

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G01B - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Gavin Edwards (Chair)
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Paul Fleming
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Eleanor Kerslake
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall
Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Kieron Williams
Martin Brecknell

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Stephanie Cryan
Councillor Ian Wingfield

OFFICER SUPPORT: Shelley Burke Head of Overview & Scrutiny

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ben Johnson and Jon Hartley

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

The minutes of the committee meeting on the 9th October 2017 were approved.

5. THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE ON CHANGES TO DAY CENTRE PROVISION AT QUEENS ROAD AND RIVERSIDE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DISABILITY HUB - CALL-IN

Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered this call-in, which had been requested by Councillors Johnson, Linforth-Hall and Shimell. The committee heard from the cabinet member and strategic director, and from representatives of the parents and carers association for Queens Road and Riverside day centres.

Having scrutinized the decision and noting the cabinet member's commitment to produce a report setting out the lessons that have been learned from this consultation process, the committee decided NOT to refer the decision back to the cabinet, and to make the following recommendations:

- That the cabinet reviews council policy on how buildings are declared surplus or their use is changed, highlights that revised policy with officers at the earliest opportunity, and confirm whether existing policy was followed in this case
- That the cabinet refreshes policy on responding to information requests and highlight to all officers to ensure compliance with freedom of information and environmental information requests
- That the cabinet ensures that all families and service users have clear information about how to make a complaint if unhappy with their initial assessment
- That the cabinet should be mindful of and follow Department for Communities and Local Government best practice on consultation, and in that work be sensitive to the needs of vulnerable and disabled people

VIDEO OF THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE ON CHANGES TO DAY CENTRE PROVISION AT QUEENS ROAD AND RIVERSIDE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DISABILITY HUB - CALL-IN

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6. LEDBURY ESTATE - MONITORING REPORT

Councillor Stephanie Cryan, cabinet member for housing, introduced the report which had

been published with the agenda, describing the progress which had been made since the committee's previous session. She added that the Arup report was shortly to be published. She committed to preparing written responses to the questions that had been tabled by Ledbury Action Group. The cabinet member and officers answered questions from committee members. Ledbury Action Group asked that the meeting re Arup report is advertised as widely as possible, making sure that former residents on the estate are included. One resident highlighted her own experience and her need to be rehoused urgently. The chair also updated the committee on the work that is being undertaken to audit the history of the Ledbury estate.

VIDEO OF LEDBURY ESTATE - MONITORING REPORT

<https://bambuser.com/v/6983762>

7. ROAD SAFETY

Councillor Ian Wingfield, cabinet member for environment and the public realm, introduced the report and set out the key issues. He agreed that air quality is crucial issue and described the programmes in place locally and jointly via the Greater London Authority. Councillor Wingfield and Matt Hill, head of highways, answered the committee's questions about aspects of the department's work and areas of improvement in their processes. The committee agreed that it would be valuable to include the police in any future sessions on road safety.

VIDEO OF ROAD SAFETY

<https://bambuser.com/v/6983710>

8. FIRE SAFETY UPDATE/FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT AUDIT AND PUBLICATION OF HIGH RISE FRAS

Councillor Cryan introduced the report from BB7 who had independently assessed the council's fire safety arrangements. She said that the council would be accepting all the recommendations. There was a discussion about door security grilles and how the council would proceed to supply secure doors in replacement. The committee asked to see the council's action plan in response to the BB7 report at a future meeting.

VIDEO OF FIRE SAFETY

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**9. INTERVIEW OF CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM -
COUNCILLOR IAN WINGFIELD**

This item was deferred

Meeting ended at 10.20 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: