

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday 5 December 2022

7.00 pm

160 Tooley Street, SE1 2QH (Ground Floor West Area)

Membership

Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair)
Councillor Irina Von Wiese (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Suzanne Abachor
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)
Lynette Murphy-O'Dwyer (Co-opted Member)
Marcin Jagodzinski (Co-opted Member)
Mannah Kargbo (Co-opted Member)

Reserves

Councillor Rachel Bentley
Councillor Sam Dalton
Councillor Sam Foster
Councillor Esme Hicks
Councillor Emily Hickson
Councillor Sarah King
Councillor Richard Leeming
Councillor Graham Neale
Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Cleo Soanes

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Althea Loderick

Chief Executive

Date: 25 November 2022



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Order of Business

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	PART A - OPEN BUSINESS	
1.	APOLOGIES	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
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 meeting held on 12 October 2022 (to follow).	

5. COST OF LIVING CRISIS

To hear evidence from organisations/volunteer groups directly supporting residents in relation to the impact of the cost of living crisis. The committee will hear from:

- Steve Hedger, Albrighton Community Fridge (Foodbank)
- Sophie Wellings, Chief Executive, Link Age Southwark
- Ross Diamond, Chief Executive Officer, Age UK Lewisham and Southwark
- Chris Green, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice Southwark

To hear evidence in relation to the impact of the cost of living crisis on mental health and wellbeing. The committee will hear from:

- Chris Williamson, Head of Health and Wellbeing, Public Health
- NHS representative(s) - to be confirmed

To receive an update from the lead cabinet member for cost of living crisis, Councillor Stephanie Cryan, Cabinet Member for Communities, Equalities and Finance, and Dominic Cain, Director of Exchequer.

6. DIGITAL STRATEGY & CUSTOMER ACCESS

To receive an update on how the council is ensuring that council services are accessible to all residents, and what the council is doing to improve digital accessibility to all services, particularly the most vulnerable.

The committee will hear from:

- Councillor Stephanie Cryan, Cabinet Member for Communities, Equalities and Finance (Lead cabinet member)
- Dionne Lowndes, Chief Digital & Technology Officer

Note: The committee received a presentation on the Technology and Digital Inclusion Strategy 2022 – 2025 at its meeting held on 12 January 2022 (Item 10). Link to report <https://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=308&MId=7004&Ver=4>

**7. SUPPORT BEING PROVIDED TO SOUTHWARK
LGBTQ+COMMUNITIES**

To receive an update on what follow up there has been since the presentation of the Southwark LGBTQ+ Network report received by Overview and Scrutiny Committee in July 2020 (Item 5), and how the council is progressing LGBTQ+ equality in the borough.

The committee will hear from:

- Councillor Stephanie Cryan, Cabinet Member for Communities, Equalities and Finance (Lead cabinet member)
- Jessica Leech, Community Engagement Manager (General overview)
- Catherine Brownell, Programme Manager, Sustainable Growth (Regeneration/property perspective)

Note: Link to Southwark LGBTQ+ Network report <https://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=308&Mid=6727&Ver=4> (see item 5)

8. WORK PROGRAMME

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To note the work programme as at 5 December 2022.

**DISCUSSION OF ANY OTHER OPEN ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE
START OF THE MEETING.**

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