

Resources Department  
Town Hall, Upper Street  
London, N1 2UD

Report of: Head of Democratic Services & Governance

Meeting of: Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

Date: 10 June 2024

Ward(s): N/A

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## Subject: Membership, Terms of Reference, and Dates of Meetings of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1. To inform members of the terms of reference of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To note the membership appointed by Annual Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024, terms of reference and dates of meetings of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2024-25.

### 3. Background

- 3.1. The terms of reference of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee are set out at Appendix A.
- 3.2. The Committee membership for 2024-25 is set out below.

Members:

Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir (Chair)  
Councillor Valerie Bossman-  
Quarshie (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Ilkay Cinko-Oner  
Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-  
Armstrong

Councillor Heather McHugh  
Councillor Rosaline Ogunro  
Councillor Saiqa Pandor  
Councillor Claire Zammit

Co-opted Members for Education related issues:

Roman Catholic Diocese – Mary  
Clement  
Church of England Diocese – Nick  
Turpin

Parent Governor Representative  
(Primary) – Sophie McNeill  
Parent Governor Representative  
(Secondary) – Susie Graves

Substitutes:

Councillor Paul Convery

Councillor Benali Hamdache

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

- 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024
- 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024
- 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

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

## 4. Implications

4.1. **Financial Implications**

None.

4.2. **Legal Implications**

None.

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

Papers are only circulated electronically.

#### 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 as the contents of the report relate to a purely administrative function and will not impact on residents.

## 5. **Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

- 5.1. This report is submitted to ensure members are fully informed of the remit of the Committee.

#### **Appendices:**

- Appendix A – Terms of Reference.

#### **Background papers:**

- None

#### **Final report clearance:**

Signed by: **Head of Democratic Services & Governance**

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

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## Appendix A – Terms of Reference

### Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

This scrutiny committee is designated as the council's education scrutiny committee under Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act 2000.

#### Composition

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

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board may not be appointed to this committee.

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.

The Children and Young People 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 committee shall be four members, not including any co-opted 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:

Education, SEND, Safety, Safeguarding, Family Help, Early Years, Progression to adulthood, Looked after Children, Play, Physical activity, Tackling obesity and Mental health (children and young people), Youth Offending and Corporate Parenting.

- 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 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 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.
- h) To consider educational issues 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.
- i) 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.