

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 23 January 2023 at 11.00 am at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT:

- 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)
- Marcin Jagodzinski (Co-opted Member)

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Councillor Evelyn Akoto, Health and Wellbeing
- Councillor Jasmine Ali, Children, Young People, Education and Refugees
- Councillor Stephanie Cryan, Communities, Equalities and Finance
- Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle, Community Safety
- Councillor James McAsh, Climate Emergency and Sustainable Development
- Councillor Darren Merrill, Council Homes and Homelessness
- Councillor Catherine Rose, Leisure, Parks, Streets and Clean Air
- Councillor Martin Seaton, Jobs, Business and Town Centres
- Councillor Kieron Williams, Leader of the Council

OFFICER Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny
SUPPORT: Allan Wells, Specialist Governance Lawyer

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

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

There were no additional late items. The chair informed the meeting that Supplemental Agenda No.1 contained budget contextual information and Supplemental Agenda No.2 contained the cumulative equality analysis.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. CABINET CONSULTATION WITH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-24

The committee received an overview of the proposed Policy and Resources Strategy 2023-24 from Councillor Kieron Williams, Leader of the Council and Councillor Stephanie Cryan, Cabinet Member for Communities, Equalities and Finance. The committee also heard from Duncan Whitfield, Strategic Director of Finance and Governance.

The committee then received presentations from cabinet members on their respective budget portfolio areas. The cabinet members and chief/senior officers in attendance answered questions of the committee members.

The meeting ended following the question and answer session, with the committee due to meet the following day to consider the information received, and whether there were any recommendations the committee felt should be made to Cabinet on the 2023-24 budget proposals.

5. POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2023-24 TO 2025-26 UPDATE

This report was circulated with the agenda for information.

6. POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY INITIAL CUMULATIVE EQUALITY ANALYSIS 2023-2024

This document was circulated with the agenda for information.

The meeting ended at 5.25 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: