

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 27 April 2015 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Gavin Edwards (Chair)  
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai  
Councillor Jasmine Ali  
Councillor Catherine Dale  
Councillor Karl Eastham  
Councillor Tom Flynn  
Councillor Rebecca Lury  
Councillor Johnson Situ  
Martin Brecknell

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle – Cabinet Member of Adult Care, Arts and Culture.

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny  
Norman Coombe – Head of Corporate Team  
Stephen Douglass – Head of Community Engagement  
David Quirke-Thornton – Strategic Director of Children's and Adult Services

### 1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rosie Shimell and Adele Morris.

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

2.1 There was no business which the chair deemed as urgent.

### 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

3.1 There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

#### **4. MINUTES (02.02.2015) & (09.03.2015)**

##### **4.1 RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meetings held on 2 February 2015 and 9 March 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

#### **VIDEO RECORDING OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MEETING**

<https://vimeo.com/126296510>

#### **5. RENTS FOR COUNCIL PREMISES**

##### **5.1 RESOLVED:**

To request a schedule of premises and their rent levels

To invite Community Action Southwark to present their paper to a future meeting

To request a paper from the Head of Community Engagement for a future meeting

#### **6. HOME CARE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY**

6.1 Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (cabinet member for Adult Care, Arts & Culture) and David Quirke-Thornton (Strategic Director of Adults' and Children's services) attended the committee to discuss the home care procurement strategy

#### **7. RESPONSES TO STAFF EMAIL**

7.1 The committee reviewed the summary of responses to the chair's email to staff and agreed to consider the following topics for future work:

- The council's use of consultants
- Housing policy for care leavers (children's and housing sub-committees to work together)
- IT (unless already covered in Audit & Governance Committee work programme)

- Digital
- Empty homes (housing sub-committee to lead)

## **8. CALL-IN ARRANGEMENTS**

### **8.1 RESOLVED:**

To review the call-in arrangements and make recommendations to the Constitutional Governance Panel

## **9. HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH REPORT**

### **9.1 RESOLVED:**

The report was agreed by the committee

Meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**