

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date:</b>	22 May 2024
<b>Report title:</b>	Scrutiny arrangements for 2024-25
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>	All
<b>Classification:</b>	Open
<b>Reason for lateness (if applicable):</b>	N/a
<b>From:</b>	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 22 May 2024 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 2024/25 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 2023/24, 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 2023/24, 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 2023/24 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 matters<sup>1</sup> - one non-voting co-opted member from Tenants Forum, Homeowners Forum and Southwark Tenant Management Organisations Committee.

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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.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Agenda – Annual Council Assembly, 22 May 2024	160 Tooley Street London SE1 5LX	Chidilim Agada, Head of Constitutional Services Tel: 020 7525 3310

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
	None

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