

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 20 May 2015 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 Maisie Anderson
Councillor Catherine Dale
Councillor Paul Fleming
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor Johnson Situ
Martin Brecknell

**OTHER MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

OFFICER Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny
SUPPORT: Norman Coombe – Legal Services
Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anood Al-Samerai and Hamish McCallum

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- 27.04.2015

The minutes were approved

VIDEO - OPENING THE MEETING

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyUZ5cAG--k&list=PL_maFEOk7e9iD6k6M2fOAWxfk59RyfsqE

5. SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS - 2015/16

The committee considered the arrangements for overview & scrutiny over the coming year

Resolved:

That the following three scrutiny sub-committees be constituted for 2015/16, each composed of five Labour and two Liberal Democrat members

Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee (Chair: Councillor Jasmine Ali) – membership to include four voting education representatives and one non-voting head teachers' representative

Healthy Communities Scrutiny Sub-Committee (Chair: Councillor Rebecca Lury)

Housing & Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee (Chair: Councillor Tom Flynn) – committee has responsibility for crime and disorder. Membership to include one representative and reserve from Tenants' Council and Homeowners' Council respectively

VIDEO - SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS AND WORK PROGRAMME

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3yU7sZyAP0&list=PL_maFEOk7e9iD6k6M2fOAWxfk59RyfsqE&index=6

6. WORK PROGRAMMING 2015/16

The committee discussed suggestions and the chair agreed to bring forward a proposed work programme to the next meeting

7. NARROWING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

Councillor Ali presented her sub-committee's draft report and the committee discussed the findings and recommendations.

Resolved:

- Cllr Ali to draft an additional recommendation in respect of the Lewisham Southwark College Camberwell campus

VIDEO - NARROWING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_S8PDDLqBU&list=PL_maFEOk7e9iD6k6M2fOAWxfk59RyfsqE&index=4

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CYmtnCSG1c&list=PL_maFEOk7e9iD6k6M2fOAWxfk59RyfsqE&index=5

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GFotoMckCU&index=3&list=PL_maFEOk7e9iD6k6M2fOAWxfk59RyfsqE

8. SOUTHWARK'S ADOPTION SERVICE

Councillor Ali presented her sub-committee's draft report and the committee discussed the findings and recommendations.

Resolved:

Councillor Ali agreed to consider the committee's suggestions

- to redraft paragraphs 7.4 and 7.5 to make them clearer
- an additional recommendation wrapping the principles up into a charter
- a reiteration that the views of children and young people must sit at the heart of the process

9. RENT FOR COUNCIL PREMISES

Councillor Edwards explained that the information requested from officers in respect of rents charged for council premises had not yet been provided. He was pursuing this and hoped to be able to report to the next meeting

VIDEO - RENT FOR COUNCIL PREMISES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vj7YscjGu6c&index=2&list=PL_maFEOk7e9iD6k6M2fOAWxfk59RyfsqE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GFotoMckCU&index=3&list=PL_maFEOk7e9iD6k6M2fOAWxfk59RyfsqE

Meeting ended at 9.15 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: