

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 11 September 2017 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G01A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Gavin Edwards (Chair)
Councillor Ben Johnson (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Paul Fleming
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Jon Hartley
Councillor Eleanor Kerlake
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall
Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Kieron Williams
Martin Brecknell

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Stephanie Cryan
Councillor Johnson Situ

OFFICER SUPPORT: Norman Coombe Head of Corporate Team
Gerri Scott Strategic Director of Housing & Modernisation Tony Hunter Head of Engineering
Stephen Douglass Director of Communities
Paul Langford Director of Resident Services
Fiona Dean Director of Leisure
Stephen Gaskell Head of Chief Executives Office
Kevin Fenton Director of Health and Wellbeing
Shelley Burke Head of Overview & Scrutiny
Fitzroy Williams Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 There were none.

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

2.1 There were none.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

3.1 There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. MINUTES

4.1 There was a correction to the minutes which was that councillor Catherine Dale attended the last meeting of the committee as reserve member.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

VIDEO - OPENING OF THE MEETING

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5. LEDBURY ESTATE

5.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, the committee heard from the cabinet member for Housing councillor Stephanie Cryan, Gerri Scott Strategic Director of Housing & Modernisation, Tony Hunter Head of Engineering, Stephen Douglass Director of Communities and Paul Langford Director of Resident Services and then asked questions of the cabinet member and officers.

5.2 The committee heard from representatives and residents of the Ledbury Estate and asked questions regarding works on the estate, after hearing from all parties.

RESOLVED:

1. To request a full written response to the points raised in the submission from Ledbury TRA and Action Group.
2. That the residents should receive written assurance of their right to return following any work to Ledbury towers.
3. That the housing department will set up an email address that Ledbury resident can use to escalate any urgent matters.
4. That the Ledbury TRA and action group will work together to produce a regular email to feed into the strategic director's daily briefing for management follow up and response.

5. That the housing and community safety scrutiny sub-committee should monitor progress on Ledbury.
6. That the strategic director will review the operation of the council and contractor teams based in the Ledbury TRA hall to ensure that residents are able to have confidential discussions with housing officers, and that requests for repairs are taken without being redirected to the call centre.

To recommend to the cabinet:

1. That the council carries out a full, thorough and independent review of the repairs history of the Ledbury estate.
2. That the council urgently engages with contractors to ensure an end to the missed appointments currently being experienced by residents on the Ledbury estate.

VIDEO - LEDBURY ESTATE

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6. INTERVIEW OF CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS, CULTURE AND SOCIAL REGENERATION - COUNCILLOR JOHNSON SITU

6.1 The chair welcomed councillor Johnson Situ Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Social Regeneration, Fiona Dean Director of Leisure, Stephen Gaskell Head of Chief Executives Office and Kevin Fenton Director of Health and Wellbeing to the committee meeting, and asked him to give a summary of his portfolio and then take questions from members of the committee.

A summary of the Cabinet members portfolio is as follows:

- achievement of apprenticeship targets
- apprenticeship levy
- support for small businesses
- engagement with Latin American businesses at Elephant & Castle
- support for Universal credit claimants
- accessibility of apprenticeship scheme -how can care leavers gain places? The cabinet member agreed to provide data on the number of care leavers who are apprentices
- connectivity between council departments who are involved with an apprentice (e.g. housing)
- how can the economic wellbeing strategy assist self employed workers
- how the council promotes the living wage with small & medium

enterprises

- Southwark Business forum
- challenges in achieving fairer future promises for 18 year olds

VIDEO - INTERVIEW OF CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS, CULTURE AND SOCIAL REGENERATION - COUNCILLOR JOHNSON SITU

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7. CULTURE STRATEGY - UPDATE

Councillor Johnson Situ Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Social Regeneration and Fiona Dean Director of Leisure took questions from the committee.

RESOLVED: That at the next session of this item the committee invites someone from the creative industry federation to give members a broader view on what works and best practice.

VIDEO - CULTURE STRATEGY - UPDATE

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8. BUDGET RECOVERY BOARD

8.1 This item was deferred to a future meeting of the committee.

Meeting ended at 9.50 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: