



SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE B

MINUTES of the meeting of SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE B held on July 1st
2009 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Richard Thomas (Chair)
Councillor Tayo Situ (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Columba Blango
Councillor Jenny Jones
Councillor David Hubber

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Debbie Gooch – Lawyer
Sally Masson – Scrutiny Project Manager

ALSO PRESENT:

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS AS URGENT

There were none.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th March 2009 were agreed as a true and accurate record

ITEM 1: BUS SERVICES IN SOUTHWARK REPORT

RESOLVED

- 1.1 The Committee agreed the report with the added recommendation that Southwark continue to press TFL to fund the cross river tram and the Bakerloo Line extension.
- 1.2 Councillor Hubber agreed to present the report to OSC.

ITEM 2: **WORK PROGRAMME**

2.1 The sub-committee agreed the following work topics:

- Food Strategy
- More Powers for Community Councils
- Climate Chaos
- Southwark's Decluttering Programme

2.2 **Food Strategy - Scoping**

2.3 Members agreed that they wanted to see what has been done so far by way of a food strategy. The committee felt that affordable, healthy food should be available to all, including the poorer communities within the borough. Often, access to healthy food can be difficult with fresh fruit and vegetable shops located some way away from the homes of poorer families who may find themselves having to pay extra to travel to shops that sell healthier alternatives.

2.4 The committee wanted to look at:

- Allotments
- Market Gardens
- Planning local and independent food shops
- Fair Trade Food

Also to be investigated:

- Production
- Supply
- Meals on Wheels/School Meals (providing GM free food)
- Putting Local Food First
- Seasonal Production
- Organic produce
- Reduction of CO2 Emissions
- Planting Fruit Trees
- Environment/Housing and Planning

2.5 Kensington and Chelsea have set up allotments and reclaimed waste ground. Members wondered if Southwark could do something similar.

2.6 The committee also wanted to know about land swaps and how they may work in Southwark.

2.7 Ultimately the investigation should focus on what Southwark's Food Strategy should look like.

RESOLVED:

2.8 The committee to take evidence from:

- Lambeth Bee Keepers
- Tescos/Morrisons/Somerfield (what is their food policy)
- Farm People (Surrey Docs and Woolworth Gardens)
- Rosie Boycott (invite to committee)

2.9 Committee to look at:

- The current Southwark food strategy and how this may tie in with
- The London Food Strategy
- Southwark's own motion

2.10 The committee to undertake a site visit.

The meeting closed at 7:35pm