

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE QUERY AND ACTION LOG 2016/17

Meeting and agenda item	Question or request for action	Response or current status
17 th August 2016 (request outside meeting)	Briefing on Community Trigger, and data on applications and outcomes.	This information has now been provided.
1 st September 2016, Town Centre Report	<p>The Scrutiny Review Report (P10 of the review report) identifies 41% of businesses in Tower Hamlets as others. Can officers provide a breakdown of what these are?</p> <p>Can Members obtain a copy of the Whitechapel Feasibility Study which is also looking at Retail Capacity Study</p>	<p>“Other2 category on NOMIS UK Business counts refer to: Membership organisations e.g. Trade Unions and other membership organisations. Repairs of computers, personal and household goods, e.g. computers, bike repairs. Other personal service activities e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons, tattoo parlours.</p> <p>External consultants have been commissioned to produce this study and a first draft is near completion. It is envisaged that if everything goes to plan, the final study will be finalised and approved within the next few weeks. The study should therefore be available for the OSC to consider at their 26th October meeting.</p>
1 st September 2016, Integrated Employment Service	Provide details of: number of troubled families in Tower Hamlets; the number of people/families classified as working poor; and the number of people on zero hours contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The target number of troubled families to be identified in the borough by 2020 is 3,660. • The number of troubled families that need to be identified this year are 2,020. • The number of troubled families that have already been identified is 1000. <p>There is no clear definition of “working poor”; the following are the latest Government personal tax credit statistics from 2014/15 broken down by local authority area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total out of work families in Tower Hamlets: 9,500 • With children receiving Working Tax Credits and Child Care Credits:10,400 • With children receiving CTC only: 2,200 • Of which lone parents: 3,300 • With no children receiving WTC only: 1,400

		<p>No local authority level data is published about the numbers of workers in the borough on zero hours contracts. ONS March 2016 national estimates based on the 2015 survey of businesses and the Labour Force Survey, estimates that in 2015 approximately 2.5% of workers (801,000) were on zero hours contracts, an increase of 15% from the previous year (697,000). Estimates for London in 2014 suggests there are some 70,000 workers on zero hours contracts.</p>
1 st September 2016, Budget	Provide a list of all Council property assets and how these are integrated within the budget	A comprehensive schedule of Council assets has been supplied by Financial Services.