

Environment, Community Safety and Engagement Scrutiny Commission

Wednesday 15 October 2025

7.00 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G02B - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

Membership

Councillor Esme Hicks (Chair)
Councillor Graham Neale (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Sabina Emmanuel
Councillor Hamish McCallum
Councillor David Parton
Councillor Leo Pollak

Reserves

Councillor Rachel Bentley
Councillor Sunil Chopra
Councillor Esme Dobson
Councillor Youcef Hassaine
Councillor Adam Hood
Councillor Darren Merrill
Councillor Reginald Popoola

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Althea Loderick

Chief Executive

Date: 7 October 2025



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Order of Business

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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	The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2025 are enclosed; to be agreed as an accurate record.	1 - 8
5. MAKE SPACE FOR GIRLS	Make Space For Girls have provided the enclosed report as evidence to support the Play-spaces review. Nadine Peters, Trustee, and Imogen Clark, Associate, will present.	9 - 27

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6.	LONDON PLAY	
	Fiona Sutherland from London Play will attend to provide evidence for the Play-spaces review.	
	More information on their work can be found here: https://londonplay.org.uk/	
7.	INTERVIEW: CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, PARKS & YOUNG PEOPLE	
	The commission will interview Cllr Portia Mwangangye, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Parks & Young People, on the following aspects of her portfolio:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure centres - management of the councils' leisure centres, swimming pools and gyms • Sport - management of the council's multi-sport, athletics, football, tennis and cycling facilities; supporting and promoting grassroots sports; and the council's relationship with local sports clubs • Libraries - council's libraries, heritage and archives service • Parks and Play - parks, green spaces, adventure play, playgrounds, including on the council's estates • Biodiversity and trees - tree planting and maintenance; increasing biodiversity and nature • Gardening - community gardening, food-growing and allotments, including on the councils' estates 	
8.	STREETS FOR PEOPLE - ZONING CONSULTATION	
9.	SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORT: EXPLORING THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPACTS OF ACTIVE TRAVEL AND ACCESS TO NATURE	28 - 60
	The final report, completed by last year's Environment Scrutiny Commission, is enclosed to note.	
10.	WORK PROGRAMME	61 - 71

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EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following motion should be moved, seconded and approved if the sub-committee wishes to exclude the press and public to deal with reports revealing exempt information:

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1-7, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.”