

SCRUTINY LEADS UPDATES OSC MEETING 25TH OCTOBER, 2021

COUNCILLOR BEX - SCRUTINY LEAD FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION

1. The most recent committee meeting was on September 2nd. While I updated the committee following this meeting, I'd like to highlight one further outcome from that meeting, which shows the importance of hearing directly from our children and young people. One of the young people who addressed the committee raised important issues around the current Year 12 and Year 13 cohorts having missed out on the preparation that Year 11 exams gives, because of the Pandemic. As a result of this young person's contribution, the committee meeting on 21/10 will focus partly on what is being done to address the lack of exam-preparedness in this cohort.
2. In addition to the above, October's meeting will examine a high-level overview on the financial trends within the department, to set the scene for the upcoming budget. We will also be investigating whether the voice and needs of children are at the heart of the School Streets programme. I am happy to provide a verbal update on any of these at the main Overview and Scrutiny meeting which will follow a few days after this sub-committee.
3. In the meeting on 25/10, I will provide a verbal update on the recent SEND inspection, and the plans within the sub-committee to scrutinise the outcome and subsequent improvement works.
4. Outside of committee meetings, I have met with the Director and Cabinet Member for verbal updates. I also chaired a meeting to devise a Scrutiny Dashboard, which was attended by some other members. Initially, this will take the form of sharing the current CSC dashboard, but there is a larger project being undertaken to improve reporting on other indicators, and this dashboard project will therefore be one that I will periodically bring to the committee for progress review

LEEMA QURESHI SCRUTINY LEAD UPDATE FOR SCRUTINY LEAD FOR RESOURCES AND FINANCE

1. Attended CfGS Questioning skills for Members.
2. Attended CfGS Charing Skills for all Members.
3. Continuing with representing OSC at the Grants Determination Sub-Committee scrutinising the allocation of grants.
4. Also was to have a meeting with Kevin Bartle and Ann Sutcliffe on commercialisation, due to an emergency it did not take place, however, waiting for next meeting to be schedule.

COUNCILLOR FAROQUE AHMED SCRUTINY LEAD FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

1. Attendance of Community Safety (Walkabout) visit with Police, Theos, Members and council officers to get a sense of the work being done to address community safety
2. Attended the CfGS Questioning skills training as part of Members development

3. Attending a meeting with service and officers to discuss the scope of my challenge session on Parking
4. Holding a scrutiny challenge session on Parking on Wednesday 3rd Nov 2021 at 6pm (online delivery)

COUNCILLOR GABRIELA SALVA MACALLAN - HEALTH & ADULTS SCRUTINY LEAD

1. Attended the INEL JHOSC on 13th September 2021
2. Attended the COVID 19 Local Engagement Board 14th September 2021
3. Attended the shortlisting for Director, Adult Social Care meeting on 14th September 2021
4. Chaired Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 16th September, 2021
5. Attended a morning of shadowing Telecare as part of Adult Social Care Practice Week 2021 on 21st September 2021
6. Attended Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board on 21st September 2021
7. Community Insights Meeting with Healthwatch Tower Hamlets, Tower Hamlets Together and Rachel Blake, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing on 22nd September 2021
8. Meeting with Healthwatch and Chris Banks Tower Hamlets GP Care Group to discuss scope for Primary Care agenda on 23rd September 2021
9. Attended the final interviews for Director, Adult Social Care on 1st October
10. Meeting with Cllr Rachel Blake, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing on 6th October to discuss scrutiny and ICS
11. Meeting on 6th October to discuss scope for October and November with Director Denise Radley and Dr Somen Banerjee
12. Attended the COVID19 Local Engagement Board meeting on 12th October 2021
13. Next Scrutiny meeting on Tuesday 26th October 2021 see published agenda: Tower Hamlets Council - Committee details - Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee