

<b>Item No.</b> 4.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 21 May 2022	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Scrutiny arrangements for 2022-23	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Scrutiny	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Overview and scrutiny committee (OSC) is recommended to:

1. Note the size and composition of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to be agreed at the annual meeting of council assembly (paragraph 6).
2. Establish scrutiny commissions and agree the size, composition and remits, including which scrutiny body has responsibility for crime and disorder, and health matters.
3. Appoint chairs and vice-chairs of the scrutiny commissions.
4. Appoint / nominate members to the 'Our Healthier South East London' Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) (2 places).
5. Agree the annual work programme for OSC and the scrutiny commissions, as appropriate.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

6. The annual meeting of council assembly to be held on 21 May 2022 is due to establish an Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) with 11 places (9 Labour, 2 Lib Democrats). The chair and vice-chair of the committee will be appointed at this meeting also.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. It is for the overview and scrutiny committee to establish scrutiny commissions.

8. OSC is asked to:
  - Establish commissions for 2022/23 and agree the size, composition and remit,
  - Appoint the chairs and vice-chairs for the commissions,
  - Determine whether scrutiny of crime and disorder, and health matters are allocated to commissions or retained by OSC.
  - Nominate to any JHOSCs
  - Agree the annual work programmes
9. In 2021/22, four commissions were established, Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission, Environment Scrutiny Commission, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission, and Housing and Community Engagement Scrutiny Commission.
10. In 2021/22 the scrutiny commissions were established with seven seats (5 Labour seats / 2 Liberal Democrats seats). Based on the new political balance of the council and the proportionality rules, it is being recommended that the scrutiny commissions are established with the same composition as in 2021/22 (5 L / 2 LD).
11. Political groups are entitled to nominate up to an equal number of reserve members as the number of seats they hold on the scrutiny commissions.
12. The overview and scrutiny committee and any commission dealing with education functions shall include in its membership the following voting representatives
  - a) One church of England diocese representative
  - b) One Roman Catholic diocese representative
  - c) Two duly elected parent governor representatives.
13. In addition, the overview and scrutiny committee and its commissions may appoint a number of people as non-voting co-opted members, with approval of the chair and vice-chair of the overview and scrutiny committee.
14. Scrutiny commission co-opted member places in 2021/22 were:
  - a. Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission:

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

b. Environment Scrutiny Commission

Environmental matters - one non-voting co-opted member

c. Housing and Community Engagement Scrutiny Commission

Housing matters<sup>1</sup> - one non-voting co-opted member from Tenants Forum, Homeowners Forum and Southwark Tenant Management Organisations Committee.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Agenda – Annual Council Assembly, 21 May 2022	160 Tooley Street London SE1 5LX	Chidilim Agada, Head of Constitutional Services Tel: 020 7525 3310

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Director of Law and Governance	No	No
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<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No	No
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<sup>1</sup> 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.