

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

HELD AT 7.05 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2009

**M71, 7TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT,
LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Sirajul Islam (Chair)
Councillor Alexander Heslop
Councillor Ann Jackson
Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor A A Sardar
Councillor David Snowdon

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Ohid Ahmed – (Lead Member, Resources and Performance)
Councillor Abdal Ullah – (Lead Member, Cleaner, Safer, Greener)

Co-opted Members Present:

Mr Ahbab Miah – Parent Governor Representative
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Guests Present:

Mr John Biggs – (Metropolitan Police Authority – Link Member)
Mr Paul Rickett – (Borough Commander – Metropolitan Police)

Officers Present:

Lutfur Ali – (Assistant Chief Executive)
Michael Keating – (Service Head, Scrutiny & Equalities)
Afazul Hoque – (Acting Scrutiny Policy Manager, Scrutiny & Equalities, Chief Executive's)
David Galpin – (Head of Legal Services (Community))
Andy Bamber – (Service Head, Community Service)
Robin Beattie – (Acting Head, Strategy & Resources Communities, Localities and Culture)
Jamie Blake – (Service Head of Public Realm)
Stephanie Ford – (Interim Performance Manager, Strategy & Performance, Chief Executive's)
Kate Taylor – (Communications Officer)
Keiko Okawa – (Intern, Equalities & Scrutiny, Chief Executive's)
Angus Taylor – (Scrutiny and Regulatory Team Leader, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)

COUNCILLOR S. ISLAM (CHAIR) IN THE CHAIR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor T. Archer, Scrutiny Lead – Healthy Communities, for whom Councillor D. Snowdon was deputising.
- Councillor S. Eaton.
- Councillor B. Turner, Scrutiny Lead – Excellent Public Services
- Mr H. Mueen Uddin Muslim Community Representative
- Mr S Halsey, Corporate Director Communities, Localities and Culture, for whom Mr R. Beattie, Acting Service Head Strategy and Resources, Communities, Localities and Culture, was deputising.

Councillor O. Ahmed gave apologies for having to leave the meeting early in order to attend another meeting.

Noted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D. Jones declared a personal interest on the basis that she was:

- A member of the governing body of Tower Hamlets National Health Service Primary Care Trust.
- A representative of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Homes.
- A member of the governing body at Mulberry Secondary School.

Councillor A. Heslop declared a personal interest on the basis that he was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Homes.

Noted.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The Chair **Moved** and it was: -

Resolved

That the unrestricted minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1st September 2009 be approved and signed by the Chair, as a correct record of the proceedings.

4. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS

The Chair advised that the Assistant Chief Executive had received no requests to present a petition in respect of the business contained in the agenda.

5. REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATIONS

The chair advised that the Assistant Chief Executive had received no requests for a deputation in respect of the business contained in the agenda.

6. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

The Chair advised that no requests had been received by the Assistant Chief Executive to “call in” for further consideration, by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, any provisional decisions taken by the Cabinet, at its meeting held on 2nd September 2009.

7. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT

The Chair welcomed Mr John Biggs, Metropolitan Police Authority Link Member, to the meeting, commenting that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee now had responsibility for scrutinising the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, and Mr Biggs could add a regional perspective to this work. The Chair considered it both important and good practice to explore how the working relationship between the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, the Metropolitan Police Authority and the Police Community Consultative Group could be improved. In particular he saw a key role for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in facilitating a regular “Community Question Time”.

The Chair also welcomed Mr Paul Rickett, Borough Commander (Metropolitan Police), to the meeting.

Councillor Abdal Ullah, Lead Member Cleaner, Safer, Greener, then gave a presentation on the key issues, successes and challenges arising from his portfolio; and Officers from the Communities, Localities and Culture Directorate supplemented this with aspects of detail. The presentation focused on the following points:

Safer

- **Community Safety**
 - Reduced crime Tower Hamlets over 5 successive years.
 - Recent praise from the Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority/ Deputy Mayor (Mr Monkhouse) for the exemplary performance of Tower Hamlets in relation to crime reduction.
 - Successful introduction of Tower Hamlets Environmental Officers (THEOs).
 - A Reducing Reoffending Programme recognised nationally for its best practice and given a Beacon Award.
 - Successful introduction of 8 new drug outreach workers.
 - Continuation of the “Dealer a Day” initiative with its significant impact on drug dealing, with 440 arrests to date.
- **Road Safety**
 - 100 percent coverage of schools with School Travel Plans.
 - Road safety schemes and introduction of more reduced vehicle speed zones targeted at accident hotspots.
 - New higher visibility vehicle activated speed signs to raise driver awareness of speed.
- **Transport**
 - Partnership working to improve the Docklands Light Railway to a 3 car service.
 - Introduction of a bus service linking the Isle of Dogs to Chrisp Street Market free of charge for the elderly.
 - Residents could now renew their permits at any Council One Stop Shop improving access to the service.
 - Late night enforcement of parking regulations had been increased to deal with problem areas. CCTV surveillance for parking violations had also commenced in Brick Lane in late 2008. It was noted this had been suspended pending a review of the parking enforcement function.
 - The importance of recognising the parameters of the Council’s responsibilities and residents taking up issues with the appropriate Registered Social Landlords such as Poplar HARCA regarding streets and spaces managed by them.
- **Trading Standards & Environmental Health**
 - Successful and pending enforcement action/ prosecutions and premises closures undertaken relating to illegal trading, food safety, health and safety. A successful food safety event at the Royal Mint also with healthy options being examined by local restaurants was highlighted.
 - Council initiative to tackle illegal cabs and touting.

Cleaner

- Fantastic work to remove graffiti, with an additional £175, 000 invested in two extra graffiti teams (doubling the total, with 3 teams working in

the day and 1 at night). The challenge in this area was acknowledged however with reference to “an explosion” of graffiti in the west of the Borough primarily due to the promotion of “graffiti days” by certain private initiatives.

- Investment in the cleansing of Brick Lane with a daily enforcement sweep to address fly tipping and supplement the four collections now programmed during the day.
- Partnership working with Transport for London to improve the cleanliness of the A13 to improve perceptions of this gateway to the borough
- Annual Residents Survey had shown a significant improvement in perception of street cleaning since 2007/8, and was now above the London average.
- Improved partnership/ joined up working focussed on meeting inspection targets driven forward by the Public Realm Sub Group of the Great Place to Live Community Plan Delivery Group within the Local Strategic Partnership.
- A Public Realm Strategy promoting joined up working, with particular elements to address fly posting and fly tipping including closer linkage enforcement and surveillance.

Greener

- Recycling
 - Recycling was now more comprehensive and the cumulative recycling rate much improved as a result of an acceleration programme. The target for 2007/8 of 19 percent had been exceeded the direction of travel was one of continued improvement, and in July 2009 a recycling rate of 24 percent was recorded. The achievement was one to be proud of. Contributory factors included the success of the “Mr Robot” campaign in the local Community and the contribution of partners such as Tower Hamlets Homes and the Poplar HARCA.
 - The food waste recycling service had been successfully rolled out in September 2008 to a 19,000 of high and low rise properties and a further roll out to 3000 properties would take place in October 2009.
 - School food waste recycling had been introduced and now covered all secondary schools; this had contributed to the improvement in the aggregate recycling rate.
 - Recycling from street cleansing collections had been successfully introduced for example at Whitechapel Market.
 - The “We Can Recycle More” campaign was to receive an industry wide award.

- Parks / Open Spaces
 - The extensive parks improvement programme already in place with 26 parks with £4.5 million being invested over two years.
 - The successful development/ improvement of outdoor play spaces and adventure playgrounds with £3 million of funding, through the Path Playfinder Programme.
 - Continued development of the Victoria Park Masterplan with consultation underway to inform the bid for Heritage Lottery Funding. Approximately £10m would be invested over the next 3 years. This “Jewel in the Crown” would need more extensive advertisement.
 - Six parks retained their Green Flag status in 2009 and the Borough retained its Silver award for the London in Bloom competition

Crime

Mr Paul Rickett, Borough Commander, informed the Committee that Tower Hamlets was seeing a 6th successive year in crime reduction including violence, robbery, burglary. There had been a 26 percent reduction in serious crime in Tower Hamlets when measured against the same period the previous year. This contrasted with the general trend across London, for example a 10 percent rise in burglaries in the rest of London with a 10 percent reduction in Tower Hamlets. However there had been some small rises in the level of some offences for example youth offending, but this was primarily due to re-categorisation offences. The direction of travel in Tower Hamlets was good and it was one of two London Boroughs meeting or exceeding its targets for crime. However reductions in crime were not of the same scale as the previous year, for example a 30 per cent reduction in burglary last year; and it was anticipated that the current level of reduction might be eroded by the impact of the recession on individual financial wellbeing and the acknowledged linkage of this to rises in crime.

Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committee then posed a series of detailed questions to which the Lead Member Cleaner Safer Greener, Council Officers and the Borough Commander responded. The question and answer session was centred on the following points:

- Perceived inequity in parking regulations across the Borough and in particular Banglatown counterbalanced with public support for parking control in response to consultation.
- The acceptability of graffiti tolerant zones with particular reference to St Andrews Wharf on the Isle of Dogs. Also the timescales for bringing forward the Public Realm Strategy, which would include a graffiti policy.
- The gap between the perception of crime by residents and the statistics showing an ongoing reduction in crime. In particular a strand of discussion on a significant resident perception of a drug dealing problem, initiatives to address this, and the positive outcome for crime rates of this.

- The importance of both multi-agency working and replication of good practice to tackle crime. The Crime Reduction Partnership was seen as a strong driver for joined up working and confidence building in this context, and scrutiny by the local authority was also seen as a positive contribution to this effort.
- The importance of both a single point of contact to report crime and Anti Social Behaviour and in response “joint tasking”: jointly planned deployment of resources from all agencies charged with tackling this. The operational aspects of joint tasking: deployment of council services, Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers, Uniformed Police. Implementation of ASB hotline highlighted and associated data capture/ analysis. Highlighted
- The aspiration of the police to move to a local neighbourhood management model: identification of concerns locally and deployment of resources accordingly. How this had model had been seen to work elsewhere. The importance of correctly prioritising issues/ offences, and working to address these to the benefit of residents for example low level ASB if tackled quickly paid dividends. It was noted that discussions with Tower Hamlets Homes were underway with a view to raising the priority level of ASB.
- The challenges as seen by the Lead Member:
 - Drugs – tackling dealing hence the investment of additional resources and actioning the “prevent” agenda.
 - Underage drinking seen at the hotspot of St Georges Churchyard and resulting ASB including confrontation related to faith.
 - Dangerous Dogs as a weapon – being addressed through scrutiny.
 - Prevention of youth reoffending – initiatives underway and scrutiny examining this.
- The challenge anticipated by the Borough Commander of unprecedented and severe resource constraints in the public sector and the impact of this on police resourcing and front line service delivery. Also whether there was an adequate mechanism within the local strategic partnership to discuss this and how the differing priorities of the partners could be met. How well the Borough was placed to meet this challenge.
- Clarification/ assurance in relation to recent incidents of homophobic crime and their impact on community cohesion due in part to a perception that this was less of a priority for the police than other crimes. The need in this context to improve street lighting and implement move obvious uniformed policing up to 11pm and

consideration that police targets should be adjusted to match the Council's priorities.

- How partnership working could be improved to expeditiously address transport and environmental issues such as pollution and noise etc.
- Clarification/ assurance in relation to the good work undertaken by the in house waste education team, and the inclusion in a report to Cabinet of a delegation to officers to vary the Council's waste contract with its contractor Viola to include this function.
- Clarification/ assurance regarding concerns raised by residents about Viola's Palestinian connections/ contracts. Lead Member to provide Councillor Heslop with the Council's communication rebuttals in this matter.
- Current Communities, Localities and Culture Directorate performance, and that of its contractors, in respect of Workforce to Reflect the Community.
- Council performance in relation to detritus targets and also food waste recycling, the latter given perception that recycling containers provided by the Council were used for other purposes.
- Clarification/ assurance regarding enforcement action undertaken to mitigate illegal taxi ranks.
- Details of the deployment in Local Area Partnership Areas of the 17 additional police officers funded by the Authority. Mr Biggs, MPA Link Member emphasised the importance of complimentary services given the increasingly stretched resources of the MPA.
- Mechanisms and criteria for deployment in relation to joint tasking, in particular tapping local intelligence through consultation with LAP chairs.
- Progress made in engaging people (and in particular employees) out and about as the eyes and ears of the Council for example reporting rubbish dumping.

The Chair thanked Councillor Abdal Ullah for his presentation and also thanked Mr Paul Rickett Borough Commander (Metropolitan Police) and Mr John Biggs, Metropolitan Police Authority Link Member, for their contributions.

8. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

8.1 Tower Hamlets Index - June to July 2009

Ms Stephanie Ford, Interim Performance Manager, at the request of the Chair, in introducing the report, summarised the salient points contained therein.

A discussion followed which was centred on the following points:

- Consideration that the units of measure for data relating to some of the performance indicators required additional clarity. Indicators particularly referenced included:
 - RES058 Strategic 110 – ‘Average waiting time for calls to Hot Lines to be answered’
 - LAA Local 213 – ‘The number of households who considered themselves as homeless, who approached the local authority’s housing advice services and for whom housing advice casework intervention resolved their situation’

Ms Ford undertook to provide a written response to Councillor Snowdon and to address the point in the next report to the Committee.

- Clarification was sought and given as to why some targets for July were identical for the annual 2009/10 target whilst others were different. Further clarification to be provided in writing.
- With reference to CE 046a RES 046 Strategic 105 ‘Number of working days/ shifts lost to sickness absence per employee’, consideration that whilst a narrative explanation for the rise in sickness had been detailed, there may be an underlying issue regarding sickness management and a comparative data regarding annual appraisals undertaken between 2008/9 and 2009/10 would be helpful in gauging this. Ms Ford undertook to provide a written response to Councillor Heslop.
- Clarification was sought with reference to Strategic 225 ‘Average time to re-let property (days) (ex BV212)’ as to whether an unchanged target for Tower Hamlets Homes was a typographical error. Ms Ford undertook to provide a written response to Councillor Heslop.
- With reference to LAANI 151 National 151 Strategic 111 ‘Overall Employment Rate (working age)’ clarification was sought regarding the numbers comprising the increase of 1 percent since the previous month in the Job Seekers Allowance claimant count yet the traffic light indicator remained green.
- With reference to LAANI 117 National 117 Strategic 308 ‘16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)’ consideration that whilst the detailed narrative explanation was welcome, a sense of numbers would also be helpful in relation to this important target.
- With reference to CE 001a Strategic 106 ‘Response time to Members enquiries - % completed within 10 working days – Corporate’ clarification was sought and given regarding the steps being taken with Registered Social Landlords to improve performance, referred to in the narrative. Further clarification to follow in writing.
- Consideration that data entered in month columns should relate to that month and not be the data entered in that month an 8 month timelag

was unacceptable ie July being the collection point for data relating to December. Ms Ford undertook to detail additional information in the next report to address this.

- Ms Ford was thanked for including a section in the report which responded to requests for clarification from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their previous meeting.

The Chair **Moved** the recommendation, as contained in the report, and it was

Resolved

That the performance against targets for June- July set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

9. VERBAL UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

Scrutiny review – Preventing Childhood Obesity

- Councillor David Snowdon, deputising for Councillor Archer, Scrutiny Lead – Healthy Communities, updated those present in relation to the Scrutiny Review ‘Preventing Childhood Obesity’:
- Two review meetings had been held since last update:
 - The first a fact finding session to understand the extent of childhood obesity in Tower Hamlets. The Working Group had been joined by NHS Tower Hamlets who advised that the focus of the review should be around increasing the availability of healthy options. Accordingly the review now had the aim “To promote healthy eating by increasing the availability of and access to healthy food choices and reducing the availability of and access to foods that are high in fat, sugar and salt”. The review also now had the key focus to develop appropriate recommendations to ensure the issue around prevention of an over-concentration of fast food outlets could be operationalised.
 - The second a session that evaluated the response of the Planning Department to childhood obesity, with consideration given to local planning policy, in particular the LDF Core Strategy which provides specific responses to childhood obesity, including: “Reduction of the over-concentration of uses that are negative to the health of local people”.
- The next review meeting in October would consider ways in which schools can encourage healthy eating through the food they provide.
- Councillor Heslop considered it might be useful if the review looked at the benefit of food cooperatives which the Tower Hamlets PCT had invested in for a number of years.
- The Chair considered it would be helpful to examine the linkage between child obesity and poor educational attainment
- The Chair also considered the engagement of Praxis would add value to any review/ recommendations particularly in the context of the

challenges faced by new communities to the borough in accessing services.

Noted

Scrutiny review – Strengthening Local Community Leadership

- Councillor Ann Jackson, Scrutiny Lead – One Tower Hamlets, updated those present in relation to the Scrutiny Review ‘Strengthening Local Community Leadership’:
 - The review would focus on developing and supporting local councillors in community leadership.
 - Her experience from the 2008/9 Child Poverty review was that capturing local level information to inform service development was a challenge for any community leader who wanted to make change. Another challenge was how changes needed to deliver better outcomes for residents increasingly required working across a range of organisations.
 - The review would examine how the arrangements in place to deliver better outcomes for residents could be strengthened, and also how to strengthen the role and powers of councillors, and scrutiny more generally, across the work that could be undertaken with partners.
 - Councillor Call for Action has been discussed for some time and a proposal had been developed for implementing this locally. The review was a useful opportunity for Members to test and shape how well this would work and how councillors could be meaningfully engaged in a less adversarial way.
 - The review would endeavour to engage residents, talking to them about their concerns and how solutions could be developed to these, addressing any barriers which limited the ability of residents to influence the Council, exploring how councillors could be supported to talk to and manage residents concerns and would look at how neighbourhoods worked and community cohesion.
 - The first meeting of the review group would be in late October.

Noted

Scrutiny review – The Private Rented Sector

- Councillor Alex Heslop, Scrutiny Lead – A Great Place to Live, updated those present in relation to the Scrutiny Review ‘The Private Rented Sector’:
- Two review meetings had been held to date:
 - The first session looked at current Council policies in relation to the private rented sector and heard from the Lead Member Housing

- and Development and Council Officers from Housing and Environmental Health.
- The recent second session looked at the concerns of tenants residing in private rented sector accommodation, and presentations were delivered by the National Homelessness charity Crisis as well as Officers from the Councils Housing Advice and Environmental Health Enforcement Teams.
 - The planned third session would look at student accommodation, the merits of provision on specialist sites versus dispersed accommodation borough-wide and in particular it would consider concerns regarding disreputable lettings agencies. It would hear from The National Landlords Association, Queen Mary College, medical students of the London Hospital and the Councils current Landlords Forum.

Noted

Scrutiny review – Youth Offending – Supporting Our Most Vulnerable Young People

Councillor Denise Jones, Scrutiny Lead – Safe and Supportive, updated those present in relation to the Scrutiny Review ‘Youth Offending – Supporting Our Most Vulnerable Young People’:

The key aim of the review would be is to consider the effectiveness of the partnership arrangements in place for preventing youth offending. In forming a view the review would be informed by the examination of the reasons why young people offend and re-offend, identified through seeking/ listening to their own views and experiences. Also through listening to young people about what preventative measures might work future support for them might be further developed.

A number of discussion sessions were planned with small groups of young people to make them feel comfortable in speaking. Also one to one interviews with young people in age ranges 10 to 14 and 14 to 16 years old. The Young Mayor had agreed to be involved in the facilitation of these sessions.

Parents and families had a key role to play and a visit to the Pupil Referral Unit was planned to speak with parents who have children who were at risk of re-offending to explore how they could be better supported.

A visit to a young offenders institute at Henley was also planned to examine the facilities and programmes to support young people; hearing from staff and also speaking to young people there, some of whom will be from Tower Hamlets. It was hoped to achieve a better understanding of the outcomes for young people who entered the youth justice system and the message that might be conveyed to other young people about this.

The first meeting of the Working Group would be in November and another would take place in February.

Noted

Scrutiny review – Reducing Worklessness Amongst Young Adults 18 - 24

- Councillor Abdul Aziz Sardar, Scrutiny Lead – A Prosperous Community, updated those present in relation to the Scrutiny Review ‘Reducing Worklessness Amongst Young Adults 18 – 24’:
- Two review meetings had been held to date:
 - The first session looked at the national and regional context and the issues that exist in reducing worklessness, and heard from representatives from the London Development Agency, Learning and Skills Council and Host Boroughs Unit.
 - The second session looked at what the Council was currently doing to reduce worklessness within the borough and presentations were heard from Council Officers from Human Resources, the Partnership, Skillsmatch and Job Centre Plus.
- Future planned sessions included a joint meeting with the Diversity Working Group looking particularly at equalities and worklessness and also one in the Community with Third Sector Organisations to look at their role in tackling worklessness. The review was keen to hear from local residents and practitioners who worked in the community and accordingly had co-opted three local people to the working group.

Noted

10. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

The Chair informed members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that a sheet of pre-decision questions/ comments in respect of the unrestricted business contained in the agenda for consideration by the Cabinet, at their meeting to be held on 7th October 2009, had been **Tabled**, a copy of which would be interleaved with the minutes.

The Chair **Moved** and it was **Resolved**:-

That the following pre-decision questions be submitted to Cabinet for consideration:

Agenda Item 6.1 - The Leisure Facilities Strategy(CAB 050/090)

1. A key recommendation from the ‘Scrutiny Review on Young Peoples Participation in Sports Leading Up to the Olympics’ undertaken in 2007 was to review the pricing policy of leisure services. Can the Cabinet

outline how this has been considered in the development of this strategy and in particular the development of any new leisure facility?

2. Can the Cabinet provide a breakdown of the figures provided in paragraph 5.4.2 and also explain how this was worked out?
3. To what extent has this strategy considered access to the Olympic Aquatic Centre in increasing the supply of leisure facilities and can the Cabinet update us where we are with the legacy use of this facility for Tower Hamlets residents?

Agenda Item 6.2 - An Overcrowding Reduction Strategy for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (200912) (CAB 051/090)

1. Is it legally possible for someone receiving cash incentive scheme grant to purchase a shared ownership property and if not, can this be investigated as this may increase the number of people taking advantage of the scheme?
2. The strategy does not address the issue of car free developments. Many overcrowded families do not bid for large family housing due to the property being designated within a car free zone and the fact that they will lose the benefit of having a resident parking permit. As a possible solution could Cabinet agree as part of this strategy that existing tenants transferring into car free zone developments retain and enjoy the usage of their existing resident parking permit?
3. The strategy does not make reference to mutual exchanges. A good management of mutual exchange system could contribute towards reducing overcrowding. Will the Cabinet consider developing a higher profile mutual exchange system?

Agenda Item 7.2 Bishops Square Amended Programme – adoption of capital estimates (CAB 055/090)

1. Regarding the new proposal for a capital estimate of £0.60m for the Chicksand Ghat Playspaces and the revised estimate of £1.850m for the Banglatown Culture Trail, which projects have been replaced or deleted from the original programme of works agreed by Strategic Development Committee on 10 May 2007 on Bishops Square?
2. Did any of the projects rely on the section 106 financial contribution as matched funding and are any of those projects now unable to go ahead. If this is the case how will local people and third sector organisations in Tower Hamlets be affected?

3. Can the Cabinet provide the full list of proposals for the revised budget and are there any third sector organisations that will benefit from the revised scheme?

Agenda Item 9.1 Improving Health and Wellbeing Strategy: a Strategy for Primary and Community Care Services (CAB 056/090)

- 1 Recently the Care Quality Commission raised concern with quality of service provided by Out of Hour GP's. Can you outline how this will be addressed by this strategy?
- 2 There seems to be a lack of joined up thinking and synergy between this strategy and agenda item 6.1 (Leisure Facilities Strategy). There are no references to each other in either report when both strategies are aimed at improving health and wellbeing of local residents. Can the Cabinet outline how they will develop links between both these strategies?
- 3 Can the Cabinet undertake a feasibility study to ascertain the benefits and practicalities of accommodating primary and community care services within any future leisure centre developments?

11. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

The Chair advised that there were no business to be considered under this section of the agenda.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair **Moved** and it was: -

Resolved:

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contained information defined as exempt or confidential in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government, Act 1972.

SUMMARY OF EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

13. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES - TO FOLLOW

Minutes of Cabinet meeting held on 28th July 2009 **Tabled** and agreed.

14. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

Nil items

15. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL CABINET PAPERS

Nil items.

16. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Sirajul Islam
Overview & Scrutiny Committee