

Report for: Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 16th October 2017

Title: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17

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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 To consider the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2016/17 that is attached at Appendix A.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

2.1 N/A

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17 (Appendix A) be approved for submission to full Council.

4. Reasons for decision

4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) must report annually to full Council as set out in Part 2 (Article 6) of the Constitution.

5. Alternative options considered

5.1 N/A

6. Background information

6.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report (Appendix A) details the work of the five scrutiny bodies in Haringey, and the North Central London Joint Health OSC.

7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

7.1 The issues included within the 2016/17 scrutiny work programme were prioritised following consideration of Haringey's Corporate Plan 2015-2018.

7.2 Items selected for scrutiny review were based on their potential to contribute to strategic outcomes relating to "Outstanding for All", "Clean and Safe" and "Sustainable Housing, Growth and Employment".

8. **Statutory Officers comments**

Finance

8.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal

8.2 As set out in Part 2 (Article 6) of the Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to full Council on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.

Equality

8.3 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.

8.4 Overview and Scrutiny has addressed these duties by considering them in work plan development, as well as individual pieces of work. This has included looking at:

- How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share the nine protected characteristics;
- Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate;
- Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Haringey;
- Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people, is being realised.

9. **Use of Appendices**

9.1 Appendix A – Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17

10. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**