


Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>  21/09/2020	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Sharon Godman Divisional Director Strategy, Policy and Performance	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-20</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Filuck Miah (Strategy & Policy Officer)
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards

**Reasons for urgency:** This report has been published after the publication deadline as it needs to be presented to the Scrutiny Committee before the end of the Committee year. This will be the last chance for the existing membership to agree the report.

## 1. SUMMARY

1.1 This Annual Report provides a summary of the work the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Health and Adults, Children and Education, Housing and Regeneration Sub-Committees and Scrutiny Leads have delivered in the 2019-2020 municipal year.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Comment and agree the report for submission to Full Council in the new municipal year;
2. Authorise the Divisional Director Strategy, Policy & Performance to amend the report following comments by the Committee, in consultation with the OSC Chair, before submission to Full Council.

## 3. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

3.1. This report provides a summary of the diverse range of scrutiny work carried out during the year by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Health & Adults, Housing & Regeneration and Children & Education Sub-Committees.

#### **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1. The Committee may decline to agree the recommendations. This is not recommended as the report outlines work undertaken by Councillors and officers to identify areas of improvement.

#### **5. DETAILS OF REPORT**

- 5.1. Under the Council's Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) must report annually to Council, documenting the Committee's activities during the past year, including on the work of the Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee.
- 5.2. The attached report (Appendix 1) highlights the range of work delivered by Scrutiny during the municipal year this includes Spotlight with the Mayor, Borough Commander. Scrutiny also held a one-off challenge session looking at community safety issues on Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels and Premises Charges and Community Benefit Rent Reduction Scheme. A key focus for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been Environment Spotlight on bring the waste services in house and how this will deliver improvements. The committee also held a number of budget and performance monitoring scrutiny meetings which examined the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) position and how the Council was meeting its performance for the Strategic Plan.
- 5.3. The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is broken down into different ranges of scrutiny activity including in depth scrutiny reviews and challenge sessions, Call In, and spotlight sessions focusing on the Council and partners service and performance.

#### **6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Reducing inequality, promoting community cohesion and building Community leadership are all central to the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A number of reviews and challenge incorporated an equalities perspective in their consideration including Safe Neighbourhood Ward Panels engagement with seldom heard residents, Transport Strategy and Parking Services, Deep Dive on Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) provision.

#### **7 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

## **8. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

8.1 There are no direct financial implications from this annual report.

## **9. LEGAL COMMENTS**

9.1 Article 6.03 (e) of the Council's constitution provides that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to Full Council on its work. This report complies with that requirement.

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### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

- **Appendix 1: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2019/20**

#### **Linked Report**

- NONE.

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

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

- NONE

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