

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 19 April 2017 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 Jasmine Ali
Councillor Paul Fleming
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor Eleanor Kerslake
Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall
Councillor Kieron Williams

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Ben Johnson
Councillor Peter John

OFFICER SUPPORT: Neil Kirby – Head of Regeneration (South)
Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny
Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Anood Al-Samerai 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 That the minutes be amended to record that councillor Ben Johnson attended the committee meeting on 14th March 2017.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

VIDEO - OPENING OF THE MEETING

<https://bambuser.com/v/6704244>

5. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR PETER JOHN

5.1 The chair welcomed councillor Peter John Leader of the council to the committee meeting, and asked him to give a summary of his portfolio and then take questions from members of the committee.

The leaders has particular responsibility for:

- performance management of the cabinet;
- communications;
- jobs and growth, with the cabinet member for business, employment and culture;
- the Bakerloo Line extension, with the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes;
- strategic partnerships and relationships with government and the Mayor of London;
- legal services;
- electoral registration;
- the workforce strategy, together with the cabinet member for finance, modernisation and performance;
- the 30 year housing strategy;
- improved further education provision for the borough, with the cabinet member for business, employment and culture and the cabinet member for children and schools.

VIDEO - INTERVIEW WITH THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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6. PECKHAM RYE REGENERATION SCHEME

6.1 Neil Kirby (Head of Regeneration – South) introduced the report, highlighted the following areas:-

- Peckham
- Camberwell
- Dulwich
- East Dulwich
- Aylesbury Estate
- Parts of Walworth Road
- Old Kent Road

The officer then responded to questions asked by members of the sub-committee.

6.2 The Chair thanked the officer for his detailed answers to member questions.

VIDEO - PECKHAM RYE REGENERATION SCHEME

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7. SOUTHWARK SCRUTINY IN A DAY - FINAL REPORT

7.1 Councillor Jasmine Ali introduced the report, and stated that there was a wide variety of people attended the meeting with members of the sub-committee sitting alongside them within the public area which was very integrated.

7.2 The sub-committee were informed at one of the sessions the group contained the lead member for children's services, lead member for skills alongside local businesses and the apprentice of the year and during the discussion produced some amazing ideas.

7.3 Councillor Ali informed the committee that the council need to do more to let the public know what scrutiny was doing such as services.

RESOLVED: That the committee agreed the recommendations contained in the report and directed the report to the Cabinet.

VIDEO - SOUTHWARK SCRUTINY IN A DAY

<https://bambuser.com/v/6704304>

8. CARE LEAVERS LOCAL OFFER - FINAL REPORT

8.1 Councillor Jasmine Ali introduced the report and stated that the scrutiny input had been strong, independent and caring.

8.2 The committee were informed that the sub-committee had reviewed the local offer for care leavers and flagged up the Children and Social Work Bill last year, one of the things it focused on was the needs of the care leavers. The sub-committee looked at what systems were in place and found them fit for purpose and the authority was in a good position, but there were points that could be improved and these were raised as recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED: That the committee agree the report and recommendations, and forward the report to the Cabinet.

VIDEO - CARE LEAVERS LOCAL OFFER (FINAL REPORT)

<https://bambuser.com/v/6704299>

9. GP SERVICES - FINAL REPORT

9.1 Members agreed to deferred the report to a later meeting of the Committee.

10. WORK PROGRAMME

10.1 The Chair with the agreement of the committee to include the following items of business to the work programme for 2017-18:

- Review of Youth Justice.
- Value for Money.
- Invite Stephen Douglass (Director of Communities) to discuss Brexit a future meeting of the committee.

10.2 The committee also agreed to update the work programme with items of business for the coming year. The chair requested that members consider suggestions or issues to look at next year, these can be sent to the chair prior to the next meeting.

VIDEO - WORK PROGRAMME

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Meeting ended at 9.10 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: