

**Report for:** Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Title:** Appointment of new Member to the Adults & Health Scrutiny Panel

**Report authorised by:** Ayshe Simsek, Democratic Services & Scrutiny Manager

**Lead Officer:** Dominic O'Brien, Principal Scrutiny Officer

**Ward affected:** All

**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek formal approval of the appointment of a Member of the Adults & Health Scrutiny Panel for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Cllr Anna Abela be appointed as a Member of the Adults & Health Scrutiny Panel.

**3. Reasons for decision**

- 3.1 At the time of the previous meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 only six out of a maximum of seven elected Members were appointed to the Adults & Health Scrutiny Panel. Cllr Abela has since indicated her willingness to join the Panel. This requires the formal approval of the Committee.

**4. Alternative options considered**

- 4.1 The Committee could decide not to make any further appointments to the membership of the Scrutiny Panels.

**5. Background Information**

- 5.1 Within the current structure of scrutiny in Haringey, there is one overarching Overview and Scrutiny Committee and four advisory panels, these being:

- Adults and Health
- Children and Young People
- Environment and Community Safety
- Housing and Regeneration

- 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.

## **6. Statutory Officers Comments**

### **Legal**

- 6.1 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.

### **Equality**

- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 The Panel should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them within its work programme as well as individual pieces of work.

## **7. Use of Appendices**

- 7.1 **APPENDIX A** – Updated Scrutiny Membership & Remit list