

# Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee

## Agenda

**Thursday, 18 April 2024 6.30 p.m.**  
**Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall,**  
**160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ**

### **Members:**

**Chair:** Councillor Ahmodur Khan

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Bodrul Choudhury

Councillor Bodrul Choudhury, Councillor Abdul Mannan, Councillor Ahmodul Kabir, Councillor Amy Lee, Councillor Mohammad Chowdhury and Councillor Amina Ali

### **Co-opted Members:**

Assan Ali ((Resident Co-optee)) and Nicola.Lawrence ((Healthwatch Co-optee))

**Deputies:** Councillor Maisha Begum, Councillor Faroque Ahmed, Councillor Rebaka Sultana, Councillor Harun Miah, Councillor Abdul Malik and Councillor Bellal Uddin

[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.

The committee's quorum is three voting members.

### 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 on the Council's website. More detail of how residents can engage with Overview and Scrutiny are available here

[Overview and scrutiny \(towerhamlets.gov.uk\)](https://towerhamlets.gov.uk)

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### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **1. DECLARATIONS OF 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 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

**Further Advice** contact: Linda Walker, Interim Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer,  
Tel: 0207 364 4348

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (PAGES 9 - 16)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel held on 20 February 2024.

#### **3. ACTION LOG**

#### **4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

##### **4.1 Action Plan Response Update on Workforce Shortages Across the Health and Care sector (Pages 23 - 34)**

##### **4.2 Maternity Services in Tower Hamlets (Pages 35 - 36)**

TO FOLLOW



5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

**Next Meeting of the Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee**

Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

