

# Overview & Scrutiny Committee

## Agenda

**Monday, 2 September 2024 at 6.00 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

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

Jahid Ahmed and Halima Islam

**Substitutes:** 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

Meetings of the committee are open to the public to attend, and a timetable for meeting dates and deadlines can be found on the council's website.

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# 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 5 - 6)

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 REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

The following decisions of the Mayor in Cabinet in respect of unrestricted reports on the agenda were called in:

##### 3.1 Approval of the council's revised Homelessness Accommodation Placement Policy (Pages 7 - 70)

#### Next Meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 10 September 2024 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

