REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(SPECIAL) MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2008

Chairman: * Councillor Stanley Sheinwald

Councillors * B E Gate * Janet Mote

: * Mitzi Green * Mrs Rekha Shah (4) * Manji Kara * Dinesh Solanki * Ashak Kulkarni (2) * Yogosh Toli

* Mrs Vina Mithani

Voting (Voluntary Aided) (Parent Governors)

Co-opted:

* Denotes Member present

(2) and (4) Denote category of Reserve Members

† Denotes apologies received

[Note: Councillor David Ashton also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 337 below].

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION I - Committee Terms of Reference

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, which proposed changes to the existing terms of reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to reflect its role as the body holding the responsibility for the Borough's statutory health scrutiny function since its reconfiguration. It also recognised the duty of scrutiny in addressing local government and local crime and disorder matters, as part of the government's drive for 'responsive services and empowered communities'. These matters were addressed in the Health and Social Care Act 2001, Police and Justice Act 2006 and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

In considering the report, the Committee was informed that the terms of reference would be further revisited at a future date, as part of the review of the reconfiguration. The proposals before the Committee were to ensure that arrangements were in place to meet the provisions in the Acts.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as set out in bold text at Appendix 1 to these minutes, be approved.