

Report for: Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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 13th June 2017 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, 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 Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel outlined in section 6.4 of this report.

4. Reasons for decision

N/A

5. Alternative options considered

N/A

6. Background information

- 6.1 Councillor Peter Mitchell has been appointed to the Cabinet as the Cabinet Member for Environment. As members of the executive cannot sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Scrutiny Panels (per paragraph 2.1 of Part 4 Section G of the Council's Constitution), a vacancy has arisen.

6.2 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”.

6.3 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.

6.4 The proposed revised membership of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel is listed below (71% Labour to 29% Liberal Democrat):

Cllr Connor (Chair)
Cllr Adamou
Cllr Beacham
Cllr Berryman
Cllr Gideon Bull (replacing vacancy)
Cllr Griffith
Cllr Ozbek

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 Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
 - 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.

The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.

- 8.5 The Panel should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them within its work plan, as well as individual pieces of work. This should include considering and clearly stating;
- 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, are being realised.
- 8.6 The Panel should ensure that equalities comments are based on evidence, when possible. Wherever possible this should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

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>