

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

Report of: Head of Democratic Services and Governance

Meeting of: Corporate Resources and Economy Scrutiny Committee

Date: 6 June 2024

Ward(s): N/A

Subject: Corporate Resources and Economy 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 membership, terms of reference and dates of meetings of the Committee for the municipal year 2024-25.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Corporate Resources and Economy Scrutiny Committee is one of the Council's five scrutiny committees. The purpose of the Council's scrutiny committees is to review the performance of local services, to scrutinise decisions and actions taken on matters within their terms of reference, to contribute to the review and development of council policy, and to make recommendations to enhance and improve service delivery for residents.

3.2. The terms of reference of the Committee are set out at Appendix A.

3.3. The Committee membership for 2024-25 is set out below

Councillor Nick Wayne (Chair)
Councillor Roulin Khondoker (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Jilani Chowdhury
Councillor Tricia Clarke
Councillor Sara Hyde
Councillor Bashir Ibrahim
Councillor Jason Jackson
Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong
Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir
Councillor Saiqa Pandor
Councillor Heather Staff
Councillor Angelo Weekes

Substitutes:

Councillor Troy Gallagher
Councillor Benali Hamdache
Councillor Ruth Hayes
Councillor Jenny Kay

3.4. The dates of meetings for 2024-25 are:

- 6 June 2024
- 22 July 2024
- 1 August 2024 (provisional meeting to consider call-ins only)
- 12 September 2024
- 5 November 2024
- 5 December 2024
- 30 January 2025
- 11 March 2025
- 3 April 2025
- 1 May 2025

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

Corporate Resources and Economy Scrutiny Committee

Composition

Members of the Executive may not be members of a scrutiny committee.

The membership of the committee shall include the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees (subject to political balance rules)

No member may be involved in scrutinising a decision in which they have been directly involved. If a member of the committee has supported a call-in, they may not vote at the scrutiny committee meeting which considers it.

Quorum

The quorum for the committee shall be four members.

Purpose

The purpose of the Council's scrutiny committees is to review the performance of local services, to scrutinise decisions and actions taken on matters within their terms of reference, to contribute to the review and development of council policy, and to make recommendations to enhance and improve service delivery for residents.

The council's scrutiny committees will act as a 'critical friend', offering constructive challenge to ensure that local services are delivered effectively and efficiently, making the best use of resources.

In carrying out their work, the committees will have regard to the council's missions, priorities, and ways of working. Scrutiny Committees will consider the needs and priorities of local people, make use of evidence to inform their findings, examine opportunities for embedding best practice in council services, and will seek to promote equalities, joined up working, and early intervention and prevention approaches.

Terms of Reference:

- a) To carry out the functions of an overview and scrutiny committee, as defined by the Local Government Act 2000, in respect of the following functions and services:

Corporate Finance, Capital Programme, Asset base, Investment / New Build programme, Economic infrastructure and Inclusive Economy, Procurement and Social Value, Council Tax, Community financial resilience, Communications, Resident Voice / Experience, Complaints, Inclusion, Equalities, Corporate Performance, Corporate policy development, Corporate Risk Register, Digital Services, HR, Electoral Services, Statutory Utilities and Emergency Planning

- b) To review and scrutinise the performance of those services, and actions and decisions taken in connection with the discharge of those functions;
- c) To consider the performance of the Council's partner organisations in respect of the those services and functions;
- d) To approve an annual work plan focused on a strategic programme of policy development and performance review;
- e) To undertake one scrutiny review each year, on a matter of importance to the borough's residents, and to report its conclusions and recommendations to the council's Executive;
- f) To receive an annual report from the relevant Executive Members on their priorities for the coming year and performance over the previous year;
- g) To scrutinise the Executive's annual budget proposals and submit comments to the Executive for consideration, prior to the budget being submitted to the Council;
- h) To receive requests from the Executive or the Leader of the Council to participate in policy development and review, including consideration of forthcoming decisions, and to respond to the Executive accordingly.
- i) To consider matters relating to the financial position and performance of the council, other than detailed performance matters in the remit of another scrutiny committee.
- j) To monitor the council's forward plan.
- k) To consider all matters which have been referred to it in accordance with the provisions contained in the call in procedure contained within Overview 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.
- l) To consider all matters that have been referred to it in accordance with the Councillor Right to Refer procedure contained within the Scrutiny Procedure Rules.
- m) To receive an annual report on the operation of the council's scrutiny function.