


Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>  <b>Tuesday, 26 November 2024</b>	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Matthew Mannion Head of Democratic Services	<b>Classification:</b> Open (Unrestricted)
<b>Appointment of Co-opted Member to Sub-Committee</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Justina Bridgeman, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Wards affected</b>	All

### Executive Summary

The Committee is asked to note the selection process for one co-opted member and appoint them to the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee.

### Recommendations:

The Committee is recommended to:

1. Agree the appointment of Alia Begum to the position of Resident Co-optee on the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee for the period of the current administration.

### 1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 To appoint a nominated candidate to a role on the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules and accordance with the terms of reference the Health and Adult Scrutiny Sub Committee.

### 2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 There are no alternative options. The proposed candidate has been nominated as the Resident Tower Hamlets representative on the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

## **2. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

### **Introduction**

- 3.1 The terms of reference on the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee provide for Tower Hamlets to nominate a non-voting Co-opted Member.
- 3.2 The Committee is asked to appoint Alia Begum to the position of Resident representative on the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee.
- 3.3 An open, competitive recruitment process has been undertaken to select the preferred candidate for this role. An advert promoting the role was put on the Council's website and the role was also advertised through social media. Shortlisting and interviews were undertaken by a dedicated mixed interview panel including the Chair of the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee and officers. As a result of the selection process, Alia Begum was selected as the preferred candidate. The Committee is asked to formally appoint Alia to the resident co-optee position on the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee for the period of the current administration.

## **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

## **5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:
  - Best Value Implications,
  - Consultations,
  - Environmental (including air quality),
  - Risk Management,
  - Crime Reduction,
  - Safeguarding.
  - Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.
- 5.2 The Council's Code of Conduct for Members applies to scrutiny co-optees. Training will be provided by officers to the co-opted representatives on the Code of Conduct which will include declarations of interest, exempt reports and data protection.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 6.1 This report provides an update on the selection of a co-opted representative for scrutiny sub-committee and asks the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to endorse the candidate selected. The only financial implication as a result of the recommendation within this report is to note that each co-opted representative is entitled to claim an attendance allowance of £136 per meeting. This will be funded within existing budget.

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- 7.1 Pursuant to section 9FA (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 2000, an overview and scrutiny committee of a local authority, or any sub-committee of such a committee, may include persons who are not members of the authority but any persons who are not members of the local authority are not entitled to vote at any meeting of its overview and scrutiny committee, or any sub-committee of such a committee, except where this is permitted under Schedule A1 to the Act. Paragraph 11 of Schedule A1 permits a Local Authority to allow a co-opted representative to the Committee or sub-committee to vote in accordance with a scheme. The Council's Constitution permits the appointment of a Resident representative to the Health and Adults sub-committee.

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### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Linked Report**

- None.

#### **Appendices**

- None.

#### **Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended) List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

- None.

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