

Appendix 3 – Changes to the Policy and Accountability Committee Terms of Reference

Health and Adult Social Care Policy & Accountability Committee

Terms of Reference

Members

5 voting Councillors

Quorum

3 Members of the Committee

Political proportionality

4 Administration Members
1 Opposition Member

Co-opted Members

Up to 5 non-voting members

Principal Functions

All the powers of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, in particular:

- To discharge functions under the Health and Social Care Act 2001
- To discharge any functions under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and any subsequent regulations
- To develop policy within the scope of the Committee and make recommendations to the Cabinet
- Monitor the administration and spending in services within its scope
- To review the impact of decisions and policies implemented by the Council
- Lead responsibility for scrutinising the relevant Cabinet Members(s).

Scope:

- Health of both children and adults (including public health).
- The provision, maintenance and improvement of primary and acute NHS services in the borough.
- The provision of mental health services in the borough.
- Adult social care services in the borough, including the exercise of statutory responsibilities in relation to the scrutiny of health as set out in Article 6 and also the voluntary and community sector.
- Health and Adult Social Care commissioning services.
- Any other matter allocated by the Policy Unit and Overview Board.

Children & Education Policy & Accountability Committee

Terms of Reference

Members

5 voting Councillors

Political proportionality

4 Administration Members

1 Opposition Member

Quorum

3 Members of the Committee

Co-opted Members

Statutory with voting rights on education matters

2 Parent Governor representatives

2 Diocesan representatives

Non-statutory without voting rights

1 teacher representative

Up to 2 additional co-opted members

Principal Functions

All the powers of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

- To develop policy within the scope of the Committee and make recommendations to the Cabinet
- Monitor the administration and spending in services within its scope
- To review the impact of decisions and policies implemented by the Council
- Lead responsibility for scrutinising the relevant Cabinet Members(s).

Scope

- The education of children and young people in the borough
- The authority's functions in its capacity as education authority
- Services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities
- The authority's social services functions as they relate to children
- Safeguarding
- Child protection
- Children in care
- Children and young people leaving care
- The education and children's services budgets including social care
- Any other matter allocated by the Policy Unit and Oversight Board.

Social Inclusion and Community Safety Policy & Accountability Committee

Terms of Reference

Members:

5 voting Councillors

Quorum:

3 Members of the Committee

Political proportionality:

4 Administration Members
1 Opposition Member

Co-opted Members:

Up to 5 non-voting members

Principal Functions

All the powers of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

- To discharge of the functions and responsibilities of a Crime and Disorder Committee in accordance with section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and regulations made under section 20 of the Act.
- To improve the terms of participation in society, particularly for people who are disadvantaged, through enhancing opportunities, access to resources, voice and respect for rights.
- To develop policy within the scope of the Committee and make recommendations to the Cabinet
- Monitor the administration and spending in services within its scope
- To review the impact of decisions and policies implemented by the Council
- Lead responsibility for scrutinising the relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Scope:

- Improving Social Inclusion
- Enhancing the quality of life of residents
- Community safety and tackling anti-social behaviour
- Licensing and gambling.
- Neighbourhood governance
- Community engagement, consultation and empowerment activities
- The Council's equalities and diversity programmes and support for vulnerable groups.
- The Council's Voluntary Sector strategy
- Increasing access to opportunity in all aspects of social and economic life in the borough
- Other policies and initiatives supporting social inclusion in the borough
- Any other matter allocated by the Policy Unit and Overview Board.

The Economy, Arts, Sports and Public Realm Policy & Accountability Committee

Terms of Reference

Members

5 voting Councillors

Quorum

3 Members of the Committee

Political proportionality

4 Administration Members
1 Opposition Member

Co-opted Members

Up to 5 non-voting members

Principal Functions

All the powers of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

- To develop policy within the scope of the Committee and make recommendations to the Cabinet
- Monitor the administration and spending in services within its scope
- To review the impact of decisions and policies implemented by the Council
- Lead responsibility for scrutinising the relevant Cabinet Members(s).

Scope

To monitor the policy, administration and spending of all aspects of:

- The local economy
- Support for local businesses and high streets, including the ability of local businesses and the voluntary and community sector to procure from the Council and the Council's suppliers
- Local employment opportunities
- Public sports facilities
- Regeneration and renewal of deprived areas
- Arts and cultural services
- Adult education
- Libraries
- The local environment, parks and open spaces
- Street Scene
- Cemeteries
- Enhancing the quality of life of residents
- Any other matter allocated by the Policy Unit and Overview Board.

Housing and Homelessness Policy & Accountability Committee

Terms of Reference

Members

5 voting Councillors

Quorum

3 Members of the Committee

Political proportionality

4 Administration Members
1 Opposition Member

Co-opted Members

Up to 5 non-voting members

Principal Functions

All the powers of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

- To develop policy within the scope of the Committee and make recommendations to the Cabinet
- Monitor the administration and spending in services within its scope
- To review the impact of decisions and policies implemented by the Council
- Lead responsibility for scrutinising the relevant Cabinet Members(s).

Scope

To monitor the policy, administration and spending of all aspects of:

- Housing (including privately owned, council, housing association, sheltered and supported housing)
- Provision of homes for local residents
- Tackling and reducing homelessness
- Any other matter allocated by the Policy Unit and Overview Board.

Climate Change and Ecology Policy & Accountability Committee

Terms of Reference

Members:

5 voting Councillors

Quorum:

3 Members of the Committee

Political proportionality:

4 Administration Members

1 Opposition Member

Co-opted Members:

Up to 5 non-voting members

Principal Functions

All the powers of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and Sustainable Communities Act 2007, which provides the principal statutory powers by means of which local authorities are currently engaged directly in helping to tackle climate change.

- To discharge of functions contained in s.9FH of Schedule 2 to the Localism Act 2011 to review and scrutinise the exercise by flood risk management authorities of flood risk management functions which may affect the local authority's area
- To develop policy within the scope of the Committee and make recommendations to the Cabinet
- Monitor the administration and spending in services within its scope
- To review the impact of decisions and policies implemented by the Council
- Lead responsibility for scrutinising the relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Scope:

- Climate Change and the response to the Climate Emergency
- Transport, including roads maintenance, other transport infrastructure
- Parking policy, traffic management and the relationship with TfL
- Planning policy and performance and the impact of developments on transport infrastructure and the environment
- Recycling and environmental sustainability
- Waste-disposal, refuse collection, and street cleansing
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Any other matter allocated by the Policy Unit and Overview Board.

Note: Planning decisions cannot be scrutinised