbara Asaam, Executive Assistant	1
Councillor Martin Seaton	1	Debbi Gooch – Head of Litigation	1
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