

Scrutiny Sub-Committee C

Monday July 20 2009

7.00 pm

Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

Membership

Councillor Toby Eckersley (Chair)
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Susan Elan Jones
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Jane Salmon
Councillor Mackie Sheik
Councillor Robert Smeath

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Councillor Columba Blango
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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Annie Shepperd

Chief Executive

Date: July 10 2009



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PART A - OPEN BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

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

In special circumstances, an item of business may be added to an agenda within five clear working days of the meeting.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Members to declare any personal interests and dispensation in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.

4. MINUTES

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To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the open section of the meeting held on June 22 2009.

5. EXECUTIVE MEMBER INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR LEWIS ROBINSON - CULTURE, LEISURE AND SPORT

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6. SCRUTINY REVIEW: WHAT IS THE TRUE MEANING OF THE BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK?

DISCUSSION OF ANY OTHER OPEN ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING.

PART B - CLOSED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF ANY OTHER CLOSED ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS URGENT.

Date: July 10 2009



SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE C

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE C held on MONDAY JUNE 22 2009 at 7.00 P.M. at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

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

OFFICER Dan Gilby – Corporate Policy Officer
SUPPORT: Sally Masson – Scrutiny Project Manager
 Nikki Fashola – Lawyer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMED URGENT

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

MINUTES

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

1. CENSUS AND MIGRATION

- 1.1 The sub-committee agreed that the final draft of the census and migration report was very comprehensive.
- 1.2 New developments include the joint working between the GLA and the London School of Economics which advocates an amnesty or earned regularisation approach. More research is being done to influence the national policy debate
- 1.3 Page 2 – All recommendations were agreed.

- 1.4 Page 4 – It was acknowledged that the recommendations were going to be a challenge to the executive and the CMT.
- 1.5 Page 5 – Members were informed that the business plan was currently being worked on and that this scrutiny review had assisted in the development of that work.
- 1.6 It was thought that it would be another 3 months before the project would be completed.

RESOLVED

- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 The committee also wanted to add a recommendation around local engagement. Members felt that Southwark could do better to improve relationships within the community and this could include encouraging children to take a more active part in the process. Promoting participation might include devising online activities and other electronic communication.
- 1.9 It was agreed that all of the recommendations contained in the report were very strong.

2 WORK PROGRAMME

- 2.1 The sub-committee went through the list of proposals suggested by all Members at OSC.
- 2.2 Members decided their first topic of work would be ‘What is the true meaning of the budget and policy framework?’
- 2.3 It was felt that budget estimates should be set out for each area with broad expenditure predictions. At the moment, growth savings and commitments are detailed only. Members want to see the key expenditure at each stage so that it can be viewed clearly.
- 2.4 Members want a clear budget framework, with explanations as to what it is and who makes decisions based upon it. Members want to know about any issues associated with the framework which could be leading to confusion.

RESOLVED

- 2.5 Members agreed that appropriate officers be sought and invited to the next committee meeting on the 20th July.
- 2.6 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.

Meeting of the 20th July 2009

Executive Questions for Cllr Lewis Robinson:

- 1) Can you provide details of the future strategy for library provision in the borough?
- 2) Could you define what is meant by a '21st Century Leisure Centre', and how many do you expect Southwark to have by May 2010?
- 3) What support is the Council proposing to provide for facilities in Peckham Rye Park?
- 4) Can you outline what use the current Albion Street library will be put to once the new Canada Water library opens?
- 5) Can you set out how the council will be using the £0.5m revenue budget for Canada Water Library agreed for 2009/10?
- 6) Can you update this committee on the progress of options to either update or replace Seven Islands Leisure Centre? Can he give an assurance that the asbestos problems that caused the pool's closure in January are now fully resolved and will not lead to any future closures?
- 7) Could you outline progress on the plans for using the £6 million investment for Burgess Park? Local community councils have also been asked to fund projects in the park through Cleaner Greener Safer funds – how will the council ensure that funding proposals are co-ordinated?
- 8) Could the Executive Member give an update on what might be happening to the Old Town Hall Building on the Walworth Road, especially with reference to Newington Library. Might there be room for the reference Library to return?

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