

**Performance and Finance Scrutiny Sub-Committee
6 January 2015**

Item 3(a)

Minutes of Meeting held on 9 October 2014

At its meeting on 27 November 2014, the Sub-Committee resolved to defer consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2014 to the next meeting. This was due to discussion on minute 15 with regard to the second paragraph of bullet point 2 on homelessness and B&B accommodation. An amendment to that paragraph is suggested as follows:

‘The Portfolio Holder for Housing stated that homelessness was an ongoing area of challenge. B&B accommodation in London was costly and it could cost between £12k-£16K to keep a family in B&B accommodation. Whilst the ideal number in B&B accommodation was zero, it was difficult to predict a timescale for the achievement of this aim. The Council had placed some families out of borough, however moving families into accommodation outside the borough or outside London was a far from ideal solution. The Council was looking to increase its stock of temporary housing and other London boroughs faced similar problems. London Councils had a pan-London initiative whereby the daily rates for B&B accommodation were capped.’

The published minutes of the meeting on 9 October are attached.