

Item No:	Classification OPEN	Date: 26 November 2013	Meeting Name: Education, Children's Services & Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Report Title:		Preparing for the scrutiny interview	
Ward(s) or Group affected:		All	
From:		Scrutiny project manager	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Councillor Veronica Ward's annual interview with the Education, Children's Services & Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee scrutiny sub committee is scheduled for 26 November 2013.
2. Councillor Veronica Ward is the Cabinet Member for culture, leisure, sport, and volunteering and the interview will be on all aspects of the cabinet lead's portfolio responsibilities , which are to:

To promote and develop sport and culture in the borough, including leisure services and facilities, sports development, arts, museums and heritage, and libraries. The portfolio holder works closely with the cabinet member for health, adult social care and equalities (with regard to public health and healthy lifestyles).

The portfolio holder has particular responsibility for:

- performance of the council's leisure contractor
- leisure investment
- events
- the Olympic legacy
- libraries
- working with organisations in the borough's thriving culture, leisure and sporting communities
- volunteering
- Developing networks of community volunteer champions.

THE THEMES

3. Members of the committee have chosen six themes to structure the interview around:

A Events:

- I. Can the Cabinet Member tell us how much funding will be allocated to the Black History Month (BHM) for 2014?
- II. Will there be proper Opening and Closing events for next year's BHM including better publicity?

B Leisure:

- I. Fusion - Can the cabinet member tell us how many faith groups have been granted permission to use Fusion facilities for baptism this year?
- II. Fusion - Can the cabinet member tell us if Southwark Council will seek concession fees for their residents in Southwark?
- III. How much has the Council invested this year into Fusion?

C Proposed use of Seven Islands Leisure Centre as a police base for Rotherhithe and Surrey Docks.

D Proposed Camberwell Library / Libraries:

- I. Can the cabinet member explain in detail why the site chosen in Camberwell is the only appropriate site to build the new library and when the work will be starting?
- II. What is the cost of running the libraries in Camberwell now, and how much will the council be saving once the new library is built?
- III. Is the Council proposing to plant new trees as part of the library new development?

E Olympic legacy

F Peckham Pulse

Can the cabinet member provide an update on scheduled improvements to Peckham Pulse with a timeline.