

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 20 October 2015 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G01B - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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 Johnson Situ
Martin Brecknell

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Adele Morris (Reserve)
Councillor Richard Livingstone

EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE Martin Brecknell, Church of England Diocese

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OFFICER SUPPORT: Norman Coombe - Head of Corporate Team
John Abbott – Head of Regeneration North
Tara Quinn – Sport and Leisure Services Manager
Gerri Scott – Strategic Director of Housing and Modernisation
Manpreet Mahal (external auditor)
Shelley Burke – Head of Overview & Scrutiny
Fitzroy Williams – Scrutiny Project Assistant

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lisa Rajan

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

There were none

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Dale declared that she is an employee of Guys and St Thomas NHS Trust

4. MINUTES

5. COUNCILLOR MARK WILLIAMS - CANADA WATER LEISURE CENTRE - REPORT BACK

Councillor Mark Williams (cabinet member for Regeneration and New Homes), Jon Abbott (head of regeneration north) and Tara Quinn (Sport and Leisure Services Manager) came back to Overview & Scrutiny Committee with the draft consultation presentation, having taken account of the comments and recommendations made at the call-in meeting

The committee agreed to make the following further recommendations to the cabinet member:

- Noting that the most plausible option within the town centre site is the total development of the current Seven Islands leisure centre, the consultation should include a full range of options including the impact on residents of both construction and ongoing provision as to the impact of such a total redevelopment
- That throughout the consultation document, diagrams are better explained and pro's are listed as well as cons
- That the consultation document should more clearly state the reasons why plot 1 is no longer appropriate when it was considered to be the most appropriate site in 2013
- the consultation should give as much information as possible on all plausible options in an even handed way
- the cabinet members ensure that existing allocated funding for the maintenance of Seven Islands leisure centre is spent appropriately in order to ensure that the facility is kept up to an acceptable standard
- that particular effort is made to get feedback from elderly and disabled residents as part of this consultation
- that in order to assure affected residents regarding the consultation on the

proposed new site, the cabinet member should give a public commitment to listen to the consultation.

VIDEO - CANADA WATER LEISURE CENTRE REPORT BACK

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsDkQP6TxM&index=2&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hn82IVZxXm8mgEiNjiGJlf

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e880wUBIDmc&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hn82IVZxXm8mgEiNjiGJlf&index=3

6. COUNCILLOR RICHARD LIVINGSTONE

Councillor Richard Livingstone (cabinet member for housing) and Gerri Scott (Strategic Director of Housing and Modernisation) attended the committee to discuss the housing association right to buy scheme and the pressures it creates for Southwark Council.

VIDEO - HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS RIGHT TO BUY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SesEpKl4_qU&index=4&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hn82IVZxXm8mgEiNjiGJlf

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcFOQRG5p_M&index=5&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hn82IVZxXm8mgEiNjiGJlf

7. PERSONALISATION AND PERSONAL BUDGETS REPORT

The report from Healthy Communities Scrutiny Sub-Committee was agreed subject to an additional recommendation to be supplied by Cllr Dale

VIDEO - PERSONALISATION AND PERSONAL BUDGET REPORT

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoY7eOHWRqE&index=6&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hn82IVZxXm8mgEiNjiGJlf

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HII4OeuQCfl&index=7&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hn82IVZxXm8mgEiNjiGJlf

8. ESTABLISHING A JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The committee agreed to the recommendations as set out in the report

VIDEO - ESTABLISHING A JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZi5KOslFs&index=8&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hn82IVZxXm8mgEiNjiGJlf

9. COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES RENT

Manpreet Mahal (external auditor) attended the committee to discuss the scope and process for the review of rents for council commercial premises. A sample of premises had been selected and would be studied in depth. The audit would not make policy recommendations but would assess whether existing policy is being consistently applied. The report would be provided to OSC and would then enable the committee to complete its review and make any recommendations to cabinet.

VIDEO - COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES RENT

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Meeting ended at 10.45 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: