

Non-Executive Report of the: Council 20 September 2017	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer	Classification: Unrestricted
APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR FOR THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager
Wards affected	All wards

Summary

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As set out in Article 6 of the Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Sub-Committees/Panels) it is for Council itself to appoint the Chair to the Committee.

This report therefore requests Council make a new appointment to the Chair of the Committee. The nomination can be of any Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendations:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Appoint a Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from nominations received at the Council meeting.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Constitution sets out that it is for the Council to appoint a Chair to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 There are no alternative options.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 At the Council's AGM on 17 May 2017 recommendations were agreed setting up an Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Council and appointing Members and a Chair to the Committee.
- 3.2 Following Councillor Denise Jones' appointment to the Cabinet, a vacancy has now arisen for Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3 As set out in Article 6 of the Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Sub-Committees/Panels) it is for Council itself to appoint the Chair to the Committee.
- 3.4 This report therefore requests Council make a new appointment to the Chair of the Committee. The nomination can be of any Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 There are no specific financial comments arising from this report.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1 This report complies with statutory requirements regarding the establishment and appointment of committees and sub-committees. There are no other immediate legal implications arising from this report.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 No implications arising from this report.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 No implications arising from this report.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 No implications arising from this report.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Council needs Committee meeting arrangements to ensure effective and efficient decision-making.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 No implications arising from this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None

Appendices

- None.

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.

- None.

Officer contact details for documents:

- N/A