

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday 10 December 2018

7.00 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G01A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

Membership

Councillor Bill Williams (Chair)
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Humaira Ali
Councillor Peter Babudu
Councillor Victor Chamberlain
Councillor Helen Dennis
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Jon Hartley
Councillor Alice Macdonald
Councillor Margy Newens
Councillor Jason Ochere
Martin Brecknell
Lynette Murphy-O'Dwyer

Reserves

Councillor Jack Buck
Councillor James Coldwell
Councillor Eleanor Kerlake
Councillor Sunny Lambe
Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Cleo Soanes
Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Jane Salmon

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Eleanor Kelly

Chief Executive

Date: 30 November 2018



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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.

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Members to declare any interests and dispensations in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.

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DISCUSSION OF ANY CLOSED ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS URGENT.

Date: 30 November 2018

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.”



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MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 12 November 2018 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G01A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Bill Williams (Chair)
 Councillor Humaira Ali
 Councillor Peter Babudu
 Councillor Victor Chamberlain
 Councillor Helen Dennis
 Councillor Tom Flynn
 Councillor Jon Hartley
 Councillor Alice Macdonald
 Councillor Margy Newens
 Councillor Jason Ochere
 Martin Brecknell

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Johnson Situ
 Councillor Kieron Williams

OFFICER SUPPORT: Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny
 Norman Coombe - Head of Corporate Team
 Stephen Gaskell - Head of Chief Executive's Office
 Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall

VIDEO - THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING - PART 1 & 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrJJ4wtfOu0>

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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

The minutes of the committee's October meeting were approved, with additional information that a meeting to make representations to Transport for London about the RV1 bus had now been set for 19th December

The chair also added updates from Cllrs Hartley and Werner on the work plans of their scrutiny commissions

5. INTERVIEW OF CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING - COUNCILLOR JOHNSON SITU

Councillor Johnson Situ attended the committee for his annual interview as a cabinet member – his portfolio is growth, development & planning. The chair invited him to give an overview of his role. Councillor Situ explained that his role is to ensure that the council has the right planning policies so that it can get the maximum for local communities, and ensure growth in key priority areas the council has identified such as employment, and digital infrastructure. He was building on the work undertaken in his previous social regeneration portfolio, and taking forward learning from the Southwark conversation exercise before the local elections. His key priorities were to ensure early community engagement in regeneration schemes, delivery of genuinely affordable housing – which he defined as social housing, London living rent or shared ownership. It was also important to deliver community infrastructure such as libraries, health centres, transport infrastructure and community facilities. Some of his current projects are: developing work on a consultation charter; improved communication for example in the Old Kent Road where a website and forum had been established; producing a “you said, we did” document.

He was aware that the council needs to go further to win the trust of local communities around regeneration, and he would shortly be doing a tour to meet with communities who may not usually get to hear about regeneration. He noted the challenge of working with key partners who are also constrained by austerity. Some community groups had approached him with suggestions about sites being made available for meanwhile space, pending longer term developments. He had asked the department to review the asset management strategy to see where this could be achieved, and this work should be ready by April 2019. He also told the committee about a plan to improve the use of Hoardings on development sites to give clear information about the purpose and timeline for development.

Committee members asked the cabinet member about improvements in consultation, progress on major infrastructure projects such as the Bakerloo Line extension and

Rotherhithe Bridge, how ensure local decision making for the community infrastructure levy (CIL) is working, how much CIL money has been collected and how much spent strategically and locally, the timetable for new southwark plan and potential for policy shift, estate ballots, how the council works with the NHS to provide GP and pharmacy facilities through regeneration schemes, early delivery of affordable housing on Aylesbury, how the council planning service works with developers to deliver affordable housing policy, Walworth town hall, Newington library and the broader library strategy, how the council uses its influence with TfL, how the council can assist small traders in the north of the borough, the opportunity presented by appointment of a new transport minister, the proliferation of short term rentals in both social housing and leasehold stock, the impact hard standing in front gardens in Dulwich, the effectiveness of planning work

Action points arising from the discussion:

- Cllr Situ to come back to the committee with detail on CIL spend - borough wide and local, broken down by ward
- Cllr Situ agreed to highlight to ward councillors if a scheme is coming before the planning committee that is not policy compliant
- Cllr Situ to meet with Cllr Newens to follow up on hard standing in front gardens

6. INTERVIEW OF CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, SKILLS AND INNOVATION - COUNCILLOR KIERON WILLIAMS

Councillor Kieron Williams attended the meeting for his interview as cabinet member for jobs, skills and innovation. He set the economic and employment context for his portfolio, describing the council's previous achievements in apprenticeships, supporting people into work and ensuring young people get into education, employment or training after school.

Committee members asked Cllr Williams about progress on local employers paying the London living wage, provision of maths, English and digital skills training, digital futures month, the good work standard, support for local businesses in a tough economic climate, Southwark college, progress on becoming an equal pay borough, gender issues in apprenticeship pay, how the council is working to improve awareness of apprenticeship opportunities to younger students, how the council can create opportunities for work experience, ethnicity disparity in pay, the commitment to offer education/employment/training opportunities to all school leavers, pathways for young people who spend time as carers, business rates, the strategy for improved connectivity in the borough, support for small businesses, equipping young people for roles in construction, how the council analyses future skills requirements, what information the council has about Southwark residents who are paid below the London living wage, any correlation between employers who pay the living wage and support apprenticeships, how the council works with trade unions to support workers in precarious roles, support for people with long term mental health conditions, whether the council can develop work experience or skills development for people who do not have a right to work – e.g. asylum seekers living in Southwark, the policy issues raised by growth of new businesses, e.g. unforeseen impact on residents such as at Druid Street, Thomas Calton Centre

Action points arising from the discussion

Cllr Williams agreed to the following

- to provide an update in 6 months on English, maths and digital skills
- to meet residents and businesses around Druid Street
- to provide data on jobs and apprenticeships disaggregated by gender and ethnicity
- to provide data on Southwark employers paying the London Living Wage
- to update the committee on work experience and internship offers from employers
- to feed back on whether Southwark is taking part in consultation on ethnicity pay gap
- to circulate materials about Small Business Saturday to all councillors

Meeting ended at 9.30 pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Brexit – Councillor Victoria

Mills

To ensure sound business planning and financial probity within the council, including the medium term resource strategy and all financial management of the general fund, the housing revenue account, the capital programme and the management of capital receipts. To keep council tax low by delivering value for money across all our high quality services.

The portfolio holder will be responsible for oversight of the development and implementation of the council's budget and be responsible for performance management across the council. To lead the integration of the council's budget and Fairer Future Plan. enabling the council to deliver on the cabinet's priorities and to cope with financial constraints, together with its partners.

To lead the council's work on regulated services including improving the quality of private rented homes, licensing and trading standards. To develop opportunities for greater commercialisation of council services.

To lead the council's response to Brexit, ensuring that the council is prepared and able to continue to deliver its fairer future programme after Brexit. To work with the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Equalities and Communities to support EU residents in Southwark with the effects of Brexit.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- medium term resource strategy and all financial management of the general fund, the housing revenue account, the capital programme and the management of capital receipts
- capital investment in schools
- performance management across the council
- Integration of performance and budget planning
- council tax and business rate collection
- corporate procurement, corporate debt strategy, income management and audit & risk management and anti-fraud
- property and asset management strategy including acquisitions and disposal;

- the Fairer Future Plan, performance management
- no recourse to public funds
- affordable childcare loans
- commercialisation and traded services including bringing the repairs service inhouse
- licensing and standards of private rented sector landlords
- Southwark Renters Union
- Southwark Gold Standard
- licensing policy
- environmental health
- public spaces protection orders
- trading standards
- regulated services
- preparing the council and community for Brexit
- council's response to welfare reform.

Cabinet Member for Social Regeneration, Great Estates and New Council**Homes – Councillor Leo Pollak**

To deliver regeneration and new homes which benefits our communities. Establish a Southwark Construction Company to ensure that the council builds more of their own homes, delivering jobs to local people. To facilitate the sustainable regeneration of Southwark's communities in partnership with local residents and businesses. To deliver the council's commitment of 11,000 new council homes and 1,000 more at London Living rent.

The cabinet member will lead the council's work on improving our high streets, business space and new shops. To ensure that our regeneration delivers not just new homes for local people, but social change and improvement for Southwark residents. To ensure that the wider social aspects of regeneration benefit local communities.

To improve Southwark's housing with the Great Estate Guarantee, and working with the Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Modernisation give local residents the tools they need to improve their own estates.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- reform of right to buy
- social regeneration
- high street planning and making high streets healthier
- building more homes of every kind including 11,000 new council homes
- 1,000 more homes at London Living Rent
- Southwark Construction Company and construction jobs
- Great Estates Guarantee
- Supporting residents to improve their estates.

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