

Law and Governance
Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD

Report of: Head of Democratic Services and Governance

Meeting of: Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Date: 4 July 2023

Ward(s): N/A

Subject: Environment and Regeneration 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 other arrangements.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To note the terms of reference, membership and dates of meetings of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2023/24.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee is one of the Council's five scrutiny committees. Scrutiny Committees carry out reviews of the council's policies, performance and practice and also consider how external organisations conduct their business to support local, accountable and transparent decision-making and to shape future policy and practice.

3.2. The terms of reference of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee are set out at Appendix A.

3.3. The Committee membership for 2023-24 is set out below

Councillor Tricia Clarke (Chair)	Councillor Mick Gilgunn
Councillor Clare Jeapes (Vice Chair)	Councillor Ruth Hayes
Councillor Angelo Weekes	Councillor Clair Zammit
Councillor Fin Craig	Councillor Caroline Russell

Substitutes:

Councillor Jason Jackson	Councillor David Poyser
Councillor Heather Staff	Councillor Flora Williamson
Councillor Toby North	Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

3.4. The dates of meetings for 2023-24 are:

- 4 July 2023
- 12 September 2023
- 17 October 2023
- 23 November 2023
- 25 January 2024
- 7 March 2024
- 25 March 2024 (Special Meeting on the Climate Emergency)
- 16 April 2024

4. Implications

4.1. Financial Implications

4.1.1. There are no direct financial implications associated with this report. The costs associated with scrutiny work are met from existing service budgets.

4.2. Legal Implications

4.2.1. The Council appoints scrutiny committees to discharge its statutory scrutiny functions under the Local Government Act 2000.

4.3. **Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030**

4.3.1. There are no direct environmental implications associated with this report. Scrutiny Committees will consider and review matters relating to environmental sustainability and related issues as they arise in their work programme.

4.4. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

4.4.1. 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.

4.4.2. An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required in relation to this report. Scrutiny Committees will consider and review equalities matters as they arise in their work programme.

5. **Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

5.1. The Committee is asked to note its terms of reference and working arrangements.

Appendices:

- Appendix A: Terms of Reference

Background papers:

- None.

Final report clearance:

Approved by:

Head of Democratic Services and Governance

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Appendix A – Terms of Reference

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Composition

Members of the Executive may not be members of the Scrutiny Committee.

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

The Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to appoint a number of people as non-voting co-optees.

Quorum

The quorum for a meeting of the committee shall be four members.

Terms of Reference

1. To carry out the functions of an overview and scrutiny committee in respect of matters relating to the Environment Directorate.
2. To scrutinise other sustainability and transport issues affecting the borough
3. To undertake, a scrutiny review of its own choosing and any further reviews as directed by the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee and, consulting all relevant sections of the community, to make recommendations to the Executive thereon.
4. To carry out any review referred to it by the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee following consideration of a Councillor Call for Action referral.