

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Monday, 28 November 2022 6.30 p.m.
**Committee Room One - Town Hall, Mulberry
Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG**

Members:

Chair: Councillor Musthak Ahmed

Vice Chair: Councillor Abdul Mannan

Councillor Maisha Begum, Councillor Bodrul Choudhury, Councillor Marc Francis,
Councillor Asma Islam, Councillor Ahmodur Khan, Councillor Sabina Khan and
Councillor Abdul Malik

Co-opted Members:

Jahid Ahmed and Halima Islam

Deputies: Councillor Faroque Ahmed, Councillor Rachel Blake, Councillor
Mohammad Chowdhury, Councillor Saif Uddin Khaled, Councillor Kamrul Hussain and
Councillor Abdul Wahid

[The quorum for this body is 3 voting Members]

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A Guide to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Local Government Act 2000 established the overview and scrutiny function for every council, with the key roles of:

- Scrutinising decisions before or after they are made or implemented
- Proposing new policies and commenting on draft policies, and
- Ensuring customer satisfaction and value for money.

The aim is to make the decision-making process more transparent, accountable and inclusive, and improve services for people by being responsive to their needs. Overview & Scrutiny membership is required to reflect the proportional political makeup of the council and, as well as council services, there are statutory powers to examine the impact of work undertaken by partnerships and outside bodies, including the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and local health bodies.

In Tower Hamlets, the function is exercised by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC). The OSC considers issues from across the council and partnership remit. The Committee has 3 Sub-Committees which focus on health, housing and grants.

Public Engagement

OSC usually meets once per month (a few days before Cabinet, to allow scrutiny of decisions scheduled to be made there). These meetings are open to the public to attend, and a timetable for meeting dates and deadlines can be found [here](#). The committee's quorum is three voting members.

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SECTION ONE

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS (PAGES 9 - 10)

Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, please see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are reminded to declare the nature of the interest and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it's the Members' responsibility to declare any interests form and to update their register of interest form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of your interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the 26th September 2022. (Pages 11 - 20)

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26th September 2022.

3.2 Minutes of the 24th October 2022.

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24th October 2022 – Pending.

4. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'



Nil items.

5. ACTION LOG

To note the Action Log.

6. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS (PAGES 21 - 50)

The Committee is asked to **note**:

1. The most recent editions of the Forward Plan.
2. The Forthcoming Decisions Plan (or 'Forward Plan') will be published at least **28 days before each Cabinet meeting** setting out information on all the Key Decisions that are expected to be taken at that meeting, along with other Cabinet decisions where known.
3. Publication dates for future Forthcoming Decision Plans are available on the [Cabinet web pages](#). In advance of being published on the new Plan, individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published as they are known and these are listed as [New Issues](#).

7. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT

7.1 CUSTOMER SERVICE UPDATES AND IMPROVEMENTS

To review resident access to services and consider how the council ensures its services are accessible for those who find it difficult to access digital provision.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

8.1 OSC WORK PROGRAMME

To note the scrutiny work programme

9. 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).

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

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



10 .1 UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

To receive updates from the Scrutiny Leads:

Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee Chairs Scrutiny Lead Update:

- ❖ Attended Borough Commanders open day with Cllrs
- ❖ Visited St Andrew's Surgery – Bromley by Bow supporting Cllr Ahmodur Khan HASSC Chair
- ❖ Visited School in Lansbury Ward with the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning
- ❖ Attended the Fosters Award day at Hailybery Centre in Stepney
- ❖ Attended cultural community events in the borough including Somali community in Whitechapel and Bromley Football club
- ❖ Met with Deputy Mayor and Corporate Director to understand portfolio issues and challenges
- ❖ Met with scrutiny network support officer to develop scope for the scrutiny challenge session.

Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Lead Update:

- ❖ Attendance of Community Safety (Walkabout) visit with Police and Members to get a sense of the minor offences/crimes being committed and the issues the police dealt with.
- ❖ Had discussion with Community Safety Lead Member on anti-social behaviour in Mercury Walk, particular laughing gas drug use.
- ❖ Attended Overview and Scrutiny awayday in Poplar to write the forward plan.
- ❖ Attended meeting with Scrutiny Support Officer to discuss Scrutiny Review on Women's Safety.

Health and Adults Scrutiny Lead Update:

- ❖ Had meeting with the Cllr Gulam Choudhury, Cabinet Lead Health, Wellbeing and Social Care to understand some of the key strategic issues faced by the council and has quarterly further planned meetings.
- ❖ Carried out site visits to GP surgeries e.g. St Andrews Health Centre and has further visits planned as part of the preparation for December's HASSC meeting.
- ❖ Engaged with scrutiny network support officer to develop the scope for HASSC scrutiny review on H&SC Workforce.

11. 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.”

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL SECTION (Pink Papers)

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SECTION TWO

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

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

(Time allocated 15 minutes).

13. 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 & Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 12 December 2022 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Committee Room One - Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

