

Report for: Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel – 4th July 2021

Item number:

Title: Terms of Reference and Membership

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/
Non-Key Decision:** N/A

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 2021/22.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to:
- (a) Note the terms of reference (Appendix A) and protocols for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its Panels (Appendix B) and non-voting co-opted Members on Scrutiny Panels (Appendix C);
 - (a) Note the policy areas/remits and membership for each Scrutiny Panel for 2022/23 (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 2020/21 (OSC) is: Cllr Bevan (Chair); Cllr Pippa Connor (Vice-Chair); Cllr Makbule Gunes, Cllr Simmons-Safo and Cllr Matt White. The membership of the Committee also includes the statutory education representatives, who have voting rights 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 propionate 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 2022/23 membership for the four Scrutiny Panels is listed below.

Scrutiny Panel	Membership
Adults and Health	Cllrs Pippa Connor (Chair), Cathy Brennan, Yannis Gourtsoyannins, Thayahlan lyngkaran, Felicia Opoku and Cllr Sheila Peacock plus 1 vacancy
Children and Young People	Cllrs Mukbule Gunes (Chair), Cllr Anna Abela, Lester Buxton, Lotte Collett, Marsha Isilar-Gosling, Sue Jameson and Mary Mason plus the statutory education representatives of OSC
Environment and Community Safety	Cllr Michelle Simmons-Safo (Chair), Eldridge Culverwell, George Dunstall, Scott Emery, Tammy Hymas, Joy Wallace and Alex Worrall.
Housing and Regeneration	Cllrs Matt White (Chair), Charles Adje, Dawn Barnes, Mark Blake, Holly Harrison-Mullane, Tammy Hymas and 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 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 Protocol for non-voting co-opted Members on Scrutiny Panels
- Appendix D Overview & Scrutiny Remits and Membership 2021/22

9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985