

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Saturday 17 May 2025
12.00 pm (or at the rise of the Annual meeting of Council Assembly,
whichever is the later)
Southwark Cathedral, Montague Close, London Bridge, SE1 9DA

Membership

All members of the Council

(The Annual meeting of Council Assembly on Saturday 17 May 2025 will agree the size and composition of the committee and appoint the chair and vice-chair. The political groups will formally nominate members to the places on the committee.)

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Althea Loderick
Chief Executive
Date: 9 May 2025



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Order of Business

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PART A - OPEN BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

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

In special circumstances, an item of business may be added to an agenda within five clear working days of the meeting.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Members to declare any interests and dispensations in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.

4. SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2025-26

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To agree scrutiny arrangements for the 2025-26 municipal year.

DISCUSSION OF ANY OTHER OPEN ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING.

Date: 9 May 2025

Meeting Name:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	17 May 2025
Report title:	Scrutiny arrangements for 2025-26
Ward(s) or groups affected:	All
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	N/a
From:	Head of Scrutiny

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 17 May 2025 is due to appoint an Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) with 11 places (9 Lab, 2 Lib Dem). The chair and vice-chair will be appointed at that 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 2025-26 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 commissions or retained by OSC
7. In 2024/25, four commissions were appointed, 'Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission, Environment Scrutiny Commission, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission, and Housing, Community Safety, and Community

Engagement Scrutiny Commission’.

8. Political groups are entitled to the same number of reserve members as the number of seats they have on each committee/sub-committee.
9. The most proportionate allocation will depend on the number of members on the commissions. In 2024/25, 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 2024/25 were:

- a. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Education matters only):

Education matters - voting co-opted members, Church of England and Catholic diocesan representatives, two elected parent governor representatives.

- b. Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission:

Education matters - voting co-opted members, Church of England and Catholic diocesan representatives, two elected parent governor representatives

- c. Environment Scrutiny Commission

Environment – two non-voting co-opted members were appointed by the commission

- d. Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission

None.

- e. Housing, Community Safety and Community Engagement Scrutiny Commission

Housing matters¹ - one non-voting co-opted member from Tenants Forum, Homeowners Forum and Southwark Tenant Management Organisations Committee.

¹ 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
Agenda – Annual Council Assembly, 17 May 2025	Council Offices 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Virginia Wynn-Jones, Principal Constitutional Officer Tel: 020 7525 7055

APPENDICES

No.	Title
	None

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny		
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Key Decision?	No		
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER			
Officer Title		Comments Sought	Comments Included
Assistant Chief Executive, Governance and Assurance		No	No
Strategic Director, Resources		No	No
Cabinet Member		No	No
Date final report sent to Scrutiny Team			9 May 2025

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MUNICIPAL YEAR 25-26

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