

<b>NORTH CENTRAL LONDON JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>London Boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE</b> New Draft Terms of Reference for the Committee	
<b>REPORT OF</b> Committee Chair, North Central London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO</b>  NORTH CENTRAL LONDON JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	<b>DATE</b>  11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
<b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b>  This paper reports on the 2025/26 work programme of the North Central London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and also requests proposals for the reports for the next meeting.  <b>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</b>  No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.  <b>Contact Officer:</b> Dominic O’Brien Principal Scrutiny Officer, Haringey Council Tel: 020 8489 5896 E-mail: <a href="mailto:dominic.obrien@haringey.gov.uk">dominic.obrien@haringey.gov.uk</a>	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>  The North Central London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Consider the draft terms of reference, propose amendments if required, and approve a final version to be adopted by the Committee.</li> </ol>	

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 A new draft terms of reference for the North Central London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee is provided as **Appendix A**.
- 1.2 The Committee is asked to consider the draft terms of reference, propose amendments if required, and approve a final version. If any significant redrafting is requested, the Committee could choose to defer the item to a later date.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 Early in the 2024/25 municipal year, JHOSC Members noted that the existing terms of reference for the Committee were relatively brief and proposed that a new version should be written to better reflect its practices and procedures.
- 2.2 The Committee met in August 2024 to provide initial input and then again in September 2024 to discuss a first draft of the terms of reference. A second draft was produced shortly afterwards based on this feedback and there have been no significant amendments subsequent to this. This version is published as **Appendix A**. This document outlines the purpose and powers of the Committee, its relationship with the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committees (HOSCs), the membership of the Committee and the protocol for meetings.
- 2.3 The tabling of this draft was delayed due to ongoing discussions about the future resourcing of the scrutiny support for the Committee. While the venues for the meetings of the Committee rotate between the five Boroughs, the London Borough of Haringey currently provides the administrative support to the Committee and the Haringey Members proposed that the resourcing could be shared across Boroughs in future. However, with all Boroughs currently experiencing financial pressures, it has not proved possible to resolve this issue. Therefore, it is proposed that starting from the 2026/27 municipal year that the chairing of the meetings is done on an annual rotation basis. For example: year 1 Barnet, year 2 Camden, year 3 Enfield, year 4 Islington and year 5 Haringey.
- 2.4 The administrative support for each municipal year would need be provided by scrutiny officers in the Chair's respective borough as they will have the daily contact and working relationship with the Chair. To allow a smooth transition each year, they will take forward a handover of work with their counterpart colleague between April and June to allow continuity and effective progression of actions and responsibilities.

## **3. Appendices**

**Appendix A – Draft terms of reference for NCL JHOSC**