

# Overview & Scrutiny Committee

## Agenda

**Monday, 9 January 2023 7.00 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 Mohammad Chowdhury, Councillor  
Saif Uddin Khaled, Councillor Kamrul Hussain, Councillor Abdul Wahid and Councillor  
Leelu Ahmed

[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.

# London Borough of Tower Hamlets

## Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 9 January 2023

7.00 p.m.

### SECTION ONE

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS (PAGES 7 - 8)

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 (PAGES 9 - 14)

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 28 November 2022.

#### 4. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS

To receive any petitions (to be notified at the meeting).

#### 5. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

##### 5.1 The Council's 2023-24 Budget Report and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023-26



The Committee is asked to review the Council's 2023-24 Budget Report and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2023-26

Members are asked to refer to the report included in the [Tower Hamlets Council - Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday 4th January 2023](#)

## **5.2 Fees and Charges 2023-24**

To review the proposed changes to fees and charges across the Council for the financial year 2023-24.

Members are asked to refer to the report included in the [Tower Hamlets Council - Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday 4th January 2023](#)

## **6. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS**

All items for the upcoming Cabinet meeting on 4 January 2023 are included at Item 4

## **7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

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

## **8. 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

### 9. 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, 23 January 2023 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Committee Room One - Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

