

<b>Committee</b> Health Scrutiny Panel	<b>Date</b> 23 March 2010	<b>Classification</b> Unrestricted	<b>Report No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 4.1
<b>Report of:</b>  Tim Young – Associate for the Centre for Public Scrutiny		<b>Title:</b> Health Scrutiny Panel Evaluation  <b>Ward(s) affected:</b>  All		

## 1. Summary

As the Health Scrutiny Panel's four-year work programme approached its end, it was agreed in October 2009 that it would be beneficial for an external evaluation.

LB Tower Hamlets commissioned Tim Young, Associate for the Centre for Public Scrutiny, to carry out the evaluation and submit a report in February 2010.

The review is based on the Centre for Public Scrutiny's principles of good scrutiny and the evaluation tested views from across the authority and its partners on the effectiveness of the four-year programme. The bulk of the work involved in this evaluation took place in January and early February 2010. The approach was based on a review of extensive documentation from the Council and all health partners; a range of interviews with Members, council officers and health partners' personnel as well as an observation of the Health Scrutiny Panel meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

It is an important piece of work identifying both strengths and weaknesses as well as providing recommendations for improvements to the HSP as we look to the 2010/2011 programme.

The report provides an executive summary and is structured around the four key benchmark areas for a health scrutiny programme: Aims; Accountability, Coherence and Balance; Partnership and Outcomes.

## 2. Recommendations

The Health Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider and comment on the report and its recommendations.