



Cabinet

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Cabinet held on Monday 7 July 2025 at 3.00 pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Kieron Williams (Chair)
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Evelyn Akoto
Councillor John Batteson
Councillor Stephanie Cryan
Councillor Helen Dennis
Councillor Natasha Ennin
Councillor Sarah King
Councillor James McAsh

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Portia Mwangangye.

COUNCILLOR KIERON WILLIAMS LAST CABINET MEETING AS LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Kieron Williams paid tribute to the achievements of the council, partners and community working alongside each other since becoming leader of the council during the pandemic, highlighting key successes during this time.

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

None.

3. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN A CLOSED MEETING, AND ANY REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

No representations were received.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no public questions.

7. DEPUTATION REQUESTS

There were no deputation requests.

8. GOOD LANDLORD PLAN - RESPONDING TO THE NEW SOCIAL HOUSING FRAMEWORK

RESOLVED:

1. That the council's good landlord plan which outlines Southwark's approach to becoming a good landlord for all tenants and leaseholders be approved. The plan sets out how we will deliver the key commitment to deliver decent homes for all, under our Southwark 2030 strategy.
2. That the progress made under the housing services improvement programme, following the C3 grade given by the Regulator of Social Housing, following their planned inspection of our housing services including improvement in tenant satisfaction measures for the second year of collecting this data be noted.
3. That it be noted how the good landlord plan will be communicated to our tenants and leaseholders and subsequently updating them on the progress made.

9. POLICY AND RESOURCES: FINANCIAL REMIT REPORT

RESOLVED:

That the following be noted:

- a. the updated medium term financial strategy (MTFS) to 2030
- b. the transformation savings
- c. the 2025-26 budget pressures
- d. the MTFS savings in 2025-26 and 2026-27 that are at risk (Appendix A of the report)
- e. the financial sustainability of the housing revenue account (HRA).

10. AFFORDABLE WORKSPACE STRATEGY

RESOLVED:

1. That the adoption of the affordable workspace strategy in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.
2. That the approval of any minor non-substantive amendments resulting from its meeting and a final review by officers on the affordable workspace strategy be delegated to the director of planning and growth in consultation with the cabinet member for climate emergency, jobs and business prior to final release.
3. That the establishment and allocation of the affordable workspace fund be approved.
4. That the principle that financial contributions received in lieu of the delivery of on-site affordable workspace (“payments in lieu”) secured through S106 agreements will be pooled in the affordable workspace fund be approved.
5. That it be noted that the expenditure of the pooled S106 contributions remains subject to planning committee approval in accordance with Part 3F of the council’s constitution.

11. GATEWAY 2: CONTRACT AWARD VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS SUPPORT SERVICE TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN'S SAFETY CENTRE

RESOLVED:

1. That the award of the new violence against women and girls (VAWG) support services contract to Bede House Association for an initial period of four years

starting 7 February 2026, the year one cost is £738,400 with the total cost for the initial 4-year period of £3,209,578 (index linked) be approved. The contract includes an option to extend a further two times for a period of four years and two years respectively, making a total maximum contract length of 10 years and a total estimated contract value of £8,407,584.

2. That it also be noted that if any further funding should become available for inclusion in the contract, approval will be sought by way of a gateway 3 report at the appropriate time, by delegated authority to the strategic director of environmental, sustainability, and leisure.

12. HOUSEHOLDER DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

RESOLVED:

1. That the householder development supplementary planning document (SPD) be agreed for adoption.
2. That the consultation report and supporting documentation be noted.

13. AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

RESOLVED:

1. That the affordable housing supplementary planning document (SPD) be agreed for adoption.
2. That the consultation report and supporting documentation be noted.

14. SECTION 106 AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

RESOLVED:

1. That the Section 106 (S106) and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) supplementary planning document (SPD) be agreed for adoption.
2. That the consultation report and supporting documentation be noted

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the access to information procedure rules of the Southwark Constitution.

The following is a summary of the decisions taken in the closed part of the meeting.

15. GATEWAY 2: CONTRACT AWARD VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS SUPPORT SERVICE TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN'S SAFETY CENTRE

The cabinet considered the closed information relating to this item. Please see item 11 for the decision.

The meeting ended at 4.25pm.

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, TUESDAY 15 JULY 2025.

THE ABOVE DECISIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE CABINET BE CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY, THEN THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION.