

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 17 September 2015 at 6.30 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 Lisa Rajan
Councillor Johnson Situ

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Darren Merrill
Councillor Eleanor Kerlake

OFFICER SUPPORT: Deborah Collins - Strategic Director, Environment & Leisure
Norman Coombe - Head of Corporate Team
Nicky Costin - Business Unit Manager
Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny
Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Maisie Anderson and Catherine Dale.

VIDEO - OPENING THE MEETING

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37RIFQYeD8M&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hbZ0Uo5rIR9ucNo5Tv6Kyk

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXutOLJZNtA&index=3&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hbZ0Uo5rIR9ucNo5Tv6Kyk

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. FEES AND CHARGES REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE DEPARTMENT FOR 2015/16 - CALL-IN

RESOLVED:

South Dock Marina

1. That the cabinet member seeks legal advice to ensure that no breach in competition law has taken place as a result that this decision has been made.
2. That the cabinet member gives consideration to a short delay in the implementation of the decision, to allow time for further consultation on the bench marking exercise, to involve the berth holders with a possibility of reviewing the level of charges including looking at another model which covers costs and creates a surplus.
3. That the cabinet member publishes the impact assessment and provide the berth holders with all information that has been requested about the process of reaching this decision as appropriate.
4. That the Cabinet member ensures that the appropriate officers from the housing department are involved in the reengagement.

Bulky Waste Collection

5. That the Cabinet member closely monitors the impact of the decision on bulk waste collection charges on fly tipping levels in the borough and urgently reviews this decision should significant increase occur.
6. That the Cabinet member give consideration and evidence in regards to giving exemption or offering a number of collections free of charges within 3 months to the poorest and most vulnerable residents.
7. That the Cabinet member consider alternative charging arrangements for landlords who regularly remove bulky waste at the end of student tenancies.

VIDEO - FEES AND CHARGES REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

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5. SOUTHWARK CEMETERIES STRATEGY

RESOLVED:

1. That the cabinet should support the development of D1, Z and B but freeze all other development until a full report on reuse throughout both cemeteries is reviewed by the Cabinet, ideally by January 2016.
2. That Honor Oak Rec, site H1 (and the land between H1 and Z), and sites J, K and L are removed from the strategy and are maintained and improved as a recreation ground and play area (in the case of Honor Oak Rec), as a meadow in the case of H1 (and the land between H1 and Z) and as a woodland (in the case of J, K and L).
3. That the use of site D1 be conditioned so that only small flat markers can be used and the area maintained as a meadow.
4. That the use of site Z be conditioned so that only small flat markers can be used and the area be maintained as a meadow.
5. That the council engage stakeholders about the future of retaining or not retaining the internal fence at site Z once works are complete (if planning is granted).
6. That designers look again at the new footpath proposed at site D1 to see whether sections can be narrowed to prevent tree loss.
7. That a timeframe for site B is made clear to stakeholders.
8. That the council swiftly support the emerging Friends of Camberwell Old and New Cemeteries so that they become a properly constituted 'friends' group.
9. That the council retain the stakeholders group meeting for as long as the interested parties wish for it to continue.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxEVP3Fb7AM&index=5&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hbZ0Uo5rIR9ucNo5Tv6Kyk

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIDiQ-051B4&index=6&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hbZ0Uo5rIR9ucNo5Tv6Kyk

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCjefzTtwvg&index=7&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hbZ0Uo5rIR9ucNo5Tv6Kyk

6. COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES RENTS AND FLOOR AREAS

The chair updated the committee on discussions he had been having with officers in respect of taking this item forward. An auditor had been appointed and would be attending the next meeting to brief the committee on how they propose to carry out the review.

Meeting ended at 10.45 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: