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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2016 AT 10:00 HOURS
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING

The Chair to advise/meeting to note that this meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.birminghamnewsroom.com) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs.
The whole of the meeting will be filmed except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE AND CHAIR

To note the resolution of the City Council appointing the Committee, Chair and Members to serve on the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the City Council in 2017.

3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

To elect a Deputy Chair to substitute for the Chair if absent.

4 APOLOGIES

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting. If a pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

6 TERMS OF REFERENCE

To note the Committee's terms of reference, as set out in the attached schedule.

**7 JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES -
APPOINTMENTS**

The Committee is asked to agree appointments to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees including Councillor John Cotton as Joint Chair:-

Birmingham and Sandwell Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(5 Members)

Labour (3); Conservative (1); Liberal Democrat (1)

Birmingham and Solihull Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(7 Members)

Labour (5); Conservative (2)

8 DATES OF MEETINGS

(A) The Chairperson proposes that meetings be held at 1000 hours on the following Tuesdays in the Council House:-

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
19 July	17 January
27 September	21 February
25 October	28 March
22 November	25 April
13 December	

(B) The Committee is also requested to approve Tuesdays at 1000 hours as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions.

Monthly dates have been reserved with a view to planning all work i.e. Committee meetings, inquiries etc to fit into the schedule.

**9 REQUEST(S) FOR "CALL IN"/COUNCILLOR CALLS FOR
ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

To consider any request for "call in"/Councillor calls for action/petitions (if received).

10 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.

11 AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

Chair to move: 'In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.

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To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities relating to cleaner neighbourhoods, waste management, Environment safeguarding, social care and public health and to discharge the relevant overview and scrutiny role set out in the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, including:

- The appointment of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees with neighbouring authorities; and
- the exercise of the power to make referrals of contested service reconfigurations to the Secretary of State as previously delegated to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the Council.

All Councillors, except Cabinet Members (and the Lord Mayor) can be members of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Chairs of these committees are appointed by the Full Council and Deputy Chairs are elected by each committee at its first meeting, for the purpose of substitution for the Chair if absent.

Good Overview and Scrutiny adds value to councils in many ways, for example it:

- Provides “critical friend” challenge to executive policy-makers and decision-makers;
- Enables the voice and concerns of the public and its communities to be heard;
- Is carried out by ‘independent minded members’ who lead and own the scrutiny process;
- Drives improvement in public services.

7.1 General role

Overview and Scrutiny Committees will:

- (a) make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council, the Executive and/or other organisations in connection with the discharge of the functions specified in their terms of reference;
- (b) consider any matter covered in their terms of reference that may affect or be likely to have an effect on the citizens of Birmingham; and
 - i. is relevant to the Council’s strategic objectives; and/or
 - ii. is relevant to major issues faced by officers in managing a function of the Council; and
 - iii. is likely to make a contribution to moving the Council forward and achieving key performance targets.
- (c) exercise the “request for call-in” and “call-in” any Executive decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive.

Overview and Scrutiny Chairs should maintain regular engagement with Cabinet Members to enable flexibility to be built into the Overview and Scrutiny work programme, so as to respond to the council’s policy priorities in a timely way.

7.2 Specific functions

(a) Policy development and review

Overview and Scrutiny Committees may:

- (i) assist the Council and/or the Executive in the development of its budget and Policy Framework by appropriate analysis of policy and budget issues;
- (ii) conduct appropriate research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy and budget issues and possible options;
- (iii) consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;
- (iv) question Members of the Executive and/or Chief Officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting their areas of responsibility; and
- (v) liaise with other external organisations operating in the city, whether national, regional or local to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.

(b) Scrutiny

Overview and Scrutiny Committees may:

- (i) review and scrutinise the Executive decisions made by and performance of the Executive and/or Chief Officers in relation to decisions taken by them or in relation to their areas of responsibility/department;
- (ii) review and scrutinise the performance of the council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas – including the areas of responsibility of the Regulatory and Non-Executive Committees, but not the actual decisions of the Regulatory and Non-Executive Committees;
- (iii) make recommendations to the Executive, Chairmen of Committees, Chief Officers and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
- (iv) review and scrutinise the performance of other relevant public bodies in Birmingham (including Health Authorities) and to invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and local people about their activities and performance;
- (v) question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent);
- (vi) establish short life working groups to carry out specific time limited enquiries as agreed with the five Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs and subject to available resources.