

**Report for:** Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Item number:**

**Title:** Revised Scrutiny Panel Membership

**Report**

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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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 the Committee agreed the membership of the four scrutiny panels.
- 1.2 This report seeks a change to the membership of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel, following a request made by the Labour group.

**2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

N/A

**3. Recommendations**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to agree the revised membership of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel outlined in section 6.3 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:

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- (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 The proposed revised membership of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel is listed below (71% Labour to 29% Liberal Democrat):

Cllr Emine Ibrahim (Chair)  
Cllr John Bevan  
Cllr Zena Brabazon  
Cllr Gail Engert  
Cllr Tim Gallagher  
Cllr Martin Newton  
Cllr Stuart McNamara (replacing vacancy)

## **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 proposal outlined in this report relates to the membership of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel. The proposal carries 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 can be found here:

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