

<b>COMMITTEE:</b> Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<b>DATE:</b> 02 December 2014	<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b> Unrestricted	<b>REPORT NO:</b> 7.4
<b>Report of:</b> Service Head, Democratic Services  <b>Originating officer(s)</b> Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager		<b>Title:</b> Reference from Council – Motion on Primary School Performance  <b>Wards Affected:</b> All Wards	

## 1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 10 September 2014, Council considered a motion on the performance of primary schools in the borough.
- 1.2 After debating the matter, Council resolved to request that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee review the performance of primary schools in the borough and to present a report back to Council for consideration.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:-

- 2.1 Note the referral request and consider a response.

## 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 they will consider the report at their next meeting.

#### **4. BODY OF REPORT**

4.1 The motion from Council is attached to this reference report as Appendix 1.

4.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are therefore requested to review the issue and to prepare a report back to Council containing their considered views and recommendations.

#### **5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

5.1 There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report.

#### **6. LEGAL COMMENTS**

6.1 The relevant section of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure rules (which entitles the Committee to consider requests of this type) has been properly referenced in this report. There are no other legal issues which need to be considered at this stage.

#### **7. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1 None directly related to this report.

#### **8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

8.1 None directly related to this report.

#### **9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None directly related to this report.

#### **10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 None directly related to this report.

#### **11. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT**

11.1 None directly related to this report.

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#### **12. APPENDICES**

- 12.1 Appendix 1 – Text of the Urgent Motion presented to Council on 10 September 2014.

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

<b>Brief description of “background papers”</b>	<b>Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.</b>
None	Matthew Mannion X4651

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## 12.1 Motion regarding Primary School Performance

Councillor Andrew Wood **moved**, and Councillor Chris Chapman **seconded** the motion as printed on the agenda.

Following debate, the motion was put to the vote and was **agreed**.

### DECISION

This Council notes:

- That in the Bethnal Green & Bow area of the borough, the percentage of primary school children attending a Local Authority school rated as Outstanding by OFSTED has dropped from 29% five years ago, prior the current administration coming in to office, to 8% this year.
- That in the same area the percentage of pupils attending a primary school rated as Inadequate has gone from 0% five years ago to 7% this year.
- That across the whole borough the percentage of children attending a primary school rated as Inadequate (4%) is twice as high as any neighbouring borough.
- That the percentage of primary school children attending a school rated as Outstanding in Tower Hamlets (15%) would put it towards the bottom of a local league table of schools.
- That this is despite Tower Hamlets receiving approximately the third highest funding per pupil in London.

This Council therefore asks that the Overview & Scrutiny committee investigate the causes for this decline and report back to full Council as soon as possible.

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