

## Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday 7 September 2015

7.00 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G01B - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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### Membership

Councillor Gavin Edwards (Chair)  
Councillor Rosie Shimell (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai  
Councillor Jasmine Ali  
Councillor Maisie Anderson  
Councillor Catherine Dale  
Councillor Paul Fleming  
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Councillor Lisa Rajan  
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### Reserves

Councillor James Barber  
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Councillor Eleanor Kerslake  
Councillor Sunny Lambe  
Councillor Adele Morris  
Councillor David Noakes  
Councillor Martin Seaton  
Councillor Bill Williams

### Education representatives

Martin Brecknell, Church of England Diocese  
Lynette Murphy-O'Dwyer, Archdiocese of Southwark  
Abdul Raheem Musa, Parent Governor Representative  
George Ogbonna, Parent Governor Representative

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

**Eleanor Kelly**

Chief Executive

Date: 25 August 2015



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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 interests and dispensations in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.

#### **4. MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the open section of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

#### **5. RIGHT TO BUY FOR HOUSING ASSOCIATION TENANTS**

The Committee to hear from Lord Kerslake.

#### **6. CABINET MEMBER INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR IAN WINGFIELD - DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT AND CULTURE INTERVIEW**

- Promoting enforcement of minimum wage
- General update on apprenticeships
- General questions across the cabinet member's portfolio

#### **7. COUNCIL RENTS FOR VOLUNTARY AND BUSINESS PREMISES**

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| 8. | <b>SITE FOR LOCATION OF NEW CANADA WATER LEISURE CENTRE -<br/>CALL-IN</b> |  |
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**DISCUSSION OF ANY OTHER OPEN ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE  
START OF THE MEETING.**

**PART B - CLOSED BUSINESS**

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

Date:25.08.2015



## Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 15 June 2015 at 7.00 pm at

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Gavin Edwards (Chair)  
 Councillor Rosie Shimell  
 Councillor Anood Al-Samerai  
 Councillor Jasmine Ali  
 Councillor Maisie Anderson  
 Councillor Catherine Dale  
 Councillor Paul Fleming  
 Councillor Tom Flynn  
 Councillor Rebecca Lury  
 Councillor Hamish McCallum  
 Councillor Johnson Situ

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Stephanie Cryan

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Stephen Douglass - Head of Community Engagement  
 Norman Coombe - Head of Corporate Team  
 Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny

### 1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Martin Brecknell, co-opted member of the committee

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

There were none

### 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

#### 4. MINUTES

The minutes of the committee's 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 meeting were approved

#### 5. VICE-CHAIRS FOR SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEES 2015/16

Sub-committee vice-chairs were appointed as follows:

Education & children's services: Cllr Lisa Rajan

Healthy communities: Cllr David Noakes

Housing & community safety: Cllr Ben Johnson

#### 6. NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE ENFORCEMENT

Cllr Edwards welcomed Andy Hull, Islington councillor, to the committee to talk about the role councils can play in raising awareness of the national minimum wage. He drew the committee's attention to a research report he had written for the Trust for London [Settle for nothing less](#) and to Newham Council's report [Pay By the Rules](#), which found that around 17% of Newham residents were earning less than the minimum wage

Andy Hull explained how the HMRC enforces the national minimum wage with a mix of reactive and proactive methods, and its power to impose fine and pursue prosecutions for non-compliance. Problematic areas included home care, apprenticeships, unpaid internships, and hotels.

The committee discussed the potential channels open to councils:

- Specifying payment of minimum wage in contracts
- Asking questions about payment of minimum wage alongside enforcement and regulatory activities
- Monitoring the list of companies named for non-compliance and drawing attention to any who are local

Councillors suggested that enforcement of the minimum wage might be more effectively managed if it were devolved to local government. London Councils could be asked to coordinate a letter from council leaders to the Business Secretary making this suggestion. There was also a suggestion about involving open data campaigners in the push for minimum wage enforcement

#### VIDEO - NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE ENFORCEMENT

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## **7. AGE FRIENDLY BOROUGH**

Councillor Cryan updated the committee on the different strands of the Age Friendly Borough project. Councillors discussed how the project can work creatively to reach isolated people and suggested that it should include provision for intergenerational work .

The committee agreed to ask Councillor Vicky Mills to attend a future meeting in order to discuss how this work is being approached with young people.

### **VIDEO - AGE FRIENDLY BOROUGH**

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## **8. COUNCIL RENTS FOR VOLUNTARY AND BUSINESS PREMISES**

Rachel Clarkson and Truly Johnson from Community Action Southwark attended the committee to talk through their paper on premises issues for voluntary sector organisations

### **VIDEO - RENTS FOR COUNCIL PREMISES**

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## **9. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

The committee discussed the draft work programme and agreed to add some time for ongoing regeneration projects.

As a general approach, the chairs were keen to link up their work programmes and look for synergies, both between scrutiny committees and with Audit & Governance

The committee agreed to change the date of budget scrutiny to 2<sup>nd</sup> February

#### **VIDEO - SETTING THE WORK PROGRAMME**

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**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**

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