

<b>Item No.</b> 4.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 16 September 2020	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Scrutiny arrangements for 2020-21	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Overview and Scrutiny (Acting)	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Overview and scrutiny committee is recommended to:

1. Note the size and composition of the Overview and Scrutiny committee, to be agreed by annual council assembly (paragraph 4)..
2. Appoint scrutiny commissions and agree their titles, size and remits, including which scrutiny body has responsibility for crime and disorder and health matters.
3. Appoint chairs and vice-chairs for the commissions.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. The annual council assembly meeting on 16 September 2020 is due to appoint an Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) with 11 places (8 Lab, 3 Lib Dem). The chair and vice-chair will be appointed at this meeting also.
5. It is for the overview and scrutiny committee to appoint scrutiny commissions.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. OSC is asked to:
  - Appoint commissions for 2020/21 and agree their title, size, composition and remit,
  - Appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of the commissions,
  - Determine whether scrutiny of crime and disorder and health matters are allocated to one of the commissions or retained by OSC.
7. In 2019/20, four commissions were appointed, 'Education and Business Scrutiny Commission, Environment Scrutiny Commission, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission and Housing Scrutiny Commission.
8. Political groups are entitled to the same number of reserve members as the number of seats they have on each body.

9. The most proportionate allocation will depend on the number of members of the commission. In 2019/20 the commissions were established with seven seats.

Size of commission	Lab	Lib Dem
Nine seats	7	2
Eight seats	6	2
Seven seats	5	2
Six seats	5	1
Five seats	4	1
Four seats	3	1

10. Co-opted member places in 2019/20 were:
- For education matters: Church of England and Catholic diocesan representatives, two parent governor representatives (these positions are currently vacant)
  - For housing matters– one representative each from Homeowners' Council and Tenants' Council.
11. Cabinet at its meeting on 4 February 2020 considered an item on the Southwark Resident Participation Framework. As part of cabinet's decision, it recommended that the housing scrutiny commission have nominated places (one place each) for Tenants Forum, Homeowners Forum and Southwark Tenant Management Organisations Committee and that the representatives be able to nominate an item on to the scrutiny commission agenda.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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