

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 22 February 2018 at 6.30 p.m., Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall,
Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

This meeting is open to the public to attend.

Members:

Chair: Councillor Dave Chesterton

Vice Chair: Councillor Clare Harrisson

Councillor Danny Hassell

Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim

Councillor Oliur Rahman

Councillor Rabina Khan

Councillor Ayas Miah

Councillor Helal Uddin

Councillor Andrew Wood

Scrutiny Lead for Health, Adults & Community

Scrutiny Lead for Children's Services

Scrutiny Lead for Governance

Scrutiny Lead for Place

Scrutiny Lead for Resources

Co-opted Members:

Shabbir Chowdhury

Joanna Hannan

Asad M Jaman

Fatiha Kassouri

Dr Phillip Rice

Christine Trumper

Parent Governors

Representative of Diocese of Westminster

Muslim Faith Community

Parent Governors

Church of England Representative

Parent Governors

Deputies:

Councillor Abdul Asad, Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Councillor Rajib Ahmed, Councillor Chris Chapman, Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury, Councillor Peter Golds, Councillor Md. Maium Miah, Councillor Candida Ronald, Councillor Shafi Ahmed and Councillor Shah Alam

[The quorum for this body is 3 voting Members]

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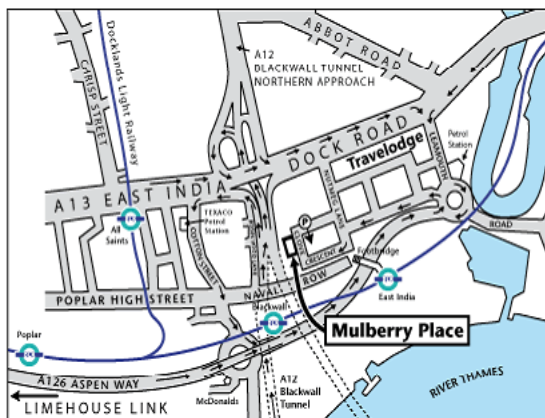
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SECTION ONE	WARD	PAGE NUMBER(S)
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		
To receive any apologies for absence.		
2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST		9 - 12
To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Interim Monitoring Officer.		
3. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT		
3.1 Children's Services Improvement Programme, Quarterly Progress Report (Quarter 3)	All Wards	To follow
(Time allocated – 50 minutes)		
3.2 Mayor John Biggs and Chief Executive	All Wards	Presentation
The Committee will:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold the Mayor and Chief Executive to account; and 2. Consider the Select Committee Report on Overview and Scrutiny. 		
(Time allocated – 50 minutes)		
4. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES		To follow
To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the last meeting of the Committee.		
5. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS		
To receive any petitions (to be notified at the meeting).		
6. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE QUERY AND ACTION LOG 2016/17		To follow

7. CHAIRS UPDATE

8. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

No decisions of the Mayor in Cabinet on 30th January, 2018 in respect of unrestricted reports on the agenda were 'called in'.

9. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1 Q3 Corporate Budget Monitoring Report

To follow

(Time allocated – 20 minutes)

10. VERBAL UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

The Committee will receive a briefing from each of the Scrutiny Leads:

1. Councillor Clare Harrisson - Scrutiny Lead for Health, Adults & Community;
2. Councillor Danny Hassell - Scrutiny Lead for Children's Services;
3. Councillor Ayas Miah Scrutiny Lead for Governance;
4. Councillor Helal Uddin - Scrutiny Lead for Place; and
5. Councillor Andrew Wood - Scrutiny Lead for Resources.

(Time allocated – 5 minutes each)

11. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

To consider and agree pre-decision scrutiny questions/comments to be presented to Cabinet.

(Time allocated – 30 minutes).

12. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

To consider any other unrestricted business that the Chair considers to be urgent.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion:

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.”

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SECTION TWO

14. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items

15. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

Nil items

16. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL) CABINET PAPERS

To consider and agree pre-decision scrutiny questions/comments to be presented to Cabinet.

17. **ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL
BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS
URGENT**

To consider any other exempt/ confidential business that the Chair considers to be urgent.

Next Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 13 March 2018 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall,
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Agenda Item 2

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Members' Code of Conduct at Part 5.1 of the Council's Constitution.

Please note that the question of whether a Member has an interest in any matter, and whether or not that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, is for that Member to decide. Advice is available from officers as listed below but they cannot make the decision for the Member. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending a meeting.

Interests and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)

You have an interest in any business of the authority where that business relates to or is likely to affect any of the persons, bodies or matters listed in section 4.1 (a) of the Code of Conduct; and might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of yourself, a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association, to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward affected.

You must notify the Interim Monitoring Officer in writing of any such interest, for inclusion in the Register of Members' Interests which is available for public inspection and on the Council's Website.

Once you have recorded an interest in the Register, you are not then required to declare that interest at each meeting where the business is discussed, unless the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI).

A DPI is defined in Regulations as a pecuniary interest of any of the descriptions listed at **Appendix A** overleaf. Please note that a Member's DPIs include his/her own relevant interests and also those of his/her spouse or civil partner; or a person with whom the Member is living as husband and wife; or a person with whom the Member is living as if they were civil partners; if the Member is aware that that other person has the interest.

Effect of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on participation at meetings

Where you have a DPI in any business of the Council you must, unless you have obtained a dispensation from the authority's Interim Monitoring Officer following consideration by the Dispensations Sub-Committee of the Standards Advisory Committee:-

- not seek to improperly influence a decision about that business; and
- not exercise executive functions in relation to that business.

If you are present at a meeting where that business is discussed, you must:-

- Disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, if later; and
- Leave the room (including any public viewing area) for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision

When declaring a DPI, Members should specify the nature of the interest and the agenda item to which the interest relates. This procedure is designed to assist the public's understanding of the meeting and to enable a full record to be made in the minutes of the meeting.

Where you have a DPI in any business of the authority which is not included in the Member's register of interests and you attend a meeting of the authority at which the business is considered, in addition to disclosing the interest to that meeting, you must also within 28 days notify the Interim Monitoring Officer of the interest for inclusion in the Register.

Further advice

For further advice please contact:-

Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director Law Probity and Governance Tel 020 7364 4800

APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority—</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)—</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>

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