

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 1 March 2023 at 7.00 pm at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair)
Councillor Suzanne Abachor
Councillor Rachel Bentley (Reserve)
Councillor Victor Chamberlain
Councillor Ellie Cumbo
Councillor Jon Hartley
Councillor Laura Johnson
Councillor Sunny Lambe
Councillor Margy Newens
Councillor Jason Ochere
Councillor Leo Pollak
Martin Brecknell (Co-opted Member)
Marcin Jagodzinski (Co-opted Member)

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Darren Merrill, Cabinet Member for Council Homes and Homelessness
Councillor Emily Tester

OFFICER SUPPORT: Debbi Gooch, Head of Litigation, Legal Services
Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Irina von Wiese, and apologies for lateness were received from Marcin Jagodzinski.

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

The chair gave notice of the following late report. Item 6 – Work Programme.

The chair also notified the meeting of correspondence received from Extinction Rebellion Southwark Lobbying Group in respect of Item 5, Scrutiny Call-in, Abbeyfield Estate – A Way Forward.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Rachel Bentley declared to the meeting that Abbeyfield Estate, Item 5 on the agenda was situated in the Ward she represents (North Bermondsey Ward).

4. MINUTES

It was reported that the Minutes of the meetings held on 5 December 2022 and 11 January 2023, were still to be finalised.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023 be approved as a correct record.
2. That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2023 be approved as a correct record subject to accuracy of the minutes in respect of Item 5, decision 4, and a request for the recording of a vote in connection with a motion relating to waste charges. The Head of Scrutiny informed the meeting that he would review this aspect of the meeting and amend the minutes as appropriate.

5. SCRUTINY CALL-IN: ABBEYFIELD ESTATE - A WAY FORWARD

The committee heard from the requesters of the call-in, the cabinet member for Council Homes and Homelessness, the Head of Regeneration North, the Head of Building Control, and appointed architects. The committee also heard from Councillor Emily Tester in her capacity as local ward councillor.

The committee asked questions of the cabinet member and officers [further detail to be included].

RESOLVED:

That the matter not be referred back to cabinet, but a subsequent scrutiny review be undertaken. Scope of review to be confirmed.

6. WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED:

That the work programme as at 1 March 2023 be noted.

The meeting ended at 9.11pm

CHAIR:

DATED: