



EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of the EXECUTIVE held on TUESDAY 15TH JULY, 2003 at 11.00AM at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Stanton, Leader (In the Chair)
Councillor Caroline Pidgeon, Deputy Leader
Councillor Beverley Bassom, Housing
Councillor Bob Skelly, Education and Culture
Councillor Richard Thomas, Environment and Transport

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Catherine Bowman, James Gurling, Catriona Moore, Richard Porter and Lorraine Zuleta.

NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS AS URGENT

The Chair agreed to accept the following late items as urgent, the reasons for urgency to be specified in the relevant minute:-

Item 39 – Scrutiny Comments on Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy
Item 40 – Private Housing Renewal Policy
Item 511 – Paris Gardens and Hatfields – Colombo Community and Sports Centre Lease

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

At 11.25am Councillor Richard Thomas declared a non-prejudicial interest in respect of item 40 as a Member of the Association for the Conservation of Energy.

The Executive considered the items set out on the open 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.

39 **SCRUTINY COMMENTS ON PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING RENEWAL POLICY** (see pages 675-676)

This item had not been circulated 5 days advance of the meeting. The Chair agreed to accept the item as urgent as an item on the same matter was being considered at this meeting.

RESOLVED: 1. That the actions outlined by the Strategic Director of Housing and measures in place to address all the points raised by the Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee be noted.

40 **PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING RENEWAL POLICY** (see pages 677-727)

This item had not been circulated 5 days in advance of the meeting. The Chair agreed to accept as urgent because of the need to adopt a policy by the 18th July, 2003

RESOLVED:

1. That the new Housing Renewal Policy as summarised in the report and as set out in Appendix 1 in compliance with the timetable set by the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) Order 2002 be formally adopted.
2. That in view of the issues raised in paragraphs 34-42 of the report, the Executive agree to receive a monitoring report on the take up of the new policy after 12 months and a report back in 6 months on its efficacy for fuel poverty (the six monthly report to also include a progress report on take-up levels).
3. That the fee charging option with regard to loans from the Council as set out in paragraph 67 of the report be adopted.
4. That officers provide an update for the Executive Member for Housing on a quarterly basis, including details of any variations to the Southwark Small Works Grant (SSWG).

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9, Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

The following is a summary of the decision taken in the closed section of the meeting.

512 **PARIS GARDENS AND HATFIELDS – COLUMBO COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE LEASE**

Executive agreed the grant and terms of a lease for Paris Gardens and Hatfields.

The meeting ended at 11.20am

CHAIR:

DATED:

**DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, 18th JULY 2003.**

**THE ABOVE DECISIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT
DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE BE CALLED-IN FOR
SCRUTINY, THEN THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE
PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION**