

**MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, 10 APRIL 2014**

Councillors Councillors Bull (Chair), Winskill (Vice-Chair), Adamou, McNamara and Newton

Also Present: **Co-optees:** Evan Reid  
**Officers:** Elaine Redding (Assistant Director, Children & Families), Martin Bradford (Scrutiny), Melanie Ponomarenko (Scrutiny) and Felicity Parker (Clerk)

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
OSCO01.	<p><b>WEBCASTING</b></p> <p>Noted.</p>
OSCO02.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>None.</p>
OSCO03.	<p><b>URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>The Chair advised that there was an item of urgent business to be discussed – the Annual Report.</p>
OSCO04.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>None.</p>
OSCO05.	<p><b>DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS</b></p> <p>None.</p>
OSCO06.	<p><b>CHILDREN MISSING FROM HOME AND CARE - SCRUTINY REVIEW UPDATE</b></p> <p>Elaine Redding - Assistant Director, Children &amp; Families – introduced the report as set out.</p> <p>There were some remaining challenges, the main one being that there were still some placements 20 miles out of Haringey as there were not enough in-house foster carers.</p> <p>The service aims to recruit 30 new foster carers this year.</p> <p>New legislation means that children on remand were now considered to be ‘Looked After Children’ – this also had an impact on the Local Authority.</p>

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	<p>The following was provided in response to questions from the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With regards to placing children outside of the borough, work was being carried out to raise awareness and meet the diverse needs of Haringey.</li> <li>• Once a missing child had been found and brought back into the system, interviews were carried out to help understand the triggers and what could be done to support the child in the future.</li> <li>• All foster carers had a link social worker who was in place to help the carers.</li> </ul> <p><b>AGREED: An update on Troubled Families would be provided to the relevant Scrutiny Panel in 2014/15.</b></p> <p>The Chair thanked Elaine for attending.</p>
OSCO07.	<p><b>FINAL REPORT - UNDER OCCUPATION OF SOCIAL HOUSING (BEDROOM TAX)</b></p> <p>The Chair introduced the report and recommendations as set out.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to agree the recommendations and refer to Cabinet.</b></p>
OSCO08.	<p><b>FINAL REPORT - TWO YEAR OLD EARLY ENTITLEMENT</b></p> <p>Councillor Newton introduced the report and recommendations as set out. He informed the Committee that a number of the recommendations had already been taken on board by the Director of Children’s Services.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to agree the recommendations and refer to Cabinet.</b></p>
OSCO09.	<p><b>FINAL REPORT - MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SAFETY</b></p> <p>Councillor Winskill introduced the report and recommendations as set out.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to agree the recommendations and refer to Cabinet.</b></p>
OSCO10.	<p><b>FINAL REPORT - MENTAL HEALTH AND ACCOMMODATION</b></p> <p>Councillor Adamou introduced the report and recommendations as set out.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to agree the recommendations and refer to Cabinet.</b></p>
OSCO11.	<p><b>FINAL REPORT - MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH</b></p> <p>Councillor Adamou introduced the report and recommendations as set out.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to agree the recommendations and refer to Cabinet.</b></p>
OSCO12.	<p><b>FINAL REPORT - STRATEGIC ENFORCEMENT</b></p>

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	<p>Councillor McNamara introduced the report and recommendations as set out.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to agree the recommendations and refer to Cabinet.</b></p>
<b>OSCO13.</b>	<p><b>FINAL REPORT - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH PLANNING</b></p> <p>Councillor McNamara introduced the report and recommendations as set out.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to agree the recommendations and refer to Cabinet.</b></p>
<b>OSCO14.</b>	<p><b>SCRUTINY PANELS REPORT BACK</b></p> <p>NOTED the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meetings.</p>
<b>OSCO15.</b>	<p><b>REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST YEAR AND 2014/15 WORK PROGRAMME IDEAS</b></p> <p>Councillor Winskill made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The huge workload of the Panels over the past year, had been achieved with fewer Scrutiny Officers than before and noted that the high workload needed to be addressed.</li> <li>• Budget Scrutiny needed to be revisited to ensure that it added value to the budget setting process.</li> <li>• The value which OSC can add needed to be recognised more widely.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor McNamara requested that at the next meeting between OSC and Cabinet that the scrutiny model be looked at, with a comparison to other boroughs – how many panels, how many members etc.</p> <p>Members of the Committee placed their thanks on record to Martin Bradford, Rob Mack and Melanie Ponomarenko for their work over the past year.</p> <p><b>AGREED: Scrutiny Officers would revisit an earlier piece of work they had done on scrutiny models across London.</b></p>
<b>OSCO16.</b>	<p><b>FEEDBACK FROM CHAIRS OF AREA COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>OSCO17.</b>	<p><b>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Annual Report – it was suggested that each Scrutiny Panel Chair provide a short summary of the work of each Panel.</p>
<b>OSCO18.</b>	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2014 were approved as a</p>

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	<p>correct record.</p> <p>NOTED the minutes from the meeting with the Laurels held on 27 January 2014.</p> <p><b>AGREED: To revisit the Laurels in the new Municipal Year.</b></p>
<b>OSCO19.</b>	<p><b>FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>NOTED the dates of future meetings:</p> <p>Thursday 19 June 2014 Thursday 2 October 2014 Thursday 27 November 2014 Thursday 18 December 2014 (budget) Thursday 22 January 2015 Thursday 26 March 2015</p>
<b>OSCO20.</b>	<p><b>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ACTIONS REQUESTED</b></p> <p>Noted.</p>

COUNCILLOR GIDEON BULL  
Chair