

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Tuesday, 15 October 2024 6.30 p.m.
Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

Members:

Chair: Councillor Jahed Choudhury

Vice Chair: Councillor Bodrul Choudhury

Councillor Suluk Ahmed, Councillor Ahmodur Khan, Councillor Abdul Mannan, Councillor Bellal Uddin, Councillor Amina Ali, Councillor Asma Islam, Councillor Amy Lee, Councillor James King and Councillor Nathalie Bienfait, 1 Vacancy*

* Membership subject to change.

Co-opted Members:

Jahid Ahmed and Halima Islam

Deputies: Councillor Ahmodul Kabir, Councillor Saif Uddin Khaled, Councillor Amin Rahman, Councillor Maisha Begum, Councillor Mufeedah Bustin and Councillor Marc Francis

[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:

- Children & Education Scrutiny Sub Committee
- Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee
- Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub Committee

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/overview-and-scrutiny)

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

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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 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 - 16)

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 10 September 2024.

4. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE QUERY AND ACTION LOG

5. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

No decisions of the Mayor in Cabinet 11 September 2024 in respect of unrestricted reports on the agenda were 'called in'.

6. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS

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



7. PROPORTIONALITY AND ALLOCATION OF SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF LEAD MEMBERS 2024/25

To follow

8. CABINET LATE REPORTS & STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER

Verbal Presentation

9. LGA ACTION PLAN DELIVERY UPDATE

To follow

10. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT

10 .1 Update on Tackling Temporary Rent Arrears

To follow

10 .2 Youth Justice Plan

11. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following items are due to be considered at the Cabinet meeting 16 October 2024
The committee is invited to consider the reports below:

12. SCRUTINY LEADS UPDATES

To hear updates from the Overview and Scrutiny Leads on their work across the Council.

13. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

To consider the agenda of the 16 October 2024 meeting of Cabinet and agree pre-decision scrutiny questions/comments.

The agenda can be found by following this link. (add link)

14. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS

To review forthcoming decisions expected to be taken by the Mayor from the Executive Forward Plan and identify any areas for further Scrutiny for committee.

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



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

16. 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

17. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil Items.

18. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

To consider any decisions of the Mayor in Cabinet in respect of exempt/ confidential reports on the agenda were 'called in'.

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

To consider the exempt/ confidential agenda of the 16 October 2024 meeting of Cabinet and agree pre-decision scrutiny questions/comments.

20. 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

Tuesday, 26 November 2024 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Council Chamber - Town Hall,
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