

## Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday 15 July 2019

7.00 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

### Membership

Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair)  
Councillor Jane Salmon (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Humaira Ali  
Councillor Peter Babudu  
Councillor Victor Chamberlain  
Councillor Helen Dennis  
Councillor Gavin Edwards  
Councillor Tom Flynn  
Councillor Jon Hartley  
Councillor Alice Macdonald  
Councillor Jason Ochere  
Councillor Victoria Olisa  
Councillor Leanne Werner  
Martin Brecknell  
Lynette Murphy-O'Dwyer

### Reserves

Councillor Jack Buck  
Councillor James Coldwell  
Councillor Eleanor Kerslake  
Councillor Sunny Lambe  
Councillor Michael Situ  
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai  
Councillor Cleo Soanes  
Councillor David Noakes

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

**Eleanor Kelly**  
Chief Executive  
Date: 12 July 2019



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### **PART A - OPEN BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES**

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

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**

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To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the open section of the meeting on 4 June 2019

**5. INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT SIMON MESSINGER, POLICE BOROUGH COMMANDER FOR SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH**

**6. SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019/20 - OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

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**7. WORK PROGRAMME**

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION LIST 2019/20**

Date: 12 June 2019

**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.”



## Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

**PRESENT:**

- Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair)
- Councillor Jane Salmon
- Councillor Humaira Ali
- Councillor Peter Babudu
- Councillor Victor Chamberlain
- Councillor Helen Dennis
- Councillor Gavin Edwards
- Councillor Alice Macdonald
- Councillor Jason Ochere
- Councillor Victoria Olisa
- Councillor Jack Buck (Reserve)

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Councillor Richard Livingstone – Old Kent Road Ward
- Councillor Dan Whitehead – Surrey Docks Ward
- Councillor Johnson Situ - Cabinet Member for Growth, Development and Planning
- Councillor Adele Morris - Borough & Bankside Ward
- Councillor Martin Seaton - North Walworth Ward

**OFFICER SUPPORT:**

- Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny
- Norman Coombe – Head of Corporate Team
- Rebecca Towers – Interim Director of Leisure
- Alistair Huggett – Planning Project Manager

### 1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Leanne Werner and Martin Brecknell.

### 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 The Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were approved as a correct record.

### **5. ESTABLISHING SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS 2019/20**

The committee agreed to establish 4 scrutiny commissions as follows:

Education and business – Chair Cllr Peter Babudu  
 Environment – Chair Cllr Leanne Werner  
 Health and social care – Chair Cllr Victoria Olisa  
 Housing – Chair Cllr Gavin Edwards

Vice-chairs would be formally appointed at the next meeting but this would not prevent the commissions from starting their work.

### **6. SOUTH DOCK MARINA FEES**

Councillor Nick Johnson explained to the committee why he had requested a scrutiny session on the South Dock Marina fees. The committee heard from representatives of the berth holders association, the cabinet member and the director of leisure.

The committee agreed to recommend to the cabinet member:

- that the council should strengthen its communication with the berth holders by establishing a standing forum to work through all matters relating to the management of the marina, including the equalities assessment of fee increases
- that a clear and transparent formula for fee increases should be drawn up
- that the cabinet member reviews the 2019 fee increases to ensure that the correct inflationary measure has been applied

### **7. ALLOCATION OF LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FUNDING**

Councillor Johnson Situ introduced this item, setting out the history and updating the committee on progress since the call-in. He said that the proposed process for community

investment plans was more transparent and consistent across the borough and would facilitate effective delivery of schemes. He explained that there would be consultation over the summer about the themes and geographic areas. Some members were concerned that the full cabinet report had not been provided to the committee and that this reduced the opportunity for scrutiny. The chair asked that all cabinet members are informed that draft full reports should be sent in future when pre-decision scrutiny is undertaken.

A councillor asked why the consultation was being undertaken over the summer and whether this might undermine its effectiveness. The cabinet member responded that the council had recently published new consultation principles and this would be conducted in line with those and would tie in with the meeting cycles of the new ward forum arrangements. A number of members had detailed questions about the process for drawing up and agreeing the community investment plans, and agreed to write to the cabinet member. The cabinet member emphasised that a set of support materials would be provided when this was discussed at ward forum meetings. A member asked how a decision would be adjudicated if there was a difference of view between ward members and cabinet on priorities. The cabinet member said that the themes and eligibility criteria should prevent this happening. He could not envisage a scenario where a community investment plan that had been developed through the set out process and agreed by the relevant ward forum would not be signed off by cabinet. He saw the cabinet stage as an important checkpoint for a new process. The chair pointed out that there was responsibility on ward councillors to ensure that any local priorities are aligned with the council plan. The point about disagreement between local councillors and cabinet was hypothetical but a mechanism for agreement could be developed should the need arise. A member asked how the community investment plans would work with social regeneration charters, whether the recently agreed delegation to ward councillors of matters including community project banks was undermined by the cabinet role in sign off of community investment plans, and how themes would be set. The cabinet member responded that the council had already published the Canada Water social regeneration charter with most to be ready by the end of the year, aligned with the timing for community investment plans. Three of the themes would be developed by the social regeneration charters and one would be local. A member noted concern about the additional pressure this process may place on ward forums. The cabinet member said a lot of effort was being made to produce clear and accessible guidance materials to promote this funding. A member was concerned about the council's capacity to undertake the level of outreach required to support this process adequately. The cabinet member said that this was being discussed at officer level. The chair encouraged committee members to write to the cabinet member with any further questions, and copy to the committee if they wished.

The committee asked the cabinet member to circulate the full report to them and to ensure that the discussion points were reflected.

## **8. WORK PROGRAMME**

The commission chairs briefly discussed their early thoughts on areas for scrutiny during 2019/20. Work programmes would be developed at the commission meetings.

Meeting ended at 9.50 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**

<b>Item No.</b> 5	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 15 July 2019	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Scrutiny arrangements for 2019-20 - outstanding issues	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Overview and Scrutiny	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To appoint vice-chairs of the scrutiny commissions
2. To appoint members to the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the Our Healthier Southeast London programme (OHSEL)
3. To note arrangements for appointing co-optees

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

### Vice-chairs

4. At its June meeting, OSC established 4 commissions and made all the related decisions other than appointing vice-chairs. The following nominations have been received:
  - Education and business – Cllr William Houngho
  - Environment – Cllr Graham Neale
  - Health and social care – Cllr David Noakes
  - Housing – Cllr Hamish McCallum

### Our Healthier South East London joint health scrutiny committee

5. Southwark is asked to nominate two members to this committee, which scrutinises the programme of NHS commissioning across the 6 SE London boroughs: Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lewisham, Lambeth and Southwark. Previously these positions have been filled by the chair and vice-chair of the health scrutiny commission.

### Co-opted members

6. The committee is reminded that it is possible to co-opt additional non-voting members to OSC or the commissions in order to bring in more



voices and expertise to the work programme topics. The constitution provides the following procedure:

*Overview and scrutiny committee and its commissions may appoint a number of people as non-voting co-optees, with the approval of the chair and vice-chair of the overview and scrutiny committee, who may be appointed to serve for the full year or the duration of a specific task or review*

*In the event that a co-opted member does not attend a meeting of the committee on which they serve for a period of six consecutive months, without the approval of the council, they shall cease to be a member of the committee*

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact

## AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Shelley Burke, Head of Overview and Scrutiny	
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Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Scrutiny Team		5 July 2019

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**MUNICIPAL YEAR 19/20**

**NOTE:** Original held by Scrutiny Team; all amendments/queries to Shelley Burke Tel: 020 7525 7344

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