

## Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee held on Monday 21 March 2016 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Tom Flynn (Chair)  
Councillor Ben Johnson  
Councillor Karl Eastham  
Councillor Eleanor Kerlake  
Councillor Vijay Luthra  
Councillor Martin Seaton

**OTHER MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

**OFFICER** Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny officer  
**SUPPORT:**

**1. APOLOGIES**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Damian O'Brien.

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

2.1 There were no urgent items.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

3.1 There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

**4. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

## **VIDEO OF OPENING THE MEETING**

<https://bambuser.com/v/6170429>

## **5. EMPTY HOMES**

The sub-committee welcomed Mr Edward Mayers Development Director from Lendlease, who gave a short introduction and then answered members questions relating to empty homes in new developments.

## **VIDEO OF EMPTY HOMES**

<https://bambuser.com/v/6170432>

## **6. REVIEW OF SUB-COMMITTEE WORK**

The chair summarised the work that the sub-committee had looked into during the 2015-16 period and highlighted the following areas:-

- Call centre opening times
- TMO evidence regarding housing repairs
- Housing Bill
- Interviewed the Borough Commanders of Fire & Police
- Interviewed the cabinet members
- Update – Women’s safety charter
- Empty homes
- Local delivery service

The sub-committee then compiled a wish list of areas they would like to explore for the next working year, which was as follows:-

- Anti-social behaviour
- Water charges
- Deaths in council homes
- Local housing repairs provision
- Community safety
- Ward panels/ Police
- Repairs service – common complaints
- Homelessness & temporary housing
- Mystery shopper visits
- Joint meeting with neighbouring boroughs
- Leaseholders & charges
- Tenants & residents association – support
- Mixed developments - visits

**VIDEO OF REVIEW OF SUB-COMMITTEE WORK**

<https://bambuser.com/v/6170492>

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**