

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 14 November 2016 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Gavin Edwards (Chair)
Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Paul Fleming
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor Eleanor Kerslake
Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall
Councillor Kieron Williams
Lynette Murphy-O'Dwyer

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Johnson Situ

OFFICER SUPPORT: Stephen Gaskell - Head of Chief Executive's Office
Nina Dohel - Director of Education
Dave Markham - Director of Asset Management
Steve Platts - Director of Regeneration
Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny
Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Anood Al-Samerai, Paul Fleming and Rosie Shimell.

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

VIDEO - OPENING OF THE MEETING

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5. CABINET MEMBER INTERVIEW FOR BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT AND CULTURE - COUNCILLOR JOHNSON SITU

Councillor Johnson Situ introduced his portfolio and answered questions from the committee.

Committee members asked about:

- 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 (eg 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 - CABINET MEMBER INTERVIEW FOR BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT AND CULTURE

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6. FURTHER EDUCATION

Stephen Gaskell, Head of Chief Executive's Office, and Nina Dohel, Director of Education, introduced the scoping paper.

The committee then discussed how to develop the review and suggested the following potential lines for scrutiny:

- speaking to senior figures from Lewisham Southwark college to explore how they are developing their offer
- what is the range and quality of the Lewisham Southwark college offer?
- is there potential for better links between further and higher education ?
- is there a route to reducing the complexity of the offer?
- learning from other European countries
- understanding the shift in the funding model towards needs of the local economy rather than popularity of courses
- looking

Summary of follow up actions:

Invite chair and chief executive of Lewisham Southwark College to attend a committee meeting

Speak to employers

Compare FE offer in other inner city areas

Interview relevant officers

Analysis of area review report

Gather data

Speak to young people

Visit Lewisham Southwark college

VIDEO - FURTHER EDUCATION

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7. NEW HOMES

The paper was introduced by Dave Markham, Director of Asset Management, and Steve Platts, Director of Regeneration

The full discussion is captured on the video link attached

Officers agreed to provide further information as follows:

- figures on sales and demolitions since 2010
- net figures for how many council have been homes lost and gained
- List of S106 purchases and rents
- Lessons learned on consultation

The committee agreed to Invite the cabinet member to come for another session on this topic

VIDEO - NEW HOMES

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8. UPDATE - PEAK TIME TRAVEL

Councillor Edwards presented the findings of the survey that had run over the summer. He was waiting for some data from the council's transport policy team and would then draw up a draft report with recommendations to both Transport for London and the council.

Cllr Al-Samerai reported success re Transport for London agreement to adding yellow boxes on Jamaica Road

VIDEO - UPDATE PEAK TIME TRAVEL

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Meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.

CHAIR:

DATED: