

## Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 9 November 2020 at 6.30 pm (Online virtual meeting).

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair)  
Councillor Victor Chamberlain (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Humaira Ali  
Councillor Peter Babudu  
Councillor Victor Chamberlain  
Councillor Gavin Edwards  
Councillor Sarah King  
Councillor Jason Ochere  
Councillor Victoria Olisa  
Councillor Jane Salmon  
Councillor Leanne Werner  
Martin Brecknell (Co-opted member)

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Kieron Williams, Leader of the Council

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Debbi Gooch, Head of Litigation, Legal Services  
Everton Roberts, Head of Overview and Scrutiny (Acting)

### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

Those Members listed as present were confirmed as the voting members for the meeting.

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

There were no additional late items. The chair informed the committee that the Minutes were contained on Supplemental Agendas No. 1 and 2.

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

### **4. MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meetings held on 7 May, 12 May, 2 June, 22 July and 15 October 2020 be approved as correct records.

### **5. INTERVIEW WITH THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The committee heard from Councillor Kieron Williams, Leader of the Council in respect of the challenges and ambitions for the coming years.

The Leader answered questions of cabinet members and agreed to come back to members of the committee on the following:

- CO2 cost of Tube extension work (vs tram/light rail option).
- Divestment from fossil fuel companies – percentage of pension fund currently invested in Fossil fuel industry.

### **6. REFRESH OF THE COUNCIL PLAN 2018 - 2022**

Councillor Kieron Williams, Leader of the Council gave the committee an overview of the refresh of the Council Plan.

The Leader of the council answered questions of the committee.

The committee made a request for a commitment to include tackling Cladding issue to the list of issues the council will lobby government on and practical steps to help leaseholders in the borough. Councillor Williams indicated that he was committed to working with residents to address this and to do national campaigning and agreed to take the matter away, to have a fuller conversation with cabinet member and officers about what specific things the council could do most helpfully going forward, along with everything they have already been doing to date.

The Leader agreed to report back to the committee on the following:

- Council Housing – commitment in 2018 to deliver 1000 homes at London Living Rent by 2022 – not included in current version of the council plan - The Leader agreed to come back with figures on delivery of these homes.
- Health Inequalities – Covid-19 impact on council staff (particularly BAME) - Workforce Monitoring in terms of Health – the Leader agreed to establish what the council does in terms of monitoring health of staff.

**7. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2019 - 2020 (COUNCIL PLAN 2018 - 2022)  
[CABINET REPORT]**

Councillor Kieron Williams, Leader of the Council introduced the report.

The Leader answered questions of the committee and agreed to report back to committee members on the following:

- Length of stay in temporary accommodation – higher target than what is being delivered against. The Leader agreed to clarify meaning of this target and come back to members.

**RESOLVED:**

That the committee receive a report at the next meeting (12 January 2021) to consider its role in the performance challenge process and mechanism for performance monitoring in relation to the delivery of the refreshed council plan.

**8. SCRUTINY REVIEW - REGENERATION (COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES)**

The overview and scrutiny committee received evidence from the following community representatives in respect of regeneration in the borough, based on past and current experience and also their thoughts on how regeneration should be shaped for the future.

- Jeremy Leach, Walworth Society
- Amir Eden, Living Bankside
- Jerry Flynn, 35% campaign
- Barbara Pattinson, SE5 Forum

**RESOLVED:**

That additional groups and stakeholders be invited to future meetings.

**9. WORK PROGRAMME 2020-21**

**RESOLVED:**

That the work programme as at 9 November 2020 be noted.

The meeting ended at 10.03 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**