



ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2004 at 7.00 PM at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Barrie Hargrove (Chair)
Councillor Alfred Banya

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Lodge – Southwark Friends of the Earth
Stephanie Lodge - Southwark Friends of the Earth
Christine Skidmore - Bede House

OFFICERS: Phil Davies – Head of Waste Management
Graham Love – Co-ordinating Manager of Community Councils,
Legal & Democratic Services
Peter Roberts – Scrutiny Team

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Gavin O'Brien and Lisa Rajan.

NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMED URGENT

There were none.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

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The Chair agreed to accept the following item as late and urgent:

Quarter 3 Performance Report – Community Safety & Domestic Violence/Hate Crime
– Report Backs

Community Council Review – Management Issues

Integrated Waste Management Contract

RECORDING OF MEMBERS' VOTES

Council Procedure Rule 1.17(5) allows a Member to record her/his vote in respect of any motions and amendments. Such requests are detailed in the following Minutes. Should a Member's vote be recorded in respect of an amendment, a copy of the amendment may be found in the Minute file and is available for public inspection.

The Sub-Committee considered the items set out on the agenda, a copy of which has been incorporated in the Minute File. Each of the following paragraphs relates to the item bearing the same number on the agenda.

MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 April 2004 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

1. QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT – COMMUNITY SAFETY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/HATE CRIME: FOLLOW-UP [see pages 7-10]

1.1 Christine Skidmore updated the Sub-Committee on the work of the Hate Crime Sub-Group, particularly around domestic violence. She commented that the African community had asked for a domestic violence worker who was African. She also explained that the police were providing more intensive support to repeat victims. In response to Members' questions she reported that a hate crime co-ordinator was to be appointed.

1.2 The Sub-Committee was keen that the Hate Crime Sub-Group should continue to respond to the increased profile of domestic violence and that all appropriate agencies should act together to tackle this issue.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee continue to monitor how domestic violence is addressed in Southwark.

2. REVIEW OF INTEGRATED CLEANSING CONTRACT

2.1 This item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

3. WORK PROGRAMME 2004/2005 [see pages 1 – 3]

3.1 The Sub-Committee agreed to defer this to the first meeting of the new Municipal Year.

4. FORWARD PLAN [see pages 4 – 6]

4.1 The Sub-Committee noted the Forward Plan.

5. COMMUNITY COUNCILS REVIEW – MANAGEMENT ISSUES [see pages 11 – 18]

- 5.1 The Co-ordinating Manager of Community Councils updated the Sub-Committee on progress in addressing issues in respect of management of Community Councils meetings, resourcing and Officer support. He also gave details of the pilot revenue programme agreed by Council Assembly.
- 5.2 Members emphasised that it was important for the Sub-Committee to have an input into the strategic fit debate, particular in terms of how Community Councils fit in with partnership arrangements such as the Southwark Alliance. The Co-ordinating Manager indicated that “thinking papers” were being compiled for the discussion scheduled for Members on 22 July 2004 and that any comments from the Sub-Committee would be welcome.
- 5.3 Members were also concerned that Community Councils should not be seen as purely an avenue for consultation. The Co-ordinating Manager indicated that guidance was provided as to appropriate reports to be submitted to the Community Councils and that the Community Development Unit continued to provide support.

RESOLVED: That the best method for input into the strategic fit debate be considered at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

6. INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT [see pages 19 – 28]

- 6.1 The Head of Waste Management introduced the report that would be considered by the Executive and clarified the recommended option and funding requirements. He also gave details of the decontamination processes that would be necessary in order to bring the land on the Old Kent Road back into use.
- 6.2 Members of the Sub-Committee emphasised the importance of consultation, particularly with residents and other stakeholders. The Head of Waste Management confirmed that this was to be built into the project and would include Community Councils and Tenants & Residents Associations.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee continue to be briefed on the integrated waste management project and, in the interim, that Members be circulated with details of waste management plans held by neighbouring local authorities.

The meeting finished at 9.45 pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: