

The Health and Adult Scrutiny Sub Committee Scrutiny Leads Update

1. The Health and Adult Scrutiny Sub Committee last met on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 6.30 pm

The meeting covered:

- Asylum Seekers Operation Oak (hearing from a range of organisations involved with the asylum process, and reviewing the council's procedures for dealing with those recently housed in the borough through Operation Oak)
- Tower Hamlets Primary Care Network
- COVID-19 Updates
- Discussed the draft work plan

2. Overview and Scrutiny Committee planning session, 19th June 2021

Scrutiny Committee and Officers met to discuss and plan the Work Programme for the year ahead.

3. INEL JHOSC meeting, 23 June 2021

I attended the Inner North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 23 June. See the meeting here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yalblTPqp_c&t=3409s

4. Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board, 29th June 2021

I attended a 'hybrid' meeting which also incorporated the COVID 19 Local Engagement Board. See details here: <https://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=632&MIId=12464&Ver=4>

5. Poverty Review Presentation to Children's and Education Scrutiny and Adult and Health Scrutiny leads, 8 July 2021

Cllr Mufeedah Bustin and Officers offered a presentation examining the processes and emerging findings of the poverty review and discussed how scrutiny might add value to the review and those areas which might cross over with Children's and Education Scrutiny (Cllr Bex White) and Adult & Health (Cllr Gabriela Salva Macallan).

The findings will be shared with Children's and Education Scrutiny and Health and Adult Scrutiny Leads this summer.

6. Urban Design London - Designing for Biodiversity – Amenity Green Space, 14th July 2021

Chair attended a workshop by Urban Design London looking at the interrelations between health, design and biodiversity.

To note:

7. The Health & Social Care Bill was passed at second reading in Parliament on 14th July

Having been introduced on July 6th, the Bill was passed at Second Reading and is now at Committee stage. I share widespread concerns around what the

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Bill will mean for transparency as to the role of big business and the implications for councils and social care. If, as seems likely, it passes at third reading, the effects will be profound.

For further information see a statement from We Own It here: <https://weownit.org.uk/protect-nhs-trade-deals>

Upcoming Scrutiny Committee:

8. Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee - Wednesday, 1st September

2021 6.30 p.m.

The next Health and Adults Scrutiny Committee will be looking at:

- Food (focusing on access and examples from other boroughs)
- Mental Health Provision (focusing on the impact of the permanent move to Columbia and Cazabourn Ward East Ham)
- We will also be allowing time on the agenda for questions from the public