

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 2021/22**

**1. MEETING DATES**

22 June 2021  
20 July 2021  
20 September 2021  
19 October 2021  
23 November 2021  
11 January 2022  
1 March 2022  
28 March 2022

The dates, times and locations of meetings are publicised on the council's website – [democracy.islington.gov.uk](http://democracy.islington.gov.uk)

**2. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**EXTRACT FROM PART 5 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

**Scrutiny Committees**

1. Overview and scrutiny functions are:
  - Reviewing or scrutinising decision or actions taken in connection with the discharge of executive functions
  - Making recommendations about executive functions
  - Reviewing or scrutinising decision or actions taken by the council in connection with the discharge of non-executive functions
  - Making recommendations about these functions
  - Making recommendations about matters which affect the authority's area or its inhabitants.
  - Carrying out the specific roles of health scrutiny and crime and disorder scrutiny.
  - To consider matters relating to the performance of the council.
2. Overview and scrutiny functions in respect of the Council's education functions are allocated to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee the membership of which includes education representatives as set out in its terms of reference below.
3. Where one of the other Scrutiny Committees is carrying out a review or dealing with other business which will involve a consideration of the Council's education

functions, the education representatives on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to join the Scrutiny Committee as voting members for the meeting concerned to participate in that review.

- 4 All Scrutiny Committee are responsible for considering equalities issues arising in respect of matters falling within their terms of reference.

## **Children's Services Scrutiny Committee**

### **Composition**

Members of the Executive may not be members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

No member may be involved in scrutinising a decision in which he/she has been directly involved.

The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to appoint a number of people as non-voting co-optees and shall include in its membership the following voting co-optees:

- (a) At least one Church of England diocese representative;
- (b) At least one Roman Catholic diocese representative;
- (c) Between two and five parent governor representatives; and
- (d) A representative from other faiths or denominations as appropriate.

These representatives will be entitled to vote on education functions related to the Council's education functions, in respect of which the Council has responsibility under the Education Acts.

### **Quorum**

The quorum for the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee shall be three members, not including co-opted members.

### **Terms of Reference**

1. To carry out the functions of an overview and scrutiny committee in respect of matters relating to the Children's Services Directorate
2. To consider matters relating to the performance of the Council's partners in respect of the functions of the Children's Services department as appropriate.

3. To receive requests from the Executive or the Leader of the Executive for scrutiny involvement in education related matters.
4. To consider educational issues referred to it in accordance with the provisions contained in the call in procedure contained within Policy and Scrutiny Procedure Rules or the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution and to decide whether such matters should be referred to Council or to the Executive for reconsideration.
5. To undertake a scrutiny review of its own choosing relating to a Children's Services Directorate function and any further reviews as directed by the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee and to make recommendations to the Executive thereon.
6. To consider all matters that have been referred to it in accordance with the provisions contained in the councillor call for action procedure contained within the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP (as agreed at Annual Council on 20 May 2021)**

#### Members:

Councillor Sheila Chapman (Chair)  
Councillor Kadeema Woodbyrne (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford  
Councillor Janet Burgess  
Councillor Paul Convery  
Councillor Toby North  
Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir  
Councillor John Woolf

#### Co-opted Members for Education related issues:

Roman Catholic Diocese – Mary Clement  
Parent Governor Representative (Primary) – Claire Ballak  
Parent Governor Representative (Secondary) – Zaleera Wallace  
Church of England Diocese - Vacancy

#### Substitutes:

Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie  
Councillor Sara Hyde  
Councillor Bashir Ibrahim  
Councillor Anjna Khurana  
Councillor Angelo Weekes