

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 8 December 2016 at 6.45 p.m., Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall,
Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

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Members:

Chair: Councillor John Pierce

Vice Chair: Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE Scrutiny Lead for Resources

Councillor Mahbub Alam

Councillor Amina Ali

Scrutiny Lead for Development and Renewal

Councillor Julia Dockerill

Scrutiny Lead for Children's Services

Councillor Clare Harrisson

Scrutiny Lead for Adult Health and Wellbeing

Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim

Councillor Oliur Rahman

Councillor Helal Uddin

Co-opted Members:

Nomination Pending

(Roman Catholic Church Representative)

Nomination Pending

(Church of England Representative)

Nomination Pending

(Parent Governor Representative)

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(Parent Governor Representative)

Deputies:

Councillor Danny Hassell, Councillor Dave Chesterton, Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury, Councillor Peter Golds, Councillor Denise Jones, Councillor Md. Maium Miah and Councillor Andrew Wood

[The quorum for this body is 3 voting Members]

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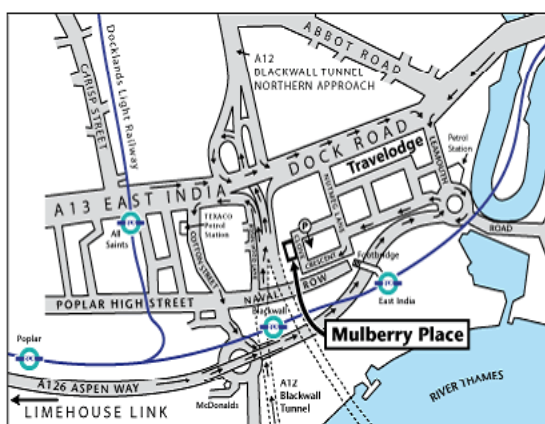
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		
To receive any apologies for absence.		
2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST		1 - 4
To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Interim Monitoring Officer.		
3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES		
To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 26 th October, 2016. – To follow		
4. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY LEAD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, LOCALITIES AND CULTURE	All Wards	
The Committee is asked to note that there is a vacancy for the position of the Scrutiny Lead for Communities, Localities and Culture. Accordingly the Committee is requested to consider the appointment of Lead Scrutiny Member for Communities, Localities and Culture.		
5. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'		
No decisions of the Mayor in Cabinet 1 st November, 2016 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. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE QUERY AND ACTION LOG 2016/17		5 - 6

8. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS

To follow

9. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT

9.1 Welfare Reform Spotlight

To receive a presentation on Welfare Reform and to note the Council's work in this area.

9.2 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) Planning 2017-18 to 2019-20 - Update

To receive an update on the Budget consultation, development of Capital & Investment strategies and key messages arising from the Autumn statement.

9.3 Mayor's Spotlight

To receive a presentation from Mayor John Biggs and to identify areas for additional review and focus.

10. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil items

11. VERBAL UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

(Time allocated – 5 minutes each)

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

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

13. 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

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14. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items

15. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

Nil items

16. 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).

17. 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 and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 4 January 2017 at 6.00 p.m. to be held in Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

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Agenda Item 2

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Members' Code of Conduct at Part 5.1 of the Council's Constitution.

Please note that the question of whether a Member has an interest in any matter, and whether or not that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, is for that Member to decide. Advice is available from officers as listed below but they cannot make the decision for the Member. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending a meeting.

Interests and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)

You have an interest in any business of the authority where that business relates to or is likely to affect any of the persons, bodies or matters listed in section 4.1 (a) of the Code of Conduct; and might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of yourself, a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association, to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward affected.

You must notify the Interim Monitoring Officer in writing of any such interest, for inclusion in the Register of Members' Interests which is available for public inspection and on the Council's Website.

Once you have recorded an interest in the Register, you are not then required to declare that interest at each meeting where the business is discussed, unless the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI).

A DPI is defined in Regulations as a pecuniary interest of any of the descriptions listed at **Appendix A** overleaf. Please note that a Member's DPIs include his/her own relevant interests and also those of his/her spouse or civil partner; or a person with whom the Member is living as husband and wife; or a person with whom the Member is living as if they were civil partners; if the Member is aware that that other person has the interest.

Effect of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on participation at meetings

Where you have a DPI in any business of the Council you must, unless you have obtained a dispensation from the authority's Interim Monitoring Officer following consideration by the Dispositions Sub-Committee of the Standards Advisory Committee:-

- not seek to improperly influence a decision about that business; and
- not exercise executive functions in relation to that business.

If you are present at a meeting where that business is discussed, you must:-

- Disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, if later; and
- Leave the room (including any public viewing area) for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision

When declaring a DPI, Members should specify the nature of the interest and the agenda item to which the interest relates. This procedure is designed to assist the public's understanding of the meeting and to enable a full record to be made in the minutes of the meeting.

Where you have a DPI in any business of the authority which is not included in the Member's register of interests and you attend a meeting of the authority at which the business is considered, in addition to disclosing the interest to that meeting, you must also within 28 days notify the Interim Monitoring Officer of the interest for inclusion in the Register.

Further advice

For further advice please contact:-

Graham White, Acting Corporate Director Law Probity and Governance Tel 020 7364 4800

APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority—</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)—</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>

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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE QUERY AND ACTION LOG 2016/17

26th Oct 2016

Meeting and agenda item	Question or request for action	Response or current status
28 th September 2016 – Waste Management Services Delivery Options	Regarding the extension please outline how residents are being engaged in the contract extension process. (Members specially wanted information on resident engagement in the extension process and not as per response provided about redesign process.	Residents are not specifically being engaged in the extension, but officer are engaging with the registered providers. It has been agreed that representatives of the RP neighbourhood group will have representation on discussions with the contractor. There is regular engagement with residents through the education programme, and we will be using this as a new way to provide pink sacks and food liners in at our public buildings.
	Members would like details of what service improvement will take place through the contract extension process.	These are to be negotiated with Veolia, and a meeting has been arranged for 30 th November, which will also include opportunities to reduce the cost of the service they provide. Member presence at this meeting will be encouraged.
	What opportunities will be available for councillors to get involved in the re-design of the new service.	Members will have a number of opportunities through workshops that will take place over the next 12 months. It is important that they attend and provide in-put to the future service.
28 th September 2016 – Contracts Forward Plan Quarter 3 2016-17	Can you provide the OSC with the business case for extending the GLL contract and also provide details of when this decision was taken.	The contract extension is part of the medium term savings plan. The decision was taken by the Mayor and Cabinet to carry these savings out and therefore agree in principle about the savings. Once there is agreement on the savings the final decision on length of contract extension will be taken by the mayor. The Council will then agree the Community Development Plan and a detailed performance management programme..
28 th September 2016 – Minutes	The letter from Assistant Commissioner Helen King to the Editor of the Telegraph be circulated to the Committee.	The letter was emailed to OSC Members on 3 rd November
28 th September 2016 –	Please provide data for hate crime in the borough for 2013-	The data was emailed to OSC Members on 3 rd November

Community Safety Partnership Plan Year 4 (2016-17)	14, 2014-15, 2015-16.	
28 th September 2016 – Gambling Policy 2016-19	Can we get data for problem gamblers for boroughs in London to help the Committee understand how we compare to other boroughs?	<p>When attempting to estimate the local prevalence, the Service used statistical techniques to recognise the population profile of the borough (for example, age, sex and ethnicity) and the current estimate is that 1.3% of the Tower Hamlets population is at severe risk of problem gambling (double the national average for problem gambling) with 3% at moderate risk. It is likely this statistic is an underestimate. The borough has higher rates than most of London. This would equate to in the region of 3,000 problem gamblers and 6,000 at moderate risk.</p> <p>Comparative data was circulated to OSC Members on 17th November for the other east London boroughs of Newham, Hackney and Waltham Forest which showed comparable levels of severe risk of gambling addiction.</p>