

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday 21 February 2022

7.00 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London
SE1 2QH

Supplemental Agenda No. 2

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Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 22 March 2021 at 6.30 pm (Online/Virtual meeting)

- PRESENT:**
- Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair)
 - Councillor Victor Chamberlain (Vice-Chair)
 - Councillor Humaira Ali
 - Councillor Peter Babudu
 - Councillor Gavin Edwards
 - Councillor Sarah King
 - Councillor Jason Ochere
 - Councillor Victoria Olisa
 - Councillor Jane Salmon
 - Councillor Leanne Werner
 - Martin Brecknell (Co-opted Member)
- OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**
- Councillor Radha Burgess, Deputy Cabinet Member for Low Traffic Southwark
 - Councillor Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Business and Jobs
 - Councillor Catherine Rose, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Environment and Roads
- OFFICER SUPPORT:**
- Norman Coombe, Head of Corporate Team, Legal
 - Everton Roberts, Head of Overview and Scrutiny (Acting)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jack Buck.

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no late items.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. MINUTES

It was reported that the Minutes would be submitted to the next meeting for approval.

5. BOROUGH PLAN PERFORMANCE CHALLENGE UPDATE

Councillor Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Business and Jobs provided the committee with an update on performance against the delivery of the Borough Plan. The committee also heard from Duncan Whitfield, Strategic Director of Finance and Governance and Joseph Brown, Cabinet and Public Affairs Manager.

Councillor Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Business and Jobs, took the report as read. She informed the committee that the focus of the report had been very much on the response to the Covid pandemic and the impact that had on the council's ability to deliver on the new Borough Plan. Councillor Lury explained that the report contained a mixture of the different commitments from the old Borough plan and the new Borough Plan and that from Quarter 4 (September) all reporting would be against the new Borough Plan commitments and would therefore be able to communicate the position much more clearly. This report summarised the outcomes of quarters 1, 2 and 3 performance challenge rounds that had taken place.

Following the cabinet members introduction, questions and discussion took place around the following:

- Detail to be included in subsequent reporting, indicating the actual performance against the measures, and how performance would be measured.

Councillor Lury explained that the end of year report would include the targets for 2020/21 along with the then RAG rating for the end of the year, and would also include targets for 2021/22 as well. The end of year report would also provide a clear indication of how the council was delivering against the plan in that financial year. There would be a narrative under each performance measure that would provide detail of what had been achieved.

Councillor Lury further explained that the intention was to also highlight in the reports areas that the overview and scrutiny committee might be interested in, which could then be followed up with the individual cabinet members through the cabinet member interview process.

The chair invited committee members to contact Councillor Lury ahead of the July meeting to communicate how they wanted the information presented.

RESOLVED:

That the Borough Plan performance challenge update report be noted.

6. CABINET MEMBER INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ROSE, CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND ROADS

This item was considered in conjunction with item 7. See item 7 for detail.

7. CABINET MEMBER INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR RADHA BURGESS, DEPUTY CABINET MEMBER FOR LOW TRAFFIC SOUTHWARK

This item was considered in conjunction with item 6.

The chair informed the committee that Councillor Catherine Rose, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Environment and Roads would be late joining the meeting due to another commitment, so the committee would hear from Councillor Radha Burgess first.

Councillor Radha Burgess, Deputy Cabinet Member for Low Traffic Southwark, provided the committee with an overview of the aims and approach of Low Traffic Southwark and what was hoped to be achieved. Councillor Burgess explained that Low Traffic Southwark was about creating clean air for everybody in the borough, a sustainable borough, healthy lives for all, delivered equitably.

The aim was to improve the health of residents by reducing pollution from traffic and reducing carbon emissions. Enabling and encouraging healthy active travel. Reinvigorating high streets and communities, and lowering the number of people killed or seriously injured on roads. The approach was to locate Low Traffic Southwark in an evolved movement plan so that it was seen to have some strategic importance in what the council was doing. There was a very strong equities focus, ensuring that the benefits of Low Traffic Southwark was shared by everyone.

Councillor Burgess informed the committee that the council wanted to seek out interventions that created long term sustainable change, and a borough wide whole council approach would be applied, and all levers that were at the council disposal would be used to tackle car dominance.

Councillor Burgess advised that Low Traffic Southwark needed to be aligned very closely with the work being done throughout the council on Southwark Stands Together and the declaration of the Climate Emergency.

Councillor Burgess informed the committee that there was a borough commitment

to extend the proportion of highways dedicated to zero carbon uses, car free developments, school and workplace travel plans, including the new council travel plan, 24 hour bus lanes on red routes, school streets, LTNs and low emissions neighbourhoods, pocket parks, a commitment to double cycle hangers, cycle lessons, extending the cycle hire and extending segregated cycle lanes.

Councillor Burgess then highlighted a number of areas that the council might wish to think about doing in the future, but would require further discussion and fleshing out:

- Making modal shift on estates a priority with continued investment in cycle storage. Implementing logical and connected segregated cycle routes
- Focusing on stations as active travel hubs
- Last mile freight pilots
- A strategic approach to parking and the kerbside and looking at different uses for the kerbside that aren't just limited to parking
- Rapid bus transit and other forms of low carbon public transport
- Identifying where the council might want to release highways for council housebuilding or something similar.

In terms of execution, Councillor Burgess informed that the council wanted to assess potential interventions according to the Equality framework, Southwark Stands Together and the Climate Emergency. To consult deeply and properly and communicate with communities so that the council took people with it to make the significant changes.

Councillor Burgess further informed that the council was talking about exploring a needs based model – air quality interventions where air quality is poor, or where there are the greatest health inequalities in the borough. The council needed to be very much guided by data and evidence, model, benchmark, monitor and evaluate interventions and also to communicate findings in a completely clear and transparent way.

Following Councillor Burgess's presentation, questions were asked and discussion held around the following:

- Lessons learnt from the experience of rolling out low traffic neighbourhoods thus far.
- What the council was doing to reduce its impact through its own actions (e.g its own vehicles and procurement) and also where it was generating traffic on roads.
- How the council was responding to consultation feedback in respect of poor or wrong signage.

Councillor Catherine Rose, who had now joined meeting responded to the question in relation to lessons learnt and problems with implementation. She informed the committee that there had been recognition of problems around implementation and signage and learning points around communication.

Councillor Rose highlighted some of the challenges around the implementing of signage including the capacity within the department and contractors to respond to the rollout and scale of new signage required, tackling vandalism and damage that occurs – signs being defaced or taken down, this had an ongoing resource implication as well.

Councillor Rose informed the committee that Fleet renewal was an integral part of the council's budget programme for the next year, along with benchmarking against leading practice already happening within other London boroughs in relation to large refuse vehicles.

Further questions / discussion was held around the following:

- Consultation in the context of co-designing neighbourhoods
- Trade and business traffic on roads
- Payment for Southwark cycle hangers
- The role physical changes to side streets will play in the long term plan and the bedding in of the long term plans
- Addressing longer term impacts of displacement if it occurs
- Whether equality impact assessments have already been done on some of the measures introduced
- Ways of measuring whether sufficient traffic evaporation / modal shifts have occurred to offset longer journeys
- Having an overall model of what a 100% LTN borough might look like (similar to LB Waltham Forest)
- Road closures and impact on businesses – support for businesses
- Communicating on residents parking permits process indication of climate emergency for awareness raising purposes
- Council's actions on improving access to green spaces

8. SCRUTINY REVIEW - REGENERATION (OLD KENT ROAD OPPORTUNITY AREA)

This item was deferred as the relevant officer was not available to present the item.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

The scrutiny commission chairs provided the committee with an update on the issues that the commissions had been scrutinising throughout the year.

The committee also discussed potential subject areas to be looked at for the 2021/22 year.

RESOLVED:

That the work programme as at 22 March 2021 be noted.

The meeting ended at 8.54 pm

CHAIR:

DATED:



Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 8 July 2021 at 7.00 pm at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair)
 Councillor Victor Chamberlain
 Councillor Humaira Ali
 Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
 Councillor Peter Babudu
 Councillor Jack Buck
 Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Reserve)
 Councillor Gavin Edwards
 Councillor Sarah King
 Councillor Margy Newens
 Marcin Jagodzinski (Co-opted Member)

OFFICER SUPPORT: Norman Coombe, Head of Corporate Team, Legal
 Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Victoria Olisa, Councillor Leanne Werner and Martin Brecknell, Co-opted Member.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Humaira Ali and Councillor Peter Babudu.

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair gave notice of a late item of business which had not been listed on the main agenda - Item 10, Healthwatch Southwark Annual Report 2020-21.

The chair informed the meeting that late agenda papers were contained on supplemental agendas No. 1 and supplemental agenda No. 2 as follows:

(Supplemental Agenda No. 1)

Item 7 – Annual Borough Plan Performance Report

Item 8 – Southwark Equality Framework [Cabinet Report]

Item 10 – Healthwatch Southwark Annual Report 2020-21

(Supplemental Agenda No. 2)

Item 6 – Scrutiny Review – Regeneration (Old Kent Road Opportunity Area)

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

In respect of item 6, Scrutiny Review – Regeneration (Old Kent Road Opportunity Area), Councillor Victor Chamberlain declared that one of the completed developments in the Old Kent Road opportunity area was delivered by a company that he used to work for.

4. MINUTES

It was reported that the outstanding Minutes would be submitted to the next meeting for approval.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2021 be approved as a correct record.

5. SCRUTINY REVIEW - REGENERATION (TRANSPORT FOR LONDON)

This item was taken in conjunction with Item 6. See item 6 for detail.

6. SCRUTINY REVIEW - REGENERATION (OLD KENT ROAD OPPORTUNITY AREA)

This item was considered in conjunction with item 5.

The committee received a presentation from Chris Porter, Major Projects Manager in TfL City Planning, and Beth Havelock, TfL Spatial Planning Team on delivering transport and good growth in the London Borough of Southwark.

The committee then received a presentation from Colin Wilson, Head of Regeneration (Old Kent Road) on the Old Kent Road opportunity area. Also in attendance were Tim Cutts, Senior Regeneration Manager and Pip Howson, Transport Policy Team Leader.

Following the presentations, questions were asked and discussion held around the following:

- Pace of delivery of consented homes.
- Reliance on too few developers.
- Affordability of new homes in Old Kent Road opportunity area.
- Working with developers and housing associations connected with cladding issues not undertaking remedial work.
- Engagement with residents and businesses (particularly industrial businesses).
- Deliverability of regeneration in light Brexit and HS2 impact on labour market materials.
- Demand around different property size, one to two, versus three to four bedroom.
- Sustainable homes and green spaces and suitability for a future climate.
- Future provision of car (electric car) and cycle spaces in new developments.
- Government's proposals for planning reform, in particular changes to Section106 and Community Infrastructure Levy into a proposed single levy, and whether there has been any assessment of these potential reforms and impact on long term planning, and potential for developers with planning permission to come back and renegotiate if the single levy is introduced.
- Certainty of Bakerloo Line Extension being delivered and impact on current plans if extension does not happen – impact on affordable housing levels in schemes and residents in the newly built homes being able to commute.
- Access to green space
- Delivery on the positive social outputs, and managing risk relating to matters that the local authority can control (discounting external factors).
- Installation of heating technologies (gas boiler alternatives) fit for the future and rainwater harvesting systems.
- Delivery of strategy being informed by current politics of the Mayor, and threat to political strategy due to financial challenges to TfL.
- Providing carbon neutral transport infrastructure.
- Innovative ways for decreasing transport pollution along Old Kent Road.
- Plans for extra buses in light of financial agreements relating to buses in planning applications.
- Whether there are alternative plans if Bakerloo Line Extension is not delivered (Plan B).
- Level of consultation and engagement with communities by TfL.

7. ANNUAL BOROUGH PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT [CABINET REPORT]

This item was included with the agenda for information only.

8. SOUTHWARK EQUALITY FRAMEWORK [CABINET REPORT]

This item was included with the agenda for information only.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

The scrutiny commission chairs informed the committee of their proposed work programmes for the 2021-22 year.

RESOLVED:

That the work programme as at 8 July 2021 be noted.

10. HEALTHWATCH SOUTHWARK ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

This item had not been included with the agenda 5 clear working days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent to enable timely consideration of the annual report.

RESOLVED:

That the annual report be noted.

The meeting ended at 10.32 pm

CHAIR:

DATED:



Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 7.00 pm at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT:	<p>Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair) Councillor Victor Chamberlain (Vice-Chair) Councillor Humaira Ali Councillor Peter Babudu Councillor Jack Buck Councillor Gavin Edwards Councillor Sarah King Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall Councillor Margy Newens Councillor Sandra Rhule (Reserve) Martin Brecknell Marcin Jagodzinski</p>
OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:	<p>Councillor Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Democracy</p>
OFFICER SUPPORT:	<p>Norman Coombe, Head of Corporate Team, Legal Services Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny</p>

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall, Councillor Victoria Olisa and Councillor Leanne Werner.

2. **NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT**

There were no additional late items. The chair informed the meeting that Supplemental Agenda No. 1 contained the report on Technology and Digital Services – Digital Inclusion, item 7 of the agenda.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. **MINUTES**

It was reported that the outstanding minutes would be submitted to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2021 be approved.

5. **POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2022-23 [INITIAL BUDGET SCRUTINY]**

The committee received a presentation from Councillor Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Democracy and Duncan Whitfield on the financial remit 2022/23 outlining information relating to:

- The 2020-21 outturn position
- National and local factors
- Financial remit as at June 2021
- Outcome of the spending review
- Anticipated budget gap
- Funding assumptions for 2022-23
- Commitments and growth
- Provisional local government finance settlement
- Estimated 2022-23 budget
- Budget setting timetable

The committee asked questions of the cabinet member and strategic director following the presentation.

6. ANNUAL WORKFORCE REPORT 2020-21 AND WORKFORCE EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ACTION PLAN

The committee heard from Councillor Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Democracy and Melanie Medley, Director of Employee Experience on the annual workforce report 2020-21.

Committee members asked questions of the cabinet member and director following the brief overview of the workforce report.

7. TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL INCLUSION STRATEGY 2022-2025

Councillor Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Democracy gave a brief presentation on the technology and digital service, digital inclusion report that was due to be considered by Cabinet on 18 January 2022. The committee also heard from Richard Selley, Director of Customer Experience.

Follow the presentation, the committee asked questions of the cabinet member and director.

8. CABINET MEMBER INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ROSE, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, PARKS AND SPORT

This item was deferred as the cabinet member for transport, parks and sport was unwell and therefore not able to attend.

9. CABINET MEMBER INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR RADHA BURGESS, DEPUTY CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN AIR AND ACTIVE TRAVEL

This item was deferred to enable the deputy cabinet member interview to be undertaken at the same time as the interview with the cabinet member for transport, parks and sport as the portfolio is closely linked.

10. WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED:

That the work programme as at 12 January 2022 be noted.

The meeting ended at 9.27 pm

CHAIR:

DATED:



Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 24 January 2022 at 11.00 am at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH.

PRESENT:	<p>Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair) Councillor Victor Chamberlain (Vice-Chair) Councillor Humaira Ali Councillor Peter Babudu Councillor Jack Buck Councillor Eleanor Kerlake (Reserve) Councillor Sarah King Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall Councillor Richard Livingstone (Reserve) Councillor Margy Newens Councillor Leanne Werner Martin Brecknell (Co-opted)</p>
OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:	<p>Councillor Evelyn Akoto, Health and Wellbeing Councillor Jasmine Ali, Children, Young People and Education Councillor Stephanie Cryan, Council Homes and Homelessness Councillor Helen Dennis, Climate Emergency and Sustainable Development Councillor Rebecca Lury, Finance, Performance and Democracy Councillor Alice Macdonald, Equalities, Neighbourhoods and Leisure Councillor Darren Merrill, Safer, Cleaner Borough Councillor Jason Ochere, Jobs, Business and Town Centres Councillor Catherine Rose, Transport Parks and Sport</p>
OFFICER SUPPORT:	<p>Norman Coombe, Deputy Head of Law Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny</p>

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gavin Edwards and Councillor Victoria Olisa.

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no additional late items. The chair informed the meeting that Supplemental Agenda No. 1 contained the latest published capital monitor report, Item 6 of the agenda and Supplemental Agenda No. 2 contained the Initial Cumulative Equality Analysis on the budget proposals, Item 7 of the agenda.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. CABINET CONSULTATION WITH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-23 (INTERVIEW TIMETABLE)

The committee received presentations from cabinet members on their respective budget portfolio areas.

The cabinet members and chief/senior officers in attendance answered questions of the committee members.

The meeting ended following the question and answer session, with the committee due to meet the following day to consider the information received, and whether there were any recommendations the committee felt should be made to Cabinet on the 2022/23 budget proposals.

The meeting ended at 5.21 pm

CHAIR:

DATED:



Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 7.00 pm at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair)
 Councillor Victor Chamberlain (Vice-Chair)
 Councillor Humaira Ali
 Councillor Peter Babudu
 Councillor Jack Buck
 Councillor Eleanor Kerslake (Reserve)
 Councillor Sarah King
 Councillor Richard Livingstone (Reserve)
 Councillor Margy Newens
 Councillor David Noakes (Reserve)
 Councillor Leanne Werner
 Martin Brecknell (Co-opted Member)
 Marcin Jagodzinski (Co-opted Member)

OFFICER Norman Coombe, Deputy Head of Law
SUPPORT: Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gavin Edwards, Councillor Victoria Olisa and Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall.

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no additional late items. The chair informed the meeting that information relating to Item 7, Local Funds Expenditure had been circulated in Supplemental Agendas No. 1, 2 and 3.

The following information was circulated at the meeting:

- Budget contextual information
- Events Budget information

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. **MINUTES**

It was reported that the outstanding minutes would be included on the next meeting agenda for approval.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2020 be approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

- Under Item 8 - The inclusion of Councillor Victor Chamberlain's request for his vote in favour of the amendment to be recorded.

5. **POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2022-23**

The policy and resources strategy 2022-23 report was included with the agenda for information.

6. **FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET**

The committee heard further from Duncan Whitfield, Strategic Director of Finance and Governance.

The committee discussed the evidence gathered from the preceding day's scrutiny meeting, had regard to the comments and advice from the Strategic Director of Finance and Governance and formulated their recommendations to be submitted to cabinet on the proposed policy and resources strategy.

RESOLVED:

Recommendations relating to the budget scrutiny process

1. OSC recognises the extensive work undertaken by the Cabinet on the budget in face of rising inflation, rising food and energy prices, the impact of Brexit and the changing needs of our residents as the economy and society

recovers from the pandemic. All of these factors put pressure on the Council's budget, our ability to deliver the services our residents need and the household budgets of our residents. Given the high levels of uncertainty, OSC want to reassess the progress made on the proposed savings, efficiencies and new commitments in six months' time.

2. Due to the significance of the capital programme for climate change projects and due to the importance of climate change in council policy, OSC recommends that an update on climate change spend from the capital programme is provided for next year's budget scrutiny process. This to include a briefing on what future commitments have been made, and what targets have been met, in order to allow for full scrutiny. OSC also recommends publishing this year's targets for climate change spend from the capital programme before the May elections.
3. That in future cabinet provide a single annual report that considers both the revenue budget and capital report together.
4. OSC recommends that the budget report clearly states what is being delivered by portfolio area for the allocated budget. A clear high level P&L table should be appended to encompass business as usual vs project work with clear outcomes for the public.
5. OSC recommends that in the savings appendix that there is a clear marker indicating if funding will be provided in part or full from elsewhere in the budget or from government/GLA funding.
6. OSC recognises that this is the first year officers have attempted to create a climate impact assessment for the revenue budget. However, the assessment which has been made does not meet the standard required for the committee to scrutinise any climate impacts which may be present in the budget. OSC therefore recommend that for next year's budget a more holistic approach is completed, similar to the line-by-line process for EQIA's, which seeks to quantify the climate impact of each budget measure (where appropriate).
7. In next year's budget it would be helpful to list the total amount of Cleaner Greener, Safer (CGS), Neighbourhood and Highways funds allocated and spent per year per ward and the overall totals.
8. That in future years the policy and resources report include a summary of current and proposed budgets by department.
9. Given the opportunities presented to the council by reducing its office space and to save costs through integrating the use of hybrid and flexible working patterns adopted during the pandemic, the committee recommends that cabinet consider more IT resourcing and staff training investment in this year's budget.

Recommendations relating to budget proposals

10. Following advice from officers, OSC believes that the Council can make more efficient use of existing council buildings and that there is greater potential for income generation. OSC calls on cabinet to review how Tooley Street and other council-owned buildings can be better used for income generation.
11. Line 111 - OSC seeks a further response and reassurance about the wider future and model of day care centre provision in regards to supporting some of the most vulnerable adults in our borough and the impacts on not only service users themselves but also on families and carers.
12. Lines 127 and 128 - OSC is concerned that both these items could adversely affect Young People and Care Leavers with protected characteristics. OSC asks for further information about these items and for Cabinet to consider how the budget can mitigate impacts.
13. Line 133 - OSC recommends that the potential for all envisaged and additional savings to grounds maintenance costs be explored in the context of wherever possible reducing intervention, and therefore, costs in the interests of improving biodiversity. Policy changes must be shaped/reviewed by the council's ecology officer(s) in order to maximise ecological benefit.
14. Line 201 - It is requested that the cabinet member for regeneration reports to OSC prior to the planned cabinet report on the state of the Council's commercial property estate. The report to include a forecast increase in revenue from the commercial property estate and how this revenue figure has been reached. Consideration should also be given to any potential new commercial property opportunities for the council, including changes in its own office space.
15. Line 204 - Given the need for the council to maximise its income generation, OSC recommends a revenue raising target be set in relation to large scale negotiated events within our parks which increases on the current surplus targets.
16. Lines 302 and 303 - OSC recommends the removal of these lines from the proposed savings.
17. Lines 309, 310, 311 and 312 - The impact from an equalities perspective for SEND and Early Years would be significant, OSC therefore recommends that funding is found immediately from elsewhere in the budget. Additionally that OSC review the situation within 6 months to understand the state of the service and budgetary impact.
18. Line 332 - That the item listed as a saving impacting on service delivery be moved to an efficiency, given assurances from officers and cabinet that the

saving is being made due to a reduction in budget demand for the NRPF service. Should the savings not be realised OSC is satisfied the council will meet its statutory obligations to NRPF residents through contingencies and reserves.

19. Line 335 - OSC recommends that the Council reviews its proposal to rationalise staff structure in the procurement team by not filling two empty roles. OSC notes that the Procurement Team has been struggling to support departmental teams to effectively implement the Fairer Futures Procurement Framework and recommends that alternative routes to securing the additional expertise and capacity are pursued to ensure that the Council can fully implement the Framework, including improving performance in relation to:
 - Data collection,
 - Accessibility to smaller businesses, and
 - Social value practice
20. Line 419 - OSC recommends that cabinet consider a policy of direct offers being given to current (not new) temporary accommodation residents in the event the budget allocation for this area becomes insufficient in the face of rising demand in-year. This direct offers amendment would only be introduced as a temporary and emergency measure designed to protect council services and our strategic reserves in the event of ever increasing demand. The committee recommends the policy should not result in TA residents who refuse direct offers being deemed as intentionally homeless, but it should be made clear to them that they face longer wait times for a permanent offer should they refuse.
21. That OSC receives a report on the budget recovery board's actions on the temporary accommodation budget overspend, including recommendations for reducing expenditure, at the earliest opportunity.
22. That the cabinet member reports to every meeting of the housing scrutiny commission on (i) the current spend on temporary accommodation, (ii) whether this spend exceeds forecasts; and (iii) progress of saving measures recommended by the Budget Recovery Board.
23. Pest control charges - OSC recommends that officers be asked to provide clarification on whether the proposed increases on 'inspection of premises for infestation' will impact on council tenants and other low income residents, and if they do, to consider a reduced rate or discount that protects low income families.
24. Parking charges - In accordance with our ambition to tackle the climate emergency and create Streets for People, OSC recommends that vehicle size and /or weight is incorporated into the criteria determining the cost of a resident parking permit. This is in order to increase revenue from larger/heavier vehicles which take up more space and have a greater

negative impact on our roads and public spaces.

7. EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL FUNDS

The committee heard from Rob Woollatt, Departmental Finance Manager and Jessica Leech, Community Engagement Manager in relation to local funds expenditure item contained on the agenda, and the grant and commissioning review report which was due to be considered by cabinet on 1 February 2022.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That further scrutiny on local funds expenditure be added to the committees work programme for 2022/23.

8. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF REGENERATION - DRAFT REPORT

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED:

That the work programme as at 25 January 2022 be noted.

The meeting ended at 9.58pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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