

Committee <b>Overview and Scrutiny</b>	Date <b>10 June, 2008</b>	Classification <b>Unrestricted</b>	Report No.	Agenda Item No. <b>6.4</b>
Report of: <b>Service Head Democratic Services</b> Originating Officer(s): <b>Amanda Thompson</b>		Title <b>Committee Membership / Appointment of Six Lead Scrutiny Members – Establishment of the Health Scrutiny Panel / Co-options to the Committee</b>  Ward(s) affected: <b>N/A</b>		

## 1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report advises the Committee of the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as appointed by Council on 21 May, 2008. The report also requests the Committee to agree the new scrutiny lead portfolios based on the new Community Plan Themes and appoint Lead Scrutiny Members. The report also notes the appointment of Members to the Health Scrutiny Panel in accordance with proportionality requirements.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the membership of the Committee be noted.
- 2.2 That the Committee agrees the new Scrutiny Lead Portfolios based on the Community Plan refresh and the new themes that have emerged as outlined in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 That six Lead Scrutiny Members be appointed based on the new Community Plan Themes, with portfolios as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report.
- 2.4 That the establishment of the Health Scrutiny Panel be noted and the appointment of Members thereto be noted as detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the report.
- 2.5 That current details of the nominated/co-opted Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.
- 2.6 That details of arrangements for co-opted Members of the Health Scrutiny Panel be agreed.

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### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 97)**

#### **LIST OF “BACKGROUND PAPERS” USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

Brief description of “background paper”

Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection

Council’s Constitution

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- How services are being delivered and the Council's functions discharged.
- How policies have been implemented and their effect on the Council's corporate strategies (i.e. equal opportunities, anti-poverty and crime and disorder).
- The development of relevant policy.
- How resources are being used, spent and managed.
- Any other matter, relevant to the specific remit of the Panel, which affects the Council's area or any of its inhabitants.

3.4 Membership of the Scrutiny Working Group will be in accordance with political proportionality requirements.

3.5 The Council's Constitution provides for the Committee to appoint nominated/co-opted Members. The nominated co-opted Members set out below were appointed by Council on 21 May, 2008.

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| • Mr Terry Bennett        | Church of England<br>Diocese representative |
| • Mr Danny McLaughlin     | Roman Catholic Diocese representative       |
| • Mr Azad Ali             | Parent Governor representative              |
| • A nomination is awaited | Parent Governor representative              |
| • Mr Hasan Mueenuddin     | Muslim Faith representative (non-voting)    |

3.6 The Committee is asked to note the current details of the nominated co-opted representatives as set out in paragraph 3.5 above.

#### **4. HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is also requested to note that the Council has established a Health Scrutiny Panel with 7 Members, which in accordance with overall proportionality requirements will comprise 4 Majority Group Members and 3 Minority Group Members to undertake the Council's functions under the Health and Social Care Act, 2001 with the following Terms of Reference:

- To review and scrutinise matters relating to the health service within the Council's area and make reports and recommendations in accordance with any regulations made thereunder;
- To respond to consultation exercises undertaken by an NHS body; and
- To question appropriate officers of local NHS bodies in relation to the policies adopted and the provision of services.

## 4.2 Health Scrutiny Panel Membership:

The following Members were appointed to membership of the Health Scrutiny Panel by Council on 21 May 2008, following receipt of nominations from the Political Groups on the Council, in accordance with the principles of proportionality :-

- Councillor Ann Jackson
- Councillor Bill Turner
- Councillor Md. Abdus Salique
- Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman
- Councillor Abjol Miah
- Councillor Stephanie Eaton
- One Vacancy

## 4.3 Health Scrutiny Panel Co-opted Members

4.3.1 In the Municipal Year 2007/2008, representatives of the Barts and The London Patient and Public Involvement Forum, East London and City Mental Health Trust Patient and Public Involvement Forum, and the Tower Hamlets PCT Patient and Public Involvement Forum served as co-opted members of the Scrutiny Panel.

4.3.2 It is recommended that representatives from these groups continue to serve as co-opted Members until the establishment of the Local Involvement Network and their nomination to the Panel.

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

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

## 6. **CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

6.1 Article 6 of the Council's Constitution requires the appointment of a Health Scrutiny Panel to discharge the Council's statutory functions under the Health and Social Care Act 2001. Members were appointed to the Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Committee is now required to complete the membership by agreeing the details of arrangements for co-opted Members.

6.2 The appointment of Lead Scrutiny Members from the Committee fulfils the requirement of Article 6.04 of the Council's Constitution.

## 7. **ANTI-POVERTY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no anti-poverty or equal opportunity implications arising from this report.

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

8.1 There are no direct environmental issues arising from this report.

**9. RISK MANAGEMENT**

9.1 The appointment of Lead Scrutiny Members and a Health Scrutiny Panel will enable the proper discharge of the functions conferred on the Council by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Health and Social Care Act 2001.