

Item No: 1	Classification: Open	Date: 22 June 2005	Meeting Name: Environment & Community Support Scrutiny
Report Title:		Membership and Terms of Reference for Environment & Community Support Scrutiny Sub-Committee	
Ward (s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Scrutiny Team	

RECOMMENDATION

- Members are requested to note the membership and remit of the Environment & Community Support Scrutiny Sub-Committee as listed below.

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2. Voting Members

Councillor Barrie Hargrove (Chair)
Councillor Eliza Mann (Vice-Chair)
Councillor David Bradbury
Councillor Mark Glover
Councillor Gavin O'Brien
Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor Dominic Thorncroft

Reserves

Councillor Alfred Banya
Councillor Beverley Bassom
Councillor Alun Hayes
Councillor David Hubber
Councillor Peter John
Councillor Kenny Mizzi
Councillor Mark Pursey

SUB-COMMITTEE REMIT

- The remit for the Environment & Community Support Scrutiny Sub-Committee, as agreed at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 25 May 2005, is as follows:

To fulfil all the functions of a Scrutiny Sub-Committee set out in the general terms of reference as they relate to environmental matters and community support and safety and in particular (but not limited to):

- Parks and open spaces;
- Environmental Management;
- Energy Conservation;
- Recycling;
- Waste management;
- Development and review of the Council's Air Quality Management Action Plan; Recycling Plan; Waste Minimisation Strategy;
- The Council's community safety policies and development of related strategies;

- (h) Provision and management of museums, art galleries, theatres, archives and local history activities, libraries, leisure centres, swimming pools, parks and open spaces, allotments and other like facilities;
- (i) Development of the Council's position statement on libraries;
- (j) The Council's transport and parking policies;
- (k) Development and review of the Council's Local Transport Plan and the Highway Maintenance Plan contained therein;
- (l) Budget and performance matters relating to the Environment and Leisure Department.

4. The general terms of reference for a scrutiny sub-committee, as set out in the *Southwark Constitution*, are:

- i) Review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
- ii) Make reports and/or recommendations to Council Assembly and/or the Executive in connection with the discharge of any functions; and
- iii) Consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants.

Policy development and review

Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its sub-committees may:

- i) Assist Council Assembly and the Executive in the development of its Budget and Policy Framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues;
- ii) Conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- iii) Consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;
- iv) Question members of the Executive and Chief Officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area; and
- v) Liaise with other external organisations operating in the area, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.
- vi) Decide whether to consult with Community Councils as part of the consideration of the Budget and Policy Framework.

Scrutiny

Overview & Scrutiny Committee and its Sub-Committees may:

- i) Review and scrutinise the decisions made by and performance of the Executive and Council Officers both in relation to individual decisions and over time;
- ii) Review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
- iii) Question members of the Executive and Chief Officers about their decisions and performance, whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects;
- iv) Make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council Assembly arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;

- v) Review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the scrutiny committee/sub-committee and local people about their activities and performance; and
 - vi) Question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent).
5. Members should bear in mind the specific sub-committee remit and general terms of reference when setting its work programme for 2005/06.