



Overview & Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Saturday 17 May 2025 at 1.00 pm at Southwark Cathedral, Montague Close, London Bridge, SE1 9DA

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Wingfield (Chair)
Councillor Irina Von Wiese (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Suzanne Abachor
Councillor Cassandra Brown
Councillor Victor Chamberlain
Councillor Esme Hicks
Councillor Laura Johnson
Councillor Jason Ochere
Councillor Bethan Roberts
Councillor Martin Seaton

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richard Leeming.

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no late items.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2025-26

RESOLVED:

1. That the size and composition of the overview and scrutiny committee as agreed by council assembly – detailed below be noted.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Membership

	Labour (9)	Liberal Democrats (2)
1.	Ian Wingfield (Chair)	Irina Von Wiese (Vice Chair)
2.	Suzanne Abachor	Victor Chamberlain
3.	Cassandra Brown	
4.	Jason Ochere	
5.	Laura Johnson	
6.	Richard Leeming	
7.	Esme Hicks	
8.	Bethan Roberts	
9.	Martin Seaton	

Reserves

	Labour (9)	Liberal Democrats (2)
1.	Catherine Rose	Hamish McCallum
2.	Sunil Chopra	Rachel Bentley
3.	Sabina Emmanuel	
4.	Barrie Hargrove	
5.	Jon Hartley	
6.	Margy Newens	
7.	Richard Livingstone	
8.	Michael Situ	
9.	Cleo Soanes	

Voting co-optee places (4) (Able to vote on Education Function related issues only)

1.	Church of England Diocese representative	Tbc
2.	Roman Catholic Diocese representative	Tbc
3.	Elected Parent governor representative x2	Tbc

Remit: As set out in paragraph 6.1 of the overview and scrutiny procedure rules, with specific scrutiny responsibility in respect of:

- Council's policy and budget framework
- Regeneration
- Human Resources and the council's role as an employer and corporate practice generally
- Customer access issues, including digital strategy, information technology and communications
- The council's equalities and diversity programmes

2. That scrutiny commissions be established as set out below for the 2025-26 municipal year, with the chairs and vice-chairs as listed (pages 2 to 4). The Health and Social Care Scrutiny commission to be given responsibility for Health matters, and the Environment, Community Safety and Engagement Scrutiny commission to be given responsibility for Crime and Disorder matters.

(Remits: Each commission will have within their remit, oversight responsibility for the areas reflected in their titles. Detail of the specific areas of responsibility to be drawn from the cabinet member portfolios following the meeting.

As and when required, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may call upon a commission to undertake a piece of work that does not necessarily sit with another commission's identified remit of responsibility.)

Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission

	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrats (2)
1.	Cassandra Brown (Chair)	Rachel Bentley (Vice Chair)
2.	Mohamed Deen	Irina Von Wiese
3.	Margy Newens	
4.	Jon Hartley	
5.	Youcef Hassaine	
Reserves		
	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrats (2)
1.	Joseph Vambe	Victor Chamberlain
2.	Maggie Browning	Adam Hood
3.	Sunny Lambe	
4.	Jason Ochere	
5.	Sam Foster	
Voting Co-optee places		
1.	Church of England Diocese representative	Tbc
2.	Roman Catholic Diocese representative	Tbc
3.	Elected Parent Governor representatives x 2	Tbc
Non-Voting Co-optee places		
	To be considered at the discretion of the commission	

Environment, Community Safety and Engagement Scrutiny Commission

	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrats (2)
1.	Esme Hicks (Chair)	Graham Neale (Vice-Chair)
2.	Sabina Emmanuel	Hamish McCallum
3.	Leo Pollak	
4.	Maggie Browning	
5.	David Parton	
Reserves		
	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrats (2)
1.	Reggie Popoola	Adam Hood
2.	Sunil Chopra	Rachel Bentley
3.	Esme Dobson	
4.	Yousef Hassaine	
5.	Darren Merrill	
Non-voting co-opted places		
	To be considered at the discretion of the commission	

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission

	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrats (2)
1.	Suzanne Abachor (Chair)	Maria Linforth-Hall (Vice-Chair)
2.	Esme Dobson	Nick Johnson
3.	Naima Ali	
4.	Sandra Rhule	
5.	Charlie Smith	
Reserves		
	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrats (2)
1.	Dora Dixon Fyle	Victor Chamberlain
2.	Sam Foster	David Watson
3.	Emily Hickson	
4.	Leo Pollak	
5.	Joseph Vambe	
Non Voting Co-opted places		
	To be considered at the discretion of the commission	

Housing Scrutiny Commission

	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrats (2)
1.	Jason Ochere (Chair)	Emily Tester (Vice-Chair)
2.	Barrie Hargrove	Jane Salmon
3.	Ketzia Harper	
4.	Catherine Rose	
5.	Richard Livingstone	
Reserves		
	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrats (2)
1.	Sunil Chopra	Adam Hood
2.	Ellie Cumbo	Hamish McCallum
3.	Laura Johnson	
4.	Bethan Roberts	
5.	Kath Whittam	
Non-voting co-opted places (3)		
1.	Tenants Forum	Tbc
2.	Homeowners Forum	Tbc
3.	Southwark Tenant Management Organisations Committee	Tbc
	Additional non-voting co-opted places to be considered at the discretion of the commission	

3. Nominations to Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees

- South East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (2 places)

Labour – Suzanne Abachor
Liberal Democrats – Maria Linforth-Hall

The meeting ended at 1.03pm

CHAIR:

DATED: