

COMMITTEE: Overview and Scrutiny Committee	DATE: 04 th March 2014	CLASSIFICATION: Unrestricted	REPORT NO:
Report of: Service Head, Democratic Services Originating officer(s) Antonella Burgio, Committee Officer		Title: Reference from Council – Investigation into Old Poplar Town Hall Wards Affected: Poplar	

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 At its meeting on 22 January 2014, Council considered an emergency motion on the change of use of the Old Poplar Town Hall under delegated powers following its disposal.
- 1.2 After debating the matter, Council resolved to instruct the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, in conjunction with the District Auditor, to undertake an immediate investigation into the marketing and sale of the former Poplar Town Hall and that the investigation should, in view of the seriousness of this situation, produce a report to be considered by O&S on March 4th and the full council at their meeting on March 26th

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:-

- 2.1 Note the referral and consider the scope of the investigation requested.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution entitles the Committee to consider work requests submitted by Council. Should the Overview and Scrutiny Committee decide to accept the request then it can submit a report containing their recommendations back to Council for them to consider at their next meeting. The relevant paragraph of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules is set out below for information.

Para - 9.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall also respond, as soon as its work programme permits, to requests from the Council and if it considers

it appropriate the Mayor or Executive to review particular areas of Council activity. Where they do so, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall report their findings and any recommendations back to the Mayor/Executive and/or Council. The Executive shall consider the matter at one of its next two meetings following receipt of the report. If the matter is relevant to the Council only then will they consider the report at their next meeting.

4. BODY OF REPORT

- 4.1 The referral from Council is attached to this reference report as Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are therefore requested to review the reports and to prepare a report back to Council containing their considered views and recommendations on the issues concerned.

5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 5.1 All relevant financial matters are incorporated in the body of report.

6. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 6.1 All relevant legal matters are incorporated in the body of report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Any relevant matters are set out in the report.

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

Brief description of “background papers”	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.
None	Antonella Burgio X4881