


Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>  9 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Law, Probity and Governance	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
Overview & Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2015/16	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	<b>Mark Cairns</b>
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

## 1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Annual Report summarises the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Health Scrutiny Panel in the 2015-16 municipal year, and is presented to the Committee for its approval prior to being presented to Council.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:-
- Agree the report to be submitted to Council, and
  - Authorise the Director of Law, Probity and Governance to amend the report after consultation with the chair of the committee prior to submission to Council.

### **3. BODY OF REPORT**

- 1.1 Under the council's Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) must report annually to Council documenting the committee's activities during the past year, including on the work of the Health Scrutiny Panel.
- 1.2 This report sets out the various elements of this work in 2015/16, arranged by the portfolios held by lead members. This takes in its scrutiny of council and partners' services (including through dedicated "spotlights"), its contributions in reviewing budget proposals, and its work in leading improvement and policy development work, through reviews and challenge sessions. It also covers scrutiny of the executive's decision-making, through pre-decision questions, and call-ins by other members.
- 1.3 Additionally, the committee takes petitions from members of the public, and these are also included.

### **4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

- 4.1 This report provides a summary of the work carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2015-16.
- 4.2 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **5. LEGAL COMMENTS**

- 5.1 Article 6.03 (d) of the Council's constitution provides that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to Full Council on its work. The report submitted to Council following this consideration will fulfil that obligation.

### **6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 Reducing inequality, promoting community cohesion and building community leadership are all central to the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Where individual pieces of work have been undertaken by the committee (such as reviews, challenge sessions and reports back to Council), these have noted any One Tower Hamlets considerations.

### **7. BEST VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is an important part of the council's performance management framework, helping it to secure continuous

improvement as required under its Best Value duty through its scrutiny of budget proposals and service performance.

7.2 The committee has also provided input into the council's Best Value action plan, which supports its efforts to meet its duties in this regard.

## **8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

8.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

## **9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

## **10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

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### **Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended) List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

<b>Brief description of "background papers"</b>	<b>Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.</b>
None	N/A

## **11. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Annual Report

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