

Non-Executive Report of the: Council 19 July 2017	 TOWER HAMLETS
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Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual report 2016/17	

Originating Officer(s)	Afazul Hoque-Interim Service Manager Strategy, Policy and Performance
Wards affected	All

Summary

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received and reviewed the attached Annual Report at its Committee meeting on 9 May 2017 .The report provides a summary for Council of the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and the Health, Housing and Grants Sub-Committees in the 2016-2017 municipal year.
- 1.2 The report is now provided for consideration by Council in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Recommendations:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Note the report.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the extensive range of scrutiny work carried out during the year by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as well as the Health, Housing and Grants Sub Committees.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Council may decline to agree the recommendations. This is not recommended however, as the report outlines work undertaken by Councillors and officers to identify areas of improvement.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

Under the Council's Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) is required to report annually to Council documenting the Committee's activities during the past year and which includes the work of the Health, Housing and Grants Sub-Committees.

- 3.2 The attached report (see Appendix 1) highlights the structural changes to the Councils' overview and scrutiny framework, with the development of two new Scrutiny Sub-Committees in 2016/17: firstly a Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee set up as part of the Councils Best Value improvement response, and a Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee providing a vehicle for scrutiny and dialogue with a range of social housing providers in the area.
- 3.3 The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees covers a range of types of scrutiny activity, including indepth scrutiny reviews and challenge sessions, a revised approach to pre scrutiny of Cabinet decisions and Spotlight sessions focusing on the Council and partners service performance.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This report provides a summary of the work carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2016-17.
- 4.2 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1 Article 6.03(e) of the Council's Constitution provides that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to Council on its work. This report is provided in compliance with that requirement.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 Reducing inequality, promoting community cohesion and building Community leadership are all central to the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Where individual pieces of work have been undertaken by the Committee (such as reviews, challenge sessions and reports back to Council), these have noted any One Tower Hamlets considerations.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The recommendations in this report are made as part of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's role in helping to secure continuous improvement for the council, as required under its Best Value duty.
- 7.2 The Committee has also provided input into the council's Best Value Action Plan, which supports its efforts to meet its duties in this regard

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 There are no direct sustainable actions for a greener environment arising from this report, and recommendations.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no direct risk management implications arising from this report and recommendations.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report or recommendations.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- **Appendix 1: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2016/17**

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- These must be sent to Democratic Services with the report
- State NONE if none.