

<b>Committee:</b>  <b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>1 September 2009</b>	<b>Classification:</b>  <b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Report No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>  <b>6.2</b>
<b>Report of:</b> <b>Assistant Chief Executive</b>  <b>Originating Officer(s):</b> <b>Amanda Thompson</b> <b>Team Leader, Democratic Services</b>			<b>Title:</b> <b>Cabinet Decision Called-in:</b> Adoption of Street and Building Naming and Numbering Policy  <b>Wards: All</b>	

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The attached report of the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal was considered by the Cabinet on 29 July 2009 and has been "Called In" by Councillors Tim Archer, Phil Briscoe, Rupert Eckhardt, Peter Golds, and Shirley Houghton for further consideration. This is in accordance with the provisions of Part Four of the Council's Constitution.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the contents of the attached report, review the Cabinet's provisional decisions arising and decide whether to accept them or refer the matter back to Cabinet with proposals, together with reasons.

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### Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

### List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report

Brief description of "background paper"

**Cabinet report - 29 July 2009**

Name and telephone number of holder  
and address where open to inspection

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### **3. THE CABINET'S PROVISIONAL DECISION**

**3.1** The Cabinet after considering the attached report provisionally agreed:-

1. That the policy and guidelines detailed in Appendices A and B to the report (CAB 021/090), be approved;
2. That regulations be made under Section 9 of the London Building Acts (Amendment) Act, 1939, as shown in Appendix C to the report (CAB 021/090), in relation to the setting up of street nameplates;
3. That regulations be made under Section 12 of the London Building Acts (Amendment) Act, 1939, as shown in Appendix D to the report (CAB 021/090), in relation to the marking of names and numbers on buildings; and
4. That the Corporate Director Development and Renewal be authorised to vary the guidelines as referred to in the introduction to Appendix B to the report (CAB 021/090) and also to modify the application of Regulations in Appendices C and D.

### **4. REASONS FOR THE 'CALL IN'**

**4.1** The Call-in requisition signed by the five Councillors listed above gives the following reasons for the Call-in:

'The guidelines refer to regulations that originate from the London Building (Amendment) Act 1939.

Since passage of this act there has been substantial redevelopment across the whole of the Borough, which has seen many streets and buildings renamed.

This has been undertaken within the spirit of the Act and has incorporated many traditional names associated with all parts of the Borough, and used historic and established naming and numbering procedures.

The proposals agreed by Cabinet are restrictive and go against long established naming and numbering procedures, for example, the proposed regulations would prevent the Town Hall from being in Clove Crescent.'

### **5. ALTERNATIVE COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED:**

**5.1** The Councillors submitting the Call-in requisition have proposed the following alternative course of action:

'That Cabinet re-examine the restrictions and numbering processes, and use the common sense in naming and numbering which has prevailed since 1939.'

## **6. CONSIDERATION OF THE “CALL IN”**

**6.1** The following procedure is to be followed for consideration of the “Call In”:

- (a) Presentation of the “Call In” by one of the “Call In” Members followed by questions.
- (b) Response from the Lead Member/officers followed by questions.
- (c) General debate followed by decision.

**N.B. – In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Protocols and Guidance adopted by the Committee at its meeting on 5 June, 2007, any Member(s) who presents the “Call In” is not eligible to participate in the general debate.**

**6.2** It is open to the Committee to either resolve to take no action which would have the effect of endorsing the original Cabinet decisions, or the Committee could refer the matter back to the Cabinet for further consideration setting out the nature of its concerns and possibly recommending an alternative course of action.