



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 13 July 2017 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Gavin Edwards (Chair)
Councillor Ben Johnson (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Catherine Dale (Reserve)
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Jon Hartley
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall
Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Kieron Williams

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Stephanie Cryan

OFFICER SUPPORT: Gerri Scott - Strategic Director of Housing & Modernisation
Tony Hunter - Head of Engineering
Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny
Stephen Douglass - Director of Communities
Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jasmine Ali, Paul Fleming and Eleanor Kerlake.

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

2.1 The Chair agreed to accept the report regarding the terms of reference in relation to item 6, Slam Mental Health of Older Adults JHOSC as an urgent item of business.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

3.1 Councillor Tom Flynn declared that he is a Governor of SLaM.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

VIDEO OF THE OPENING OF THE MEETING

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5. FIRE SAFETY

5.1 The committee received an update on Fire Safety and the issues regarding the Ledbury Estate from the Cabinet member for Housing councillor Stephanie Cryan, Gerri Scott the Strategic Director of Housing & Modernisation and Tony Hunter the Head of Engineering. The Chair acknowledged the hard work from officers with regards to both Ledbury Estate and Fire Safety within a short space of time.

5.2 The Cabinet Member for Housing and the Strategic Director of Housing & Modernisation took questions from members.

5.3 The Strategic Director of Housing & Modernisation reported that Southwark had spent a huge amount on fire safety over the last 5 to 6 years on fire doors, closers, signage, alarms and smoke detectors. The big additional cost would be the installation of sprinkler systems. The authority had already spent in excess of £62,000,000 since 2010 on fire safety and have dealt with the highest risk first.

5.4 An urgent report on Fire Safety in all accommodation including private and housing association in the borough was being prepared for submission to the next meeting of the Cabinet. Members were also informed that the authority cannot require housing associations into taking specific actions

5.5 The Strategic Director of Housing & Modernisation responded to the Chair regarding a paper presented to members this evening from the Ledbury Estate and said that officers would be contacting the author of the paper to clarify all points raised.

5.6 The Chair thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting and stated that members may invite officers back at a later date for an update on the situation.

VIDEO OF FIRE SAFETY

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6. SLAM MENTAL HEALTH OF OLDER ADULTS JHOSC - TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED: 1 That Southwark enters into a joint committee arrangement with Croydon, Lambeth, and Lewisham Councils to consider proposals from the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust

2. That the terms of reference of the joint committee are to scrutinize the proposals and to adopt procedure rules appropriate for this purpose

3. That Overview & Scrutiny Committee agrees to appoint Southwark members to the joint committee

4. That Overview & Scrutiny Committee agrees to appoint two Labour members in accordance with the rules relating to political proportionality

5. That the chair of the Healthy Communities Scrutiny Sub-Committee reports back to Overview & Scrutiny on the work of the joint committee

7. WORK PROGRAMME

7.1 The Chair reported that there would be an additional meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 11th September 2017.

7.2 The members discussed and agreed to add Youth Justice and New Homes (Regeneration) to the Committee work programme.

RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed the work programme for 2017/18.

VIDEO OF WORK PROGRAMME

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CHAIR:

DATED: