

Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee held on Monday 27 March 2017 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Tom Flynn (Chair)
Councillor Ben Johnson
Councillor Samantha Jury-Dada
Councillor Karl Eastham
Councillor Damian O'Brien
Councillor Martin Seaton
Mr Michael Orey

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Stephanie Cryan

OFFICER SUPPORT: Stephen Douglass - Housing and Modernisation
Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny
Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Vijay Luthra and Cris Claridge.

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 7 February 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

VIDEO -OPENING OF THE MEETING

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5. CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR STEPHANIE CRYAN

5.1 The Chair welcomed the Councillor Stephanie Cryan Cabinet Member for Housing to the meeting and requested that the member give a summary of her portfolio and then take questions from members of the sub-committee.

5.2 Councillor Cryan stated that she was responsible for the housing portfolio, including housing management, community housing services, homelessness and sheltered housing, housing allocations, the housing investment programme and leasehold management.

5.3 The member reported that she worked closely with the cabinet member for adult care and financial inclusion (with regard to the housing needs of vulnerable adults) and to work closely with the leader and cabinet member for regeneration and new homes with regard to delivering the long-term housing stock strategy and 11,000 new council houses.

5.4 The Cabinet member had particular responsibility for:

- relationships with tenants and residents associations;
- housing asset strategy including delivering a quality kitchen and bathroom for every council tenant;
- meeting tenant and leaseholder expectations of major works contracts;
- housing services;
- housing allocations;
- community housing including homelessness and sheltered housing
- housing repairs;
- engaging with council tenants and leaseholders;
- delivering a new leaseholder management company;
- rehousing arrangements as part of major regeneration projects;

- quality of estate environment including communal repairs, cleaning and pest control;
- lettings policy and policy on illegal subletting and estate security;
- response to the government's housing reforms.

VIDEO - CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING INTERVIEW

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6. TENANT'S AND RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION - STRUCTURE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL

6.1 The Chair reported that he had met with Toby Blume, who was project managing this item of business and was impressed with the plan and the fact that they had experience of how the council works and looking outwards at good examples of other councils and housing associations where residents were involved in the process.

6.2 The Chair urged members that if they had any ideas or suggestions with regards to improving the current structure to contact Toby Blume and discuss them with him now at the early stages.

6.3 The Cabinet member thanked the sub-committee for the recommendation regarding reviewing the TRA structure and relationship with the council.

VIDEO - UPDATE TENANT'S AND RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION - STRUCTURE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL

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7. PHASING OUT OF 0800 NUMBER REPAIR LINE FOR 0300 NUMBER

7.1 Agenda item was withdrawn due to officer illness.

Meeting ended at 8.50 pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

