

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 12 September 2011  
at 7.00 pm at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Catherine Bowman (Chair)  
Councillor Andy Simmons (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Toby Eckersley  
Councillor Gavin Edwards  
Councillor Dan Garfield  
Councillor David Hubber  
Councillor Tim McNally  
Councillor Victoria Mills  
Councillor David Noakes  
Councillor the Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole  
Councillor Mark Williams

**EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES:** Leticia Ojeda, Parent Governor

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Shelley Burke, Head of Overview & Scrutiny  
Peter Roberts, Scrutiny Project Manager

### 1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillor the Right Reverend Emmanuel Oyewole.

### 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 no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

#### **4. MINUTES**

- 4.1 The committee considered the minutes together with issues around work programming arising from the minutes.

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2011 be agreed as an accurate record.
2. That the strategic director of housing services and new head of customer experience attend the next meeting with detailed performance monitoring information across departments and comparative information and costs across authorities.
3. That the deputy chief executive and head of human resources attend the next meeting with details of the number and pay scales of senior officers, including performance related pay and showing this as a percentage of the council's budget, together with comparative data across other authorities and information about the pay scales being offered to appoint new chief executives.

#### **5. REPORTING BACK FROM THE COMMITTEE'S FORWARD STRATEGY SESSION**

- 5.1 The committee reviewed the outcome of its informal discussion of scrutiny arrangements in view of the budget reduction in 2012/13.

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That in 2012/13 the number of scrutiny sub-committees be reduced from five to three.
2. That members of the committee liaise with political group members about the possible composition and terms of reference of the future sub-committees.
3. That the head of overview & scrutiny consult chief officers to ensure that any necessary areas are covered within the terms of reference of the sub-committees.
4. That the meeting of the committee in December agree formal recommendations on the composition and terms of reference of overview & scrutiny committee and its sub-committees for the 2012/13 municipal year.

#### **6. PREPARING FOR THE LEADER'S SCRUTINY INTERVIEW**

- 6.1 The committee discussed possible themes to be covered in the leader's interview at the October meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the following eight areas be identified for the leader's cabinet member interview:
  - value for money in service delivery
  - community cohesion
  - the council plan
  - housing investment
  - education/life chances
  - response to localism agenda
  - vision for health in Southwark
  - future of chief officer team
2. That members contact the scrutiny team by Monday 19 September 2011 with any questions within these areas that would require advance notice, for instance because of any technical detail that might be needed to respond.

The meeting ended at 7.35 pm