

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

HELD AT 8.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2018

COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL MULBERRY PLACE

Members Present:

Councillor Ayas Miah (Chair)	
Councillor Abdal Ullah	
Councillor Dipa Das	Scrutiny Lead for Place
Councillor James King	
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury	Scrutiny Lead for Health, Adults, and Community
Councillor Kyrsten Perry	
Councillor Marc Francis	Scrutiny Lead for Resources
Councillor Mohammed Pappu	Scrutiny Lead for Governance
Councillor Mufedah Bustin	
Councillor Sufia Alam	Scrutiny Lead for Children's Services
Councillor Andrew Wood	

Co-opted Members Present:

Dr Phillip Rice	– Church of England Representative
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Other Councillors Present:

Mayor John Biggs	Councillor Sirajul Islam
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	Councillor Rabina Khan
Councillor Shah Ameen	Councillor Tarik Khan
Councillor Amina Ali	Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan
Councillor Ruhul Amin	Councillor Eve McQuillan
Councillor Asma Begum	Councillor Puru Miah
Councillor Rachel Blake	Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE
Councillor Kevin Brady	Councillor Victoria Obaze
Councillor Shad Chowdhury	Councillor John Pierce
Councillor David Edgar	Councillor Leema Qureshi
Councillor Peter Golds	Councillor Candida Ronald
Councillor Ehtasham Haque	Councillor Zenith Rahman
Councillor Muhammad Harun	Councillor Dan Tomlinson
Councillor Danny Hassell	Councillor Helal Uddin
Councillor Mohammed Ahabab Hossain	Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman
Councillor Asma Islam	Councillor Val Whitehead

Apologies:

Councillor Bex White
Joanna Hannan

Representative of Diocese of
Westminster

Others Present:

Rushanara Ali	– MP Bethnal Green & Bow Constituency
Jim Fitzpatrick MP	– MP Poplar and Limehouse Constituency
Unmesh Desai	– London Assembly Member

Officers Present:

Will Tuckley	– (Chief Executive)
Zena Cooke	– (Corporate Director, Resources)
Debbie Jones	– (Corporate Director, Children's)
Asmat Hussain	– (Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer)
Denise Radley	– (Corporate Director, Health, Adults & Community)
Ann Sutcliffe	– (Acting Corporate Director, Place)
Matthew Mannion	– (Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, Governance)
Joel West	– (Senior Democratic Services Officer)
Zoe Folley	– (Committee Officer, Governance)

RESOLVED:

1. That the Speaker of the Council, Councillor Ayas Miah, is elected as administrative Chair of the Committee, for the purposes of this Meeting only.

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

2. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1 Establishment of the Scrutiny Sub-Committees and Appointment of Members to those Sub-Committees

The Committee received a report regarding the establishment of the Scrutiny Sub-Committees and Appointment of Members to those Sub-Committees.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee advised of the nominations for the Scrutiny Leads and portfolios as set out in resolution 1 below.

Councillor Kevin Brady **moved** and Councillor Abdal Ullah **seconded** the following amendment to the Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee Terms of Reference.

Amendment – 3.1 (Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee – Terms of Reference)

It is proposed to amend paragraph 3.1 of the report, to change the membership of the sub-committee from being drawn strictly from the main O&S committee, to being drawn from the council. This would bring the sub-committee in line with the health scrutiny and housing scrutiny committees, and would retain the same political balance.

The amendment also increases the number of members from three to six, in line with the allocation of places report included as part of the council's Annual General Meeting.

Proposed amendment to the terms of reference (deleted text scored out, added text underlined):

“The membership of the Grants Sub-Committee will consist of the Lead Member for Resources (or his nominated Deputy) as Chair of the Grants Sub-Committee, with the composition consisting of ~~three~~ six Members of the ~~Overview and Scrutiny Committee.~~ council, in line with proportionality rules.”

The amendment was voted on and agreed.

The Chair Moved and it was:-

RESOLVED

1. That the following Members be appointed to the Scrutiny Leads posts as set out in Section 3 of the report.

Lead for Health, Adults and Community - Councillor Kahar Chowdhury

Lead for Place - Councillor Dipa Das

Lead for Children's Services - Councillor Sufia Alam

Lead for Resources - Councillor Marc Francis

Lead for Governance - Councillor Mohammed Pappu
2. To note the co-option to the membership of the OSC of representatives in respect of education matters, as set out at Paragraphs 3.3 to 3.9 of the report.

3. To establish the Sub-Committee with Terms of Reference (Attached at Appendix 2 to the report) subject to the following amendment to the Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee terms of reference.

The membership of the Grants Sub-Committee will consist of the Lead Member for Resources (or his nominated Deputy) as Chair of the Grants Sub-Committee, with the composition consisting of six Members of the council, in line with proportionality rules.

4. That the following Councillors be appointed to Chair the above Sub-Committees:

Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee - Councillor Kahar Chowdhury
Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee - Councillor Dipa Das
Grants Scrutiny-Sub-Committee - Councillor Marc Francis

The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Ayas Miah
Overview & Scrutiny Committee