

Report for: Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Item number:

Title: Revised Scrutiny Panel Membership

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 8th June 2016 the Committee agreed the membership of the four scrutiny panels.
- 1.2 This report seeks a change to the membership of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel, the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel, following requests made by the political groups.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to agree the revised membership of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel, the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel outlined in section 6.4-6.6 of this report.

4. Reasons for decision

N/A

5. Alternative options considered

N/A

6. Background information

- 6.1 Paragraph 1.2 (ii) Part 4, Section G of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Haringey Council Constitution) states that:

“The terms of reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be:

- (ii) The appointment of Scrutiny Review Panels, with membership that reflects the political balance of the Council.”

Paragraph 2.2 Part 4, Section G of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Haringey Council Constitution) states that:

“The membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Review Panels shall, as far as is practicable, be in proportion to the representation of different political groups on the Council.”

Paragraph 4.4 of the 2012 Scrutiny Protocol reads:

“It is intended that each Scrutiny Review Panel shall be comprised of between 3 and 7 members, and be politically proportionate as far as possible. It is intended that other than the chair, the other members are non-executive members who do not sit on the OSC”.

- 6.2 Of the Council’s 57 Members, 49 Members (or 86%) currently belong to the Labour Group, and 8 Members (or 14%) belong to the Liberal Democrat Group. As set out above, the Scrutiny Panels should reflect these proportions as far as possible.
- 6.3 At its meeting on 8th June 2016 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed the membership of the four scrutiny panels and since this date political groups have requested changes to the membership of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel, the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel, in particular following the resignation of a former councillor and following a councillor’s change of political group.
- 6.4 The proposed revised membership of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel is listed below (67% Labour to 33% Liberal Democrat, or 71% Labour to 29% Liberal Democrat if the vacant place is filled):

Cllr Pippa Connor (Chair)
Cllr Gina Adamou
Cllr Charles Adje
Cllr David Beacham
Cllr Eddie Griffith
Cllr Peter Mitchell
Vacancy (replacing Cllr Liz McShane)

- 6.5 The proposed revised membership of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel is listed below (67% Labour to 33% Liberal Democrat, or 71% Labour to 29% Liberal Democrat if the vacant place is filled):

Cllr Emine Ibrahim (Chair)
Cllr John Bevan
Cllr Zena Brabazon (replacing Peter Morton)
Cllr Gail Engert
Cllr Tim Gallagher
Cllr Martin Newton
Vacancy (replacing Cllr Kaushika Amin)

- 6.6 The proposed revised membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel is listed below (80% Labour to 20% Liberal Democrat, or 67% Labour to 33% Liberal Democrat if the vacant place is filled):

Cllr Kirsten Hearn (Chair)
Cllr Mark Blake
Cllr Toni Mallett
Cllr Liz Morris
Cllr Reg Rice
Vacancy (replacing Cllr Viv Ross)

7. **Contribution to strategic outcomes**

The Scrutiny Panel covered in this report contribute to the Corporate Priorities of the Council.

8. **Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**

Finance and Procurement

- 8.1 The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this report. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation set out in this report. Should any of the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Panels generate recommendations with financial implications; these will be highlighted at that time.

Legal

- 8.2 The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report. There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation.
- 8.3 Under Section 21 (6) of the Local Government Act 2000, an Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to appoint one or more sub-committees to discharge any of its functions. The establishment of Scrutiny Review Panels by the Committee falls within this power and is in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

Equality

8.4 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.

8.5 The proposals outlined in this report relate to the membership of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel, the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel, and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel. The proposals carry no direct implications for the Council's general equality duty.

9. Use of Appendices

N/A

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 Background information

The terms of reference for the Scrutiny Panels as agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 8th June 2016 can be found here:

<http://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=128&MId=7748&Ver=4>