



Havering

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CHILDREN & LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.00 pm	Tuesday 8 December 2020	VIRTUAL MEETING
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Members 9: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

Judith Holt (Chairman)
Robby Misir (Vice-Chair)
Gillian Ford

Tony Durdin
Tele Lawal
Sally Miller

Dilip Patel
Carol Smith
Reg Whitney

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Statutory Members representing the Churches

Lynne Bennett, Church of
England
Jack How, Roman Catholic
Church

Statutory Members representing parent governors

Julie Lamb, Special Schools
Kathy Freeman, Primary
Schools

Non-voting members representing local teacher unions and professional associations:
Ian Rusha (NEU)

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Members of the public are entitled to report on meetings of Council, Committees and Cabinet, except in circumstances where the public have been excluded as permitted by law.

Reporting means:-

- filming, photographing or making an audio recording of the proceedings of the meeting;
- using any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later; or
- reporting or providing commentary on proceedings at a meeting, orally or in writing, so that the report or commentary is available as the meeting takes place or later if the person is not present.

Anyone present at a meeting as it takes place is not permitted to carry out an oral commentary or report. This is to prevent the business of the meeting being disrupted.

Anyone attending a meeting is asked to advise Democratic Services staff on 01708 433076 that they wish to report on the meeting and how they wish to do so. This is to enable employees to guide anyone choosing to report on proceedings to an appropriate place from which to be able to report effectively.

Members of the public are asked to remain seated throughout the meeting as standing up and walking around could distract from the business in hand.

What is Overview & Scrutiny?

Each local authority is required by law to establish an overview and scrutiny function to support and scrutinise the Council's executive arrangements. Each overview and scrutiny sub-committee has its own remit as set out in the terms of reference but they each meet to consider issues of local importance.

The sub-committees have a number of key roles:

1. Providing a critical friend challenge to policy and decision makers.
2. Driving improvement in public services.
3. Holding key local partners to account.
4. Enabling the voice and concerns to the public.

The sub-committees consider issues by receiving information from, and questioning, Cabinet Members, officers and external partners to develop an understanding of proposals, policy and practices. They can then develop recommendations that they believe will improve performance, or as a response to public consultations. These are considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board and if approved, submitted for a response to Council, Cabinet and other relevant bodies.

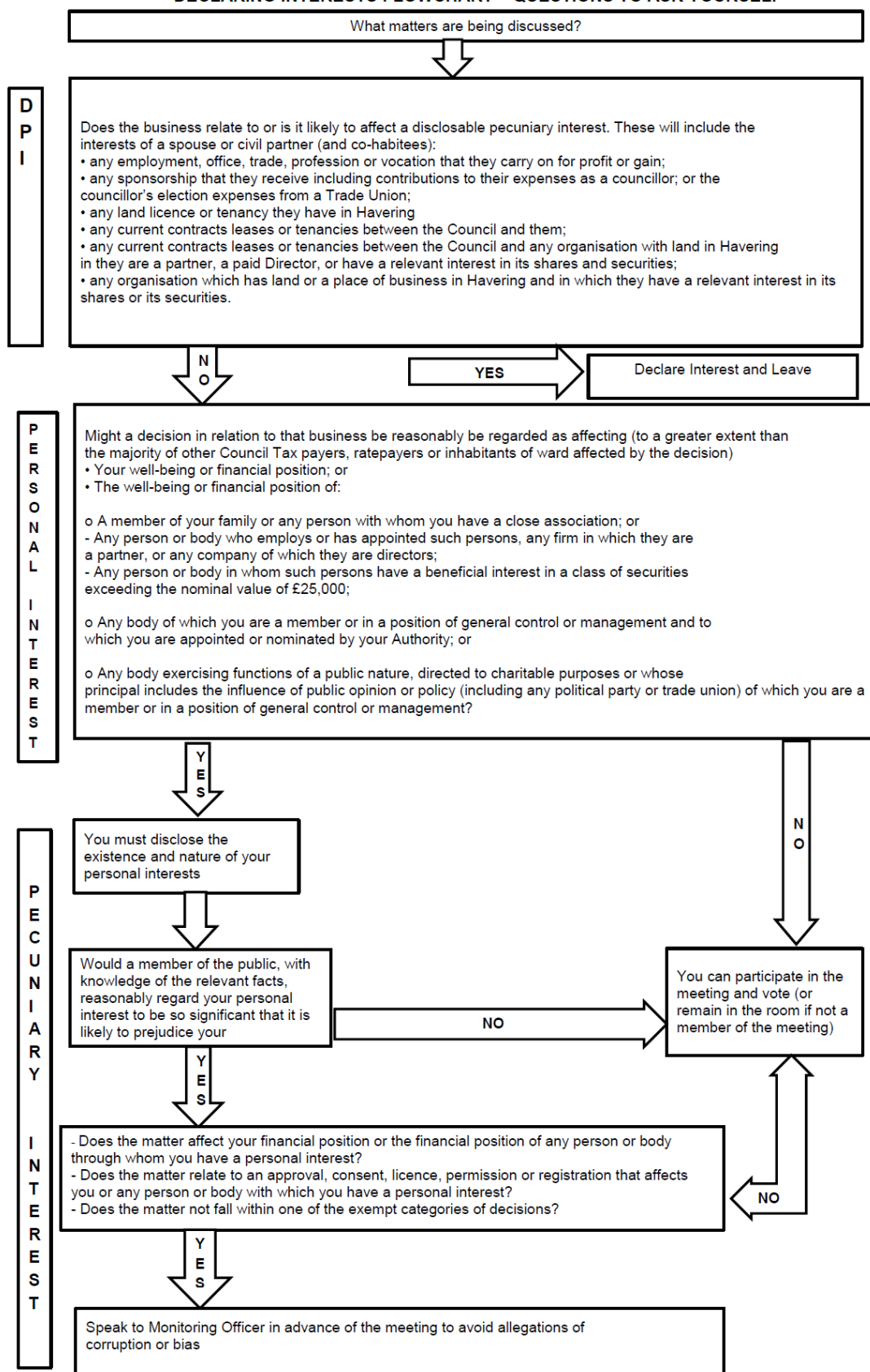
Sub-Committees will often establish Topic Groups to examine specific areas in much greater detail. These groups consist of a number of Members and the review period can last for anything from a few weeks to a year or more to allow the Members to comprehensively examine an issue through interviewing expert witnesses, conducting research or undertaking site visits. Once the topic group has finished its work it will send a report to the Sub-Committee that created it and will often suggest recommendations for the Overview and Scrutiny Board to pass to the Council's Executive.

Terms of Reference

The areas scrutinised by the Committee are:

- Pupil and Student Services (including the Youth Service)
- Children's Social Services
- Safeguarding
- Adult Education
- Councillor Calls for Action
- Social Inclusion

DECLARING INTERESTS FLOWCHART – QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF



AGENDA ITEMS

1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(if any) - receive.

3 PROTOCOL ON THE OPERATION OF CHILDREN & LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB- COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS (Pages 1 - 4)

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are invited to disclose any interests in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting. Members may still declare an interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

5 MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 September 2020 and authorise the Chairman to sign at a later date.

6 PROTOCOL FOR PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY (Pages 11 - 18)

The Sub-Committee to note the content of the Protocol on Pre-Decision Scrutiny

7 QUARTER TWO 2020/21 - PERFORMANCE INFORMATION UPDATE (Pages 19 - 40)

Report and presentation attached.

8 CHILDREN'S SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET (Pages 41 - 50)

Report attached.

9 CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT 2019-20 (Pages 51 - 72)

Report attached.

10 CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMPLAINTS COMMENTS & COMPLIMENTS POLICY (Pages 73 - 102)

Report attached.

Andrew Beesley
Head of Democratic Services