



Overview & Scrutiny

Annual Report 2013/14

Foreword

The scrutiny committee and scrutiny panels completed a number of projects in 2013/14. This included work on access to appropriate accommodation for residents with mental health needs, two year old free early entitlement and community engagement with planning services. Such projects have produced many informed and practical recommendations which will assist in the improvement of local services for local residents.

Engagement and involvement of the community, together with consultation with other local stakeholders and other specialist contributors ensures that scrutiny has access to information to make evidence based recommendations. A brief assessment of participants within scrutiny this year demonstrated that, in addition to the participation of over 300 local residents, evidence was received from 40 council services, 35 local voluntary and community groups, 10 national organisations and four other Local Authorities which would appear to underline the range and depth of investigations that underpin scrutiny recommendations.

Scrutiny is of course dependent on such widespread participation and support and I would like to thank everyone that has taken part in scrutiny over the past year and contributed to its success. I hope you find the report interesting and I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Councillor Gideon Bull
Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2013/14



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Haringey Council

Scrutiny in Haringey

1. What is Scrutiny?

Under the Local Government Act 2000 local authorities are required to set up an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This committee is able to scrutinise the decisions or actions taken by the Council or partner organisations or indeed, assess any matter that affects people living in the borough.

In this context, the primary role of the Committee is to hold local decision makers to account and to help improve local services. The Committee has a number of distinct functions:

- To review and challenge decisions taken by the Council and its partners (e.g. NHS, police);
- To undertake investigations into services or policy areas which are of interest or concern to local people;
- To make evidence based recommendations to improve services provided by the Council and partner organisations.

Given these functions, Overview and Scrutiny plays an important role in local democracy through:

- Enhancing local accountability of services;
- Improving transparency of decision making;
- Enabling councillors to represent the views of local residents.

2. What is effective scrutiny?

Effective scrutiny is important to ensure that local services are held to account, are run efficiently and in the interests of local people. The Centre for Public Scrutiny

suggests that there are four principles for effective scrutiny, that it:

- Provides a '**critical friend**' challenge to policy and decision makers;
- Reflects the voice and concerns of the community;
- Is carried out by '**independent minded governors**' who lead and own the scrutiny process;
- Makes an **impact** on local service delivery in order to improve outcomes.

Overview & Scrutiny in Haringey aims to work within these principles to ensure that an effective scrutiny function is in operation for the local community.

3. The role of scrutiny in Haringey

Overview and Scrutiny in Haringey has three main aims:

Holding the Executive to account:

- Questioning the Leader and Cabinet Members in a positive and productive manner on issues within their portfolio;
- Supporting the 'Call-in' of a decision taken by Cabinet, Cabinet Member or an officer under delegated authority;
- Reviewing council performance and making suggestions for improvement;
- Scrutinising the activities of partner agencies.

Policy review and development:

- Reviewing policies and strategies developed by the Council or its partners;
- Commissioning in-depth projects to help improve local services or to assist policy development.

Consulting and involving local people:

- Examining and responding to referrals from Haringey Healthwatch;

- Operating Councillor Call for Action where members can refer matters that affect their local area;
- Consulting residents, community organisations and other local groups in the development of scrutiny work programmes and within individual projects;
- Facilitating attendance and participation at scrutiny meetings (all of which are open to the public).

4. The structure of scrutiny in Haringey

In Haringey there is one over-arching Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which is supported in its work by four standing scrutiny panels which scrutinise the following service areas:

- Adults and Health;
- Children and Young People;
- Communities;
- Environment & Housing.

Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Panels

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is made up of five councillors who are not members of the Cabinet (the decision making body of the Council). Membership of Overview & Scrutiny Committee is proportional to the overall political makeup of the Council.

Scrutiny panels are made up of between 3 and 7 councillors who are not members of the Cabinet. Scrutiny panels are chaired by members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and membership is politically proportional.

Both Overview & Scrutiny Committee and scrutiny panels oversee discrete policy areas and are responsible for scrutinising services or issues that fall within these portfolios.

A number scrutiny functions are discharged by both the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Panels which include:

- Questioning relevant Cabinet members on areas within their portfolio;
- Monitoring service performance and making suggestions for improvement;
- Assisting in the development of local policies and strategies (e.g. through local project work);
- Budget monitoring;
- Budget scrutiny (spending and saving proposals).

As the 'parent' committee, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is required to approve work programmes and to ratify reports and recommendations developed by scrutiny panels.

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee does however retain a number of distinct scrutiny functions not undertaken by panels which include:

Call-ins: where there is a challenge to decision taken by the Cabinet or individual Cabinet member or a key decision taken by an officer under delegated authority

Councillor call for action: where local councillors can refer matters of genuine and persistent concern which have not been possible to resolve through usual council processes.

A list of the scrutiny functions and service areas covered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Panels is detailed in Appendix A.

The work of Overview & Scrutiny in 2013/14

5. Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Councillors: Adamou, Bull (Chair),
McNamara, Newton and
Winskill

Co-Optees: Yvonne Denny, Mariatta Ezeji
and Evan Reid

Committee Chair Introduction

The Committee worked with senior officers and cabinet members to ensure a relevant and practical programme of scrutiny was developed for the Committee in 2013/14.

The Committee have made positive contributions within this varied and interesting work programme, most notably in its work with the 'bedroom tax'. The opportunity to engage and involve local social housing tenants was greatly valued by the Committee and has helped to develop robust recommendations that may assist tenants to respond to this welfare reform.

As well as overseeing the work of the four scrutiny panels, the Committee scrutinised the performance of the Council and led budget monitoring and budget scrutiny exercises.

The Committee also considered a range of one-off reports on various issues affecting the borough and received updates on previous project scrutiny work. These included:

- St Ann's Hospital site redevelopment;
- Civic Presence;
- Tottenham Regeneration;
- Budget monitoring;
- Performance monitoring;
- Treasury Management Strategy;

The Committee also received updates on previously completed projects including:

- Corporate parenting;
- Men's Health;
- Breast Screening;
- Children missing from home and care.

Cabinet Q&A

The corporate priorities for the year ahead were outlined to the Committee by the leader in the annual state of the borough address. Members were able to discuss and question the leader and Chief Executive on these priorities. Other areas discussed within the leaders portfolio area included:

- Northumberland Park redevelopment;
- Performance of the Council.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Housing and the Cabinet Member for Finance & Carbon Reduction also attended Committee to answer questions on their portfolio areas. Issues which were discussed at Cabinet Q&A sessions included:

- Tottenham Hale gyratory work;
- Hornsey Depot;
- Carbon agenda;
- Corporate property review;
- Youth Employment.

Call-in

There were three cabinet call-in's in during 2013/14:

- Procurement of a strategic partner for the Customer Service Transformation Project;
- Local Implementation Plan for Transport 2014/15;
- Haringey outdoor events policy.

Although no further action was taken on these Cabinet decisions, there was robust discussion within each session which resulted in a number of suggested recommendations being taken forward, including the establishment of a Community Forum for future events at Finsbury Park.

In addition, as a result of the call-in, a Special Committee was convened to

consider the Customer Services Transformation Business Case. Upon considering this, the Committee noted that the Council should ensure that

- No one was excluded in the move to more web-based services;
- More customer service operatives were able to make decisions at the front line.

Spare Room Subsidy ('bedroom tax')

For this in-depth piece of work, the Committee agreed to assess the impact of the Spare Room Subsidy (or 'bedroom tax'). The aim of this work was to:

- Identify how changes had impacted on local social housing tenants;
- Assess the effectiveness of the response of housing providers;
- Suggest priorities and actions for the Council to mitigate adverse impacts.

The Committee worked with local housing providers (Homes for Haringey and other Registered Housing Providers), national agencies (Chartered Institute of Housing, National Housing Federation) and local tenants to support this enquiry.

Key findings of the Committee noted that as a result of this welfare reform:

- 2,500 local tenants had their Housing Benefit cut, which resulted in personal and financial hardship for many local tenants;
- The cumulative annual Housing Benefit loss to local tenants was approximately £2.5 million;
- Housing providers noted a marked increase in rent arrears;
- An additional 1,000 one or two bedroom properties would be required to assist local tenants wanting to downsize.

The Committee concluded that downsizing was the most effective and, in the long term, sustainable approach to supporting tenants affected by the 'bedroom tax'. The committee made a number of recommendations to help overcome some

of the structural barriers to downsizing and to improve tenant mobility.

6.6. Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel

Councillors: Adamou (Chair), Bull, Erskine, Stennett and Winskill.
Co-Optees: Helena Kania (Haringey Forum for Older People)

Panel Chair Introduction

The Panel undertook a wide range of work throughout 2013/14 ensuring that it focused on issues of local importance and where it could assist in making improvements.

The Panel ensured that it worked with, and involved a wide range of partners, stakeholders, service users, patients and their representatives and carers.

The Panel undertook two projects focusing on mental health.

Mental health and accommodation

The right housing is extremely important to ensuring mental health recovery. The Panel engaged with a range of stakeholders including BEH Mental Health Trust, Public Health, Housing Related Support, Haringey CCG and patients, carers and voluntary organisations to make recommendations that would help to ensure that mental health service users are able to access appropriate and good quality accommodation at the right time.

Recommendations from this work focused on a number of areas, including:

- Preventing Tenancy breakdown;
- Better processes for discharge from BEH MHT;
- Recovery Houses;
- Better communication and partnership working.

Mental and Physical Health

The Panel were concerned to note that nationally the life expectancy of those with mental ill health is almost 20 years lower

than the general population, and that this gap is largely as a result of conditions which can be modified through treatment and support (e.g. smoking and weight management).

The Panel we were pleased to hear of work being done to improve the physical health of mental health patients and service users in the borough. However, the panel noted that there were areas where closer links and partnership working across the sector would be beneficial. Recommendations were made in a number of areas, including:

- Increased awareness of the benefits of physical activity and the services available in the borough e.g. Health Trainers and Health Champions;
- Increased Primary Care presence in the acute sector;
- Better communication between GPs and BEH MHT;
- Role of Pharmacies.

The Panel also considered a range of one-off reports within its remit including:

- Health assessments of looked after children;
- Winterbourne View;
- Healthwatch Haringey;
- NHS 111;
- NHS health checks;
- Better Care Fund/integration;
- Pharmacies;
- Francis Report;
- Access to Primary Care.

Cabinet Q&A

The Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services, Cllr Vanier, attended the Panel twice to give an update of her portfolio area and to answer questions from the Panel. Issues covered included progress around integrating health and social care and budgetary challenges.

Councillors: Brabazon, Bull, Christophides, Engert and Newton (Chair).

Co-optees: Ms. Y. Denny (Church representative), Ms. M. Ezeji and Mr. E. Reid (parent governor representative).

Panel Chair Introduction

The Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel covers, amongst other things, safeguarding and education improvement, which are amongst the top priority areas for both residents and the Council.

We have endeavoured to react to topical concerns and the following were amongst the issues that were looked at during the year.

Two-Year-Old Early Entitlement

The Panel took a detailed look at plans to implement the two-year-old free early entitlement offer. It noted that there were currently insufficient places available within the borough to provide places for all of those children who are eligible for a free place that met the necessary quality threshold and that work was also required to increase take up.

The Panel made a number of recommendations for how these two issues could be addressed:

- Focussed work to increase the number of childminders participating;
- Promoting the scheme through health visitors.

Youth Offer

Development plans for the youth offer were looked at in-depth by the Panel. A clear vision of what the Council would like to offer had been agreed, which involved moving towards a more targeted approach and which aimed to provide a range of opportunities, including leisure, work and skills.

7. Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

The Panel heard a range of views from young people and staff. The need for high quality careers guidance for young people was highlighted and it was recommended that work be undertaken with schools to address this.

Haringey 54,000 Programme

The Panel considered the further development of the Haringey 54,000 project, which aims to change how social workers, health practitioners and other agencies currently work with children and families and to provide help at an earlier stage. Further clarification on how the contract and the work undertaken by the external provider responsible for implementing the project would be monitored and scrutinised was requested.

Haringey Families First (Troubled Families)

The Panel noted that the Families First programme was currently funded by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) but would reduce if outcomes were not achieved.

The panel noted that a whole family approach was likely to be the most successful and the service was trying to embed an early intervention approach. As part of this, work was being undertaken through the two-year-old early free entitlement scheme with Children's Centres and other providers. The Panel were of the view that, in order to engage families at an early stage, a focus on early years might be appropriate.

Safeguarding

The Panel noted that responsibility for scrutiny of safeguarding lay with the Panel. It agreed that, in order to assist it in undertaking its scrutiny role, the Chair of the Local Children's Safeguarding Board (LCSB) should be invited to meet with the Panel twice per year to report on relevant issues and answer questions.

Cabinet Q & A

The Cabinet Member for Children, Councillor Ann Waters, attended all the meetings of the Panel and took part in a Q & A at two meetings. Amongst the issues raised were;

- John Loughborough School;
- Haringey 6th Form Centre; and
- School Expansions.

In addition, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Carbon Reduction also attended a meeting of the Panel and answered a range of questions relating to services for youth, which are also within his portfolio including;

- The future development of the youth offer; and
- Youth offending services.

8. Communities Scrutiny panel

Councillors: Adje, Basu, Bull, Reid and Winskill (Chair)

Co-opted Members: Ms. G. Hawken (HAVCO), Mr. P. Njoku (Haringey Youth Council) and Mr I. Sygrave (Haringey Association of Neighbourhood Watches)

Panel Chair Introduction

The Panel covers community safety, which has consistently been a major issue of concern for local residents. It also has addressed how the Council engages with the community and culture and leisure issues, including local libraries.

As spending cuts continue to affect local government, it will be all the more important for Haringey to engage with local communities to help inform how money should be spent. We must ensure that area forums reflect the concerns of communities they represent. Outside agencies and providers of council commissioned services will not be immune from budget pressures and they too must

try and get closer to the communities they serve.

Community Safety and Mental Health

A detailed piece of work was undertaken on the impact that mental health has on the local criminal justice system. The Panel made a number of recommendations, including that a small percentage of the total spend on the criminal justice system is top sliced to provide resources to support prevention and early intervention work with people identified as having mental health issues and either already within the criminal justice system or likely to enter it.

Haringey Safer Communities Partnership - Performance Statistics and Priorities

The Police Borough Commander reported to the Panel on the latest crime statistics. Overall crime levels in the borough had dropped by 40% since 2002/3. Current crime levels had gone down more in Haringey in comparison with the London average and in Haringey's most similar group (MSG) of other local authorities.

The panel noted that whilst the gap between the perception of levels of crime and actual recorded levels had narrowed, public confidence in the Police within the Borough had dropped by 15%. The Panel felt that there was a need for further discussion about how under-reported crimes, such as rape, were dealt with in statistical returns. Higher reporting rates could be a sign of improved confidence in the Police and Courts despite the fact that they impacted adversely on performance statistics.

White Hart Lane Community Sports Centre - Leasing

The Panel considered plans by the Council to lease out White Hart Lane Community Sports Centre. It was noted that officers had worked closely with voluntary sector sports organisations and bodies including Tottenham Hotspur and Haringey Sports

Development and there was support amongst them for the proposals, which had the potential to bring investment into the borough and improve leisure facilities.

Use of Tasers

The Panel received a briefing on the use of tasers within the borough since the extension of their distribution to borough based officers. It heard that there had been 41 incidents where tasers had been deployed and 4 actual examples of tasing.

Panel Members received assurances from the Police that tasers could not be used indiscriminately and noted that there had been no complaints so far. The Panel recommended that future reporting of the use of tasers should be routinely included in the overall crime statistics for the borough and disseminated to a wide range of community bodies.

Libraries Review

The Panel considered work by the Council to develop further the borough's libraries. It noted that an earlier review had identified a number of gaps and these would be addressed. The panel noted that all libraries would remain. Further work would be informed by research with local stakeholders whose views would be canvassed via interviews and focus groups.

Members of library friends groups indicated that they were very pleased that work was being done, although this was the third review that had taken place in the last six years. Some libraries, including Hornsey and Marcus Garvey, did not have friends groups and the Cabinet Member agreed to take up the issue with the head of service.

Cabinet Questions:

The Cabinet Member for Communities attended all the meetings of the Panel and took part in Cabinet Q & A at two meetings. A number of issues were raised including;

- The future development of area forums/committees;
- The setting up of the borough's Safer Neighbourhood Board;
- Changes to Probation Services; and
- The promotion of cricket within the borough.

9. Environment and Housing Scrutiny Panel

Councillors: Alexander, Bloch, Bull, Brabazon, Gibson, McNamara (Chair), Stanton and Weber.

Panel Chair Introduction

The panel always seeks to consult and involve both local stakeholders and external agencies in its work as this helps to develop sound, evidence based recommendations. The panel has focused on two areas of work this year and has developed a range of recommendations, which if agreed, will assist the council in meeting some of its key objectives in relation to planning and enforcement.

I would like to thank members, officers, members of the public and representatives from other local authorities for supporting the work of the panel.

There were 7 dedicated meetings of the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Panel in 2013/14. At these meetings the panel scrutinised:

- Submissions for scrutiny project work (e.g. strategic enforcement and community engagement with planning);
- Updates from previous work (recycling from flats and strategic parking issues in Tottenham);
- One-off service reports (e.g. Environmental Champions, My Haringey Enforcement APP);
- Budget proposals for both environment and housing services for 2014/15 to 2016/17.

Cabinet Q & A

The portfolios of three Cabinet members are encompassed within the remit of the panel: Environment, Housing and Planning & Enforcement. All three Cabinet Members attended two scrutiny meetings and responded to panel questions within their portfolio.

Cabinet members responded to a wide range of questioning and a number of developments were agreed as a result, including that waste and recycling data would be regularly reported to the panel.

The panel completed two key projects in the year.

Community Engagement with Planning Services

The panel agreed to assist with the Development Management Improvement Programme by assessing whether residents and community groups have appropriate opportunities to engage in local planning processes.

To obtain local views, the panel conducted an on-line survey and held a dedicated community meeting at which over 30 local residents and community group representatives attended. In addition the panel also heard evidence from:

- Local planning officers (policy and development management)
- Planning Advisory Service;
- Planning Aid for London;
- Islington Council.

On analysis of this evidence, the panel made 23 recommendations including:

- The establishment of a capacity programme to improve community trust, skills, understanding;
- Implementation of new procedures to facilitate earlier engagement in planning consultations;
- Improved feedback arrangements to those who participate in planning consultations.

Strategic Enforcement

In a second project, the panel assessed the numerous enforcement services supported by the Council and its partners. The aim of this review was to identify opportunities in which enforcement functions could be discharged in a more coordinated and strategic manner.

As part of this work the panel:

- Conducted an audit of enforceable functions of both the Council and its partners;
- Held meetings with services with enforcement functions;
- Heard evidence from partners and other local authorities.

After assessing the evidence, the panel made a number of recommendations to support more coordinated enforcement. A key recommendation of the panel was to establish a core enforcement database to help the council:

- Prioritise and target enforcement action and use resources more effectively;
- Develop a proactive approach to enforcement;
- Deliver more coordinated and joined up enforcement action across the Council.

Housing Scrutiny

The panel considered a number of housing issues during the year, including the new Partnership Agreement between the Council and local housing associations. The panel noted the inclusion of new scrutiny arrangements for housing associations which were added as a result of a previous scrutiny in this area.

The Chair continued to meet with other local housing scrutiny leads (Homes for Haringey Performance Committee and Tenant Scrutiny Panel) to liaise on the development of future work programmes of each body and to ensure that housing scrutiny is co-ordinated across the borough.

Environmental community groups

A number of local environmental groups were invited to panel meetings during 2013/14 to promote awareness of the conservation work undertaken in parks and other local green spaces. Groups attending included:

- Groundwork;
- Trust Conservation Volunteers;
- Friends of Parks groups.

The panel noted the success of these groups in helping to maintain and improve local parks and in bringing back in to use otherwise neglected green spaces. The panel also sought to assess future challenges for local environmental work and identify what role the Council could play to further support the work of local groups.

10. North Central London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)

Haringey is a part of a joint health overview and scrutiny committee covering the boroughs of Barnet, Enfield, Camden, Haringey and Islington. Each borough has two representatives on the Committee. Haringey's representatives were Cllrs Gideon Bull (Chair) and David Winskill. The Committee was established to scrutinise health issues common to all of the five boroughs.

Amongst the issues discussed this year at the JHOSC were the following:

Proposed Acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals by Royal Free

The Committee has continued to monitor in detail the acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm hospitals by the Royal Free in order to ensure that any changes made are not detrimental to the interests of patients. It sought assurances that services would not be centralised as a result of the changes and noted the response of the trust that the only changes that were envisaged would be to the most specialised services. Most of

these had already been subject to change or were in the process of changing. The benefits of the acquisition would arise from the trust being better able to assist commissioners in achieving their objectives, economies of scale and better buying power. The Committee will be maintaining a watching brief on this issue.

Specialised Cancer and Cardiac Services Reconfiguration

Consideration was given to proposals by NHS England to reconfigure specialised cancer and cardiac services in north and east London. The JHOSC expressed its support for the proposals and, in particular, the development of integrated cancer systems across London, which aimed to improve outcomes and ensure equality. It noted that the majority of care would still be provided close to people's homes.

Moorfields Eye Hospital

Proposals to re-locate Moorfields Eye Hospital to the Kings Cross/St Pancras area from its current premises in City Road, Islington were looked at. The Committee noted that the new hospital would have a research, education and clinical care centre, which was aimed to facilitate the delivery of a better standard of care. It expressed its broad support for the move, subject to further engagement with patients and the public as the plans developed.

Accident and Emergency (A&E)

The performance of A&E services at the main hospitals in the area was examined in detail. It was noted that demand was generally still growing but trusts were nevertheless mostly meeting waiting time targets, although the winter period had been challenging. Many patients could still be better dealt with by primary care and health partners were continuing with their efforts to address this. There was no evidence that the introduction of the new 111 service had led to an increase in inappropriate attendances.

Francis Report

A seminar was arranged on the implications of the Francis report of health scrutiny. The Committee noted that the report had highlighted the key role that existed for health overview and scrutiny committees (HOSCs) in addressing the performance of NHS providers. A number of important issues were identified, including;

- The need to collaborate and share information with the Care Quality Commission and Healthwatch;
- The importance of the role of Non-Executive Directors (NEDs); and
- The need for guidance and support on how to access and interrogate performance data that is available effectively.

Funding for Mental Health Services

The Committee looked at funding for mental health services and noted that, despite major increases in the numbers of patients and the acuteness of their conditions, resources had diminished. Action is being taken by commissioners to address this and the Committee will continue to monitor this issue.

11. Budget scrutiny

Councillors: Adamou, Bull, McNamara, Newton and Winskill (Chair)

Co-Optees: Yvonne Denny, Mariatta Ezeji and Evan Reid.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and panels considered relevant areas of the Draft Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 14/15-16/17 within their respective remits.

All scrutiny bodies held a dedicated meeting to consider the Draft MTFP, asked questions of Cabinet Members and Senior Officers and developed draft recommendations. Draft recommendations were then agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and referred to Cabinet to be considered as part of the budget setting exercise.

A total of 8 recommendations and 4 observations/comments were made by Overview and Scrutiny to Cabinet for consideration during the budget setting process. Areas where recommendations were made to Cabinet included:

- That an increase in the hourly rate for providers of the two-year-old early entitlement to £6.00 per hour be approved;
- Consideration should be given to introducing interim payments to ensure that there are no delays in payments to social care users during the centralisation of the payments team;
- Feedback from adult social care service users on the impact of service changes as a result of savings should be ongoing;
- That the Cabinet Member lobby Public Health England and NHS England to ensure that public mental health becomes a prominent and individual area within the Public Health spend budget;
- Further increases in investment in public mental health were recommended, in line with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Outcome 3 over the coming years;
- Further work is done around integrating social care and health services;
- That renewed efforts are made to increase the amount of advertising income from the Haringey People publication focusing on local businesses.

have requested this from the Chair in advance.

People can get involved in Scrutiny by contributing oral or written evidence to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee or to a Scrutiny Panel by:

- Submitting questions to a Scrutiny meeting;
- Being invited to participate in a Scrutiny Review;
- Suggesting topics for which the Committee or Panel may wish to investigate;
- Becoming a co-optee on the Committee, Panel or review

You can get more information about how to get involved in scrutiny from the scrutiny pages on the Haringey website (haringey.gov.uk).

12. How to get involved in scrutiny?

It is important that Scrutiny is as an accessible and open process and as a consequence, all meetings of Overview and Scrutiny Committee are held in public. Meetings are also more flexible than other council committees in that everyone is welcome to attend and that you may be able to ask questions at the meeting if you

Appendix A – The function and service areas covered by scrutiny bodies (2013/14)

Scrutiny body	Scrutiny function	Policy areas covered
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cabinet Q & A ▪ Scrutiny work programme ▪ Ratifying reports of Panels ▪ Budget Scrutiny ▪ Borough wide/cross cutting topics ▪ Call-in ▪ Councillor Call for Action ▪ Updates on previous reviews ▪ Updates from scrutiny panels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Corporate services (IT, Legal, Property) ▪ Council Budget, Policy, Performance & Strategy ▪ Customer Services ▪ Local benefits and taxation ▪ Regeneration (e.g. Tottenham & St Ann's) ▪ Employment/worklessness ▪ Community cohesion ▪ Partnership arrangements
Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cabinet Q & A ▪ Performance ▪ Policy and strategy ▪ Budget scrutiny ▪ Updates on previous scrutiny reviews ▪ Substantial variations (health) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adult social care ▪ Public Health ▪ Link with CCG ▪ Health and Wellbeing Board ▪ Adult health services ▪ Children's health services ▪ Transition ▪ Changes to service provision ▪ Voluntary sector
Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cabinet Q & A ▪ Performance ▪ Policy and strategy ▪ Budget scrutiny ▪ Updates on previous scrutiny reviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Looked after Children ▪ Fostering and adoption ▪ Education e.g. exam results & school improvements ▪ Youth offending ▪ Safeguarding ▪ Child poverty ▪ Effectiveness of partnership working
Environment And Housing Scrutiny Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cabinet Q & A ▪ Performance ▪ Policy and strategy ▪ Budget scrutiny ▪ Updates on previous scrutiny reviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carbon reduction ▪ Waste and recycling ▪ Highways ▪ Sustainable transport ▪ Parking ▪ Parks and Open spaces ▪ Planning & Licensing ▪ Enforcement ▪ Strategic housing policy, social housing, housing allocations.
Communities Scrutiny Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cabinet Q & A ▪ Performance ▪ Policy and strategy ▪ Budget scrutiny ▪ Updates on previous scrutiny reviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Crime and disorder ▪ Libraries ▪ Culture ▪ Leisure ▪ Equalities ▪ Domestic violence ▪ Area Forums and Committees

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