



Report of: Corporate Director - Resources

Meeting of	Date	Ward(s)
Health and Care Scrutiny Committee	30 July 2014	All

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## **SUBJECT: HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DATES OF MEETINGS**

### **1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 The Committee is asked, to note the Committee's terms of reference and their meeting and working arrangements.
- 1.2 Scrutiny Committees carry out reviews of the council's policies, performance and practice and look at how external organisations conduct their business to ensure local, accountable and transparent decision making and shape future policy and practice.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. To note dates of meetings of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2014/15, the membership appointed by Council on 12 June 2014 and the terms of reference, as set out at Appendix A.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Health and Care Scrutiny Committee is established under the terms of the constitution of the London Borough of Islington. A copy of the current terms of reference is attached at Appendix A.

- 3.2. The membership of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix A. The quorum is four councillors.
- 3.3. In addition to carrying out health related scrutiny reviews, the Committee invites local NHS trusts and health providers to the Committee to discuss their performance. This enables an ongoing dialogue to take place to enable the Committee to gain a better understanding of health service matters and to question the trusts on areas of concern throughout the year.
- 3.4. The following dates have been agreed for the remainder of this municipal year:

30 July 2014  
16 September 2014  
21 October 2014  
18 November 2014  
13 January 2015  
10 February 2015  
17 March 2015  
19 May 2015  
16 June 2015

## **4. Implications**

### **4.1. Financial implications**

The Director of Finance and Resources confirms that costs associated with the Review Committees have been budgeted for in the 2014/15 budget.

### **4.2. Legal Implications**

The Council appoints Scrutiny Committees to discharge functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

### **4.3. Resident Impact Assessment**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

### **4.4. Environmental Implications**

The environmental impacts have been considered and it was identified that the proposals in this report would have no adverse impacts on the following:

- Energy use and carbon emissions
- Use of natural resources
- Travel and transportation
- Waste and recycling
- Climate change adaptation
- Biodiversity
- Pollution.

## 5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

The Committee are asked to note their terms of reference and working arrangements.

### Background papers:

The Council's constitution

Programme of Meetings

Final Report Clearance

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