

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 2023/24

1. MEETING DATES

12 June 2023

6 July 2023

14 September 2023

31 October 2023

28 November 2023

15 January 2023

26 February 2023

29 April 2023

The dates, times and locations of meetings are publicised on the council's website – 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 11th May 2023)

Members:

Councillor Sheila Chapman (Chair)
Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie (Vice Chair)
Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong
Councillor Fin Craig
Councillor Rosaline Ogunro
Councillor Toby North
Councillor Saiqa Pandor
Councillor Claire Zammit

Co-opted Members for Education related issues:

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

Substitutes:

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury
Councillor Ilkay Cinko-Oner
Councillor Paul Convery
Councillor Benali Hamdache
Councillor Dave Poyser
Councillor Heather Staff