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| Item No: 1 | Classification: Open | Date: 29 June 2005 | Meeting Name: Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee |
| Report Title: | | Membership and Terms of Reference | |
| Ward (s) or groups affected: | | All | |
| From: | | Scrutiny Team | |

RECOMMENDATION

- Members are requested to note the membership and remit of the Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee as listed below.

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2. Voting members

Councillor Neil Watson (Chair)
Councillor Charlie Smith (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Dr Abdur-Rahman Olayiwola
Councillor Michelle Pearce
Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Anne Yates

Reserves

Councillor Fiona Colley
Councillor John Friary
Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Gavin O'Brien
Councillor Jane Salmon

Coopted non-voting members

Mr Dave Clark (Leaseholder Representative)
Mr Al-Issa Munu (Tenant Representative)
Ms Althea Smith (Tenant Representative)
Mr John Nosworthy (Reserve - Leaseholder Representative)
Mr Lionel Wright (Reserve -Tenant Representative)

SUB-COMMITTEE REMIT

- The remit for the Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee, as agreed at the Overview & 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 housing and in particular (but not limited to):

- Management of the Council's housing stock;
- Development of partnerships with external organisations to meet housing need and regenerate unsatisfactory housing;
- Improvement of private sector housing;
- Relationships with the Housing Corporation and Registered Social Landlords in the Borough;
- Relationships with stakeholder groups in the borough;
- Grants and loans to owner occupiers, tenants landlords, and/or developers;
- Homelessness and re-housing;
- Special needs housing;

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) Liase 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.