

## Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 7.00 pm at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair) Councillor Victor Chamberlain (Vice-Chair) Councillor Humaira Ali Councillor Peter Babudu Councillor Jack Buck Councillor Gavin Edwards Councillor Sarah King Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall Councillor Margy Newens Councillor Sandra Rhule (Reserve) Martin Brecknell Marcin Jagodzinski
<b>OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Democracy
<b>OFFICER SUPPORT:</b>	Norman Coombe, Head of Corporate Team, Legal Services Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall, Councillor Victoria Olisa and Councillor Leanne Werner.

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

There were no additional late items. The chair informed the meeting that Supplemental Agenda No. 1 contained the report on Technology and Digital Services – Digital Inclusion, item 7 of the agenda.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

**4. MINUTES**

It was reported that the outstanding minutes would be submitted to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2021 be approved.

**5. POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2022-23 [INITIAL BUDGET SCRUTINY]**

The committee received a presentation from Councillor Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Democracy and Duncan Whitfield on the financial remit 2022/23 outlining information relating to:

- The 2020-21 outturn position
- National and local factors
- Financial remit as at June 2021
- Outcome of the spending review
- Anticipated budget gap
- Funding assumptions for 2022-23
- Commitments and growth
- Provisional local government finance settlement
- Estimated 2022-23 budget
- Budget setting timetable

The committee asked questions of the cabinet member and strategic director following the presentation.

**6. ANNUAL WORKFORCE REPORT 2020-21 AND WORKFORCE EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ACTION PLAN**

The committee heard from Councillor Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Democracy and Melanie Medley, Director of Employee Experience on the annual workforce report 2020-21.

Committee members asked questions of the cabinet member and director following the brief overview of the workforce report.

**7. TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL INCLUSION STRATEGY 2022-2025**

Councillor Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Democracy gave a brief presentation on the technology and digital service, digital inclusion report that was due to be considered by Cabinet on 18 January 2022. The committee also heard from Richard Selley, Director of Customer Experience.

Follow the presentation, the committee asked questions of the cabinet member and director.

**8. CABINET MEMBER INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ROSE, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, PARKS AND SPORT**

This item was deferred as the cabinet member for transport, parks and sport was unwell and therefore not able to attend.

**9. CABINET MEMBER INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR RADHA BURGESS, DEPUTY CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN AIR AND ACTIVE TRAVEL**

This item was deferred to enable the deputy cabinet member interview to be undertaken at the same time as the interview with the cabinet member for transport, parks and sport as the portfolio is closely linked.

**10. WORK PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED:**

That the work programme as at 12 January 2022 be noted.

The meeting ended at 9.27 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**