

REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 02/2025/26

FULL COUNCIL 16 March 2026

Chair: Councillor Matt White

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report arises from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings held on the 11th of March 2026 and Full Council to consider the following:
- 1.2 To agree the updated terms of reference for the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee set out at Appendix 3.
- 1.3 To note the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2025/26 set out at Appendix 4.

2. North London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) Amended Terms of Reference

- 2.1.1 We noted that the JHOSC had revised its terms of reference following member feedback in 2024, but final approval has been delayed due to unresolved issues around resourcing scrutiny support. It was noted that boroughs faced financial pressures and cannot all share the monetary cost of the Scrutiny Officer support, leading to proposals for rotating support annually among the 5 boroughs as set out in the attached report, though concerns remained about feasibility and timing. This proposed way forward was agreed by the JHOSC at their meeting on the 30th of January 2026.
- 2.1.2 We noted that the Terms of reference for the JHOSC require Overview and Scrutiny and Full Council approval at all five NCL boroughs (Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey, Islington) and the JHOSC meeting on the 30th of January agreed that the attached updated terms of reference be taken forward by all five NCL London Boroughs for approval.
- 2.1.3 The Haringey Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the attached terms of reference and agreed to recommend to Council that the amended terms of reference for the JHOSC be approved, to allow decision making on the resourcing of this Committee.
- 2.1.4 We did not agree the second recommendation (3.2) in the attached report as there were no plans to merge the JHOSCs in NCL and NWL and so, as far as they were concerned, the terms of reference were now finalised and there was no need to commit to a further review. We acknowledged that a future Committee could choose to review the Terms of reference.

3. WE RECOMMEND

- 3.1 Full Council APPROVE the amended terms of reference for the JHOSC at Appendix 3 to allow decision making on the resourcing of this Committee.

4. Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report

WE RECOMMEND

That Council Receive the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report at Appendix 4 in accordance with Council Standing Order requirements.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Overview and Scrutiny cover report

Appendix 2 JHOSC Cover report

Appendix 3 Updated Terms of reference for JHOSC

Appendix 4 Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report