

Meeting:	OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date:	10 June 2008
Subject:	Committee Terms of Reference
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart – Director of Legal and Governance Services
Portfolio Holder:	Paul Osborn – Strategy & Business Support
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Proposed New Terms of Reference – Appendix 1

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation

This report sets out the recommended changes relating to the Terms of Reference of the Committee

Recommendation:

That the Committee agree and recommend to the Council the proposed amendment to the Terms of Reference of Overview & Scrutiny Committee as detailed in Paragraph 6 of this report.

Reason:

Following the reorganisation the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the proposed amendment will address the identifying of responsibility for the Borough's health scrutiny function.

Section 2 – Report

1. Following the reconfiguration of Scrutiny it is considered appropriate to amend the Terms of Reference to specifically identify the Overview & Scrutiny Committee as the body that holds responsibility for the Borough's statutory health scrutiny function.
2. Alongside this and to respond to the emerging likely legislation surrounding Councillor Call for Action and the combined issues of Scrutiny addressing "local government matters" and "local crime and disorder matters" it is also considered appropriate to define the relevant aspects of the regulations to apply to give clarity to the responsibility of the Committee. The revised Terms of Reference are therefore attached at Appendix 1 with the proposed amendments in bold and italic and as set out below.
3. The following amendments are proposed:

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – Terms of Reference

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the following power and duties:

9. To consider Councillor Call for Action in terms of
 - ***Local Government Matter (Section 119, LGA 2007)***
 - ***Local Crime & Disorder Matter (Section 19, Police & Justice Act 2006)***
 10. ***To discharge the functions conferred by Section 21(f) of the Local Government Act 2000 of reviewing and scrutinising, in accordance with regulations under Section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001, matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in Harrow.***
 11. ***To scrutinise matters relating to health and public health and to hear the views of local residents, with a view to improving health services, reducing health inequalities and improving the health of local residents.***
 12. ***To respond to consultations from local health trusts, Department of Health and any organisation which provides health services outside the local authority's area to inhabitants within it.***
4. The legal implications are addressed in the report and there are no financial implications associated with this report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Sheela Thakrar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 29 May 2008		
Name: Helen White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of Monitoring Officer
Date: 29 May 2008		

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	N/A
2.	Corporate Priorities	N/A