



Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 23 June 2025 at 6.30 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair)
Councillor Irina Von Wiese (Vice- Chair)
Councillor Suzanne Abachor
Councillor Esme Hicks
Councillor Laura Johnson
Councillor Richard Leeming
Councillor Jason Ochere
Councillor Martin Seaton

**OFFICER
SUPPORT:** Amit Alva, Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received by Councillor Cassandra Brown, Councillor Victor Chamberlain, Councillor Bethan Roberts and Martin Brecknell (Co-opted Member).

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

There were no items of business which the Chair deemed urgent.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings held on 20 January 2025, 21 January 2025, 12 February 2025, 7 May 2025 and 17 May 2025 were approved as a correct record.

5. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2025-26

The Chair asked a question on terms of reference for the scrutiny commissions. Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny explained to the commission that there is General terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its commissions. Individual scrutiny commissions do not have specific terms of reference. However, each of the four commissions have their remits specified with regards to Cabinet Member Portfolios.

The committee then discussed the Environment, Community Safety and Community Engagement Scrutiny Commission remits and covered the following points

- Playground provisions, play provisions for girls and other community groups
- Plan around streets – Zoning strategy (Community Engagement)
- Community Safety Plan and Review
- Refreshed Leisure Strategy
- Police Oversight Board

The Chair then discussed the Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission around the following themes

- Procurement Framework might be retained to OSC
- Send and School Leavers
- Commercial Leases
- Short Term Parking

The committee then discussed the remit of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission with regards to

- GP's and Clinics
- Early Cancer Diagnosis
- Travel for London (TfL) bus times for over 60s
- Nursing Homes

The committee then discussed the Housing Scrutiny Commission remit and covered the following

- Good Landlord Plan
- TMO and Lease

- Tenants and leaseholders
- Decent homes, district heating
- Homes delivery
- Fire Safety

The committee then discussed the Overview and Scrutiny Committee remit

- Budget Scrutiny
- Cost of Living
- Annual Workforce report
- Southwark Delivery Plan
- Council delivery programme
- Southwark 2030 goals
- Council's Transformation Agenda
- Cemeteries and crematorium services
- Community Review Panels- Regeneration Old Kent Road (Land Commission)
- Development of Social Purpose of Land Framework
- Canada Water
- Social Rent delivery
- Affordable housing – Housing delivery
- Rail Infrastructure – CIL investment
- Cost of Living - Universal Credit
- Community Infrastructure CIL- to clarify between Local CIL and Neighbourhood CIL
- Scrutiny call-in - Gateway 1 Housing Procurement- committee to discuss a scrutiny review in the future

The committee then prioritised OSC remit

- Budget Scrutiny
- Cost of Living
- Southwark Delivery Plan
- Southwark 2030 goals
- Council's Transformation Agenda

6. SCRUTINY IMPROVEMENT REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION - UPDATE JUNE 2025

The committee then heard from Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny on the Scrutiny Implementation Review and also introduced Vishal Seegolam, Assistant Director for Local Democracy, Registration and Elections

- Progress on recommendations
- Cabinet-Scrutiny Protocol
- Enhanced working agreements

- Bench Marking and Sharing practices (CFGs)
- Systematic approach for Community Engagement
- Scrutiny Feedback Website- Southwark Engage
- Scrutiny Scoping Documents
- Task and Finish Groups

The committee then discussed the following topics

- Southwark Engage criteria, process and filtering
- Task and Finish Group – No recourse to public funds- 3 Labour 1 Liberal Democrats
- Scrutiny Resources

Meeting ended at 7:35 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: