

Report for: Housing, Planning & Development Scrutiny Panel – 27 June 2023

Title: Terms of Reference and Membership

Report

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1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 This report sets out the terms of reference and membership for Overview and Scrutiny and its panels for 2023/24.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Panel is asked to:

(a) Note the terms of reference (Appendix A) and Protocol (Appendix B) for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its Panels.

(b) Note the Non-Voting Member protocol (Appendix C).

(c) Note the policy areas/remits and membership for each Scrutiny Panel for 2023/24 (Appendix D).

3. Reasons for decision

3.1 The terms of reference and membership of the scrutiny panels above need to be noted at the first meeting of each municipal year.

4. Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.1 As agreed by Council on 23 May, the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2022/23 (OSC) is: Cllr White (Chair); Cllr Pippa Connor (Vice-Chair); Cllr Michelle Simmons-Safo, Cllr Alexandra Worrell and Cllr Makbule Gunes. The membership of the Committee also includes the statutory education representatives, who have voting rights solely on education matters.

4.2 The terms of reference and role of the OSC and its Panels are set out in Part Two (Article 6), Part Three (Section B) and Part Four (Section G) of the Council's Constitution. Together, these specify key responsibilities for the Committee. This information is provided in full at Appendix A.

4.4 There is also a Protocol, outside the Constitution and provided at Appendix B, that sets out how the OSC is to operate.

5. Scrutiny Panels

5.1 Article 6 of the Constitution states the OSC shall appoint Scrutiny Panels in order to discharge the Overview and Scrutiny role.

5.2 The specific functions for any Scrutiny Panels established is outlined in Article 6 of the Constitution at 6.3 (b) and 6.3 (c). The procedure by which this operates is detailed in the Scrutiny Protocol:

- The OSC shall establish four standing Scrutiny Panels, to examine designated public services.
- The OSC shall determine the terms of reference for each Scrutiny Panel.
- If there is any overlap between the business of the Panels, it is the responsibility of the OSC to resolve the issue.
- Areas which are not covered by the four standing Scrutiny Panels shall be the responsibility of the main OSC.
- The Chair of each Scrutiny Panel shall be a member of the OSC, as determined by the OSC at its first meeting.
- It is intended that each Scrutiny Panel shall be comprised of between 3 and 7 backbench or opposition members, and be politically proportionate as far as possible.
- Each Scrutiny Panel shall be entitled to appoint up to three non-voting co-optees. The Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel membership will include the statutory education representatives of OSC.

5.3 The 2023/24 membership for the four Scrutiny Panels is listed below.

Scrutiny Panel	Membership
Adults and Health	Cllr Pippa Connor (Chair), Cllr Cathy Brennan; Cllr Thayahlan Iyngkaran; Cllr Mary Mason; Cllr Sean O'Donovan; Cllr Felicia Opoku; Cllr Sheila Peacock.
Children and Young People	Cllr Makbule Gunes (Chair), Cllr Anna Abela; Cllr Gina Adamou; Cllr Mark Blake; Cllr Lotte Collett; Cllr Marsha Isilar-Gosling; Cllr Sue Jameson.
Climate, Community Wellbeing and Culture	Cllr Michelle Simmons-Safo (Chair); Cllr Gina Adamou; Cllr Charles Adje; Cllr Eldridge Culverwell; Cllr Isidoros Diakides; Cllr George Dunstall; Cllr Marsha Isilar-Gosling.
Housing, Planning & Development.	Cllr Alexandra Worrell (Chair); Cllr Dawn Barnes; Cllr John Bevan; Cllr Mark Blake; Cllr Holly Harrison-Mullane; Cllr Tammy Hymas; Cllr Khaled Moyeed.

5.4 The policy areas to be covered by the four existing Scrutiny Panels have been updated. This information, together with the relevant Portfolio holders for each scrutiny body, is attached at Appendix D.

6. Contribution to strategic outcomes

6.1 The contribution scrutiny can make to strategic outcomes will be considered as part of its routine work.

7. Statutory Officers Comments

Finance and Procurement

7.1 The Haringey representatives on the JHOSC are not entitled to any remuneration. As a result, there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report. Should any of the work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny generate recommendations with financial implications then these will be highlighted at that time.

Legal

7.2 Under Section 21 (6) of the Local Government Act 2000, an Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to appoint one or more sub-committee to discharge any of its functions. The establishment of Scrutiny Panels by the Committee falls within this power and is in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

7.3 Scrutiny Panels are non-decision making bodies and the work programme and any subsequent reports and recommendations that each scrutiny panel produces must be approved by the OSC. Such reports can then be referred to Cabinet or Council under agreed protocols.

Equality

7.4 The Council has a public sector equality duty under the Equalities Act (2010) to have due regard to:

- Tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation;
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

7.5 The proposals outlined in this report relate to the membership and terms of reference for the OSC and carry no direct implications for the Council's general

equality duty. However, the Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them within its work programme and those of its panels, as well as individual pieces of work. This should include considering and clearly stating;

- How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share the nine protected characteristics;
- Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate;
- Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Haringey;
- Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people, are being realised.

7.6 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments are based on evidence. Wherever possible this should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

8. Use of Appendices

Appendix A Part Two (Article 6), Part Three (Section B), and Part Four (Section G) of the Constitution of the London Borough of Haringey.

Appendix B Scrutiny Protocol

Appendix C Non-Voting Member Protocol

Appendix D Overview & Scrutiny Remits and Membership 2023/24

9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A

