

Democracy Commission

Tuesday 7 September 2010
6.00 pm
Southwark Town Hall

Membership

Councillor Abdul Mohamed (Chair)
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Councillor Columba Blango
Councillor Mark Glover
Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Helen Morrissey
Councillor Cleo Soanes

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The minutes of the meeting are attached along with papers tabled at the meeting

4.	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS	
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5.	HEARING EVIDENCE	
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Volunteer Centre Southwark – Clive Pankhurst, Chief Executive

6.	REVIEWING EVIDENCE GATHERED SO FAR	
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The commission will consider the following evidence:

1. Focus groups – held with residents, elected members and community leaders
2. Questionnaires
3. Oral testimonies and vox pops
4. Conference:
Panel discussion, workshops and cafe conversations from the conference
5. Plain English paper on options for changing the decision making powers of Council Assembly
6. Minutes of meetings

Deborah Collins, monitoring officer, will be available to assist members with any legal and constitutional questions arising out of items 5 and 6.

Ian Mark , Senior Lawyer , will also attend .

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7. SCOPING OUT THE REPORT

Date: 31 August 2010