



SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE C

MINUTES of the Scrutiny Sub-Committee C held on Monday June 22 2009 at 7.00 pm
at Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Toby Eckersley (Chair)
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Councillor Jane Salmon
Councillor Mackie Sheik

OFFICER SUPPORT: Nicki Fashola, Legal Services
Dan Gilby, Corporate Policy Officer
Sally Masson, Scrutiny Project Manager

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Susan Jones.

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

2.1 There were none.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

3.1 There were none.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on May 12 2009 be agreed as a correct record

5. STRENGTHENING THE CENSUS WORK FOR THE 2011 COUNT

5.1 The sub-committee agreed that the final draft of the census and migration report was very comprehensive.

- 5.2 Current update: The GLA and the London School of Economics have been working jointly and are advocating an amnesty/earned regulation approach. More research is being done to influence the national policy debate.
- 5.3 On page 2 – All recommendations were agreed.
- 5.4 Page 4 – It was acknowledged that the recommendations were going to be a challenge to the executive and the CMT.
- 5.5 Page 5 – Members were informed that the business plan was currently being looked at and scrutiny had assisted in this work.
- 5.6 It was thought that it would be another 3 months before the project would be completed.

RESOLVED:

- 1. Members wanted to add a recommendation which asked the executive to report back to the committee on the progress of the work in the summer of 2010.
- 2. The sub-committee felt that there should also be a recommendation around local engagement and how Southwark could do better in improving the relationships within the community. This could include encouraging children to take a more active part in the processes, perhaps by devising online activities.
- 3. It was agreed that all of the recommendations contained in the report were very strong.

6. WORK PROGRAMME PROPOSALS

- 6.1 The sub-committee went through the list of proposals suggested by all Members at OSC.
- 6.2 Members decided their first topic of work would be 'What is the true meaning of the budget and policy framework?'
- 6.3 It was felt that budget estimates should be set out for each area with broad expenditure predictions. At this time, growth savings and commitments are the only things that are shown. Members want to see key expenditure at every stage so that it can be viewed clearly.
- 6.4 Members agreed that they wanted to see a clear budget framework, with a description of what it is and who makes decisions based upon it. Members wanted to know about any issues that made the framework confusing, so that suggestions may be made to improve the situation.

RESOLVED:

1. Members agreed that appropriate officers be sought and invited to the next sub-committee meeting on the 20th July.
2. Members provisionally agreed to take the remaining work topics in this order:
 - 20 mph Zones and Speeding
 - Planning Enforcement
 - Housing Repairs

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm.