

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE
Council Chamber - Town Hall
6 December 2022 (7.00 - 7.30 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group	Ray Best, Jason Frost (Chairman), Christine Smith and David Taylor
Havering Residents' Group	Laurance Garrard, Jacqueline McArdle, Bryan Vincent and Julie Wilkes
Labour Group	Frankie Walker (Vice-Chair)

All decisions were taken with no votes against.

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Patricia Brown, Lamb and Darren Wise.

9 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

10 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in an emergency.

11 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 12th July 2022 and 6th September 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12 PEOPLE OSSC TOPIC GROUP SCOPES

The Sub-Committee were presented with 3 topic groups' scopes.

Members first considered the scope for the Adult SEND Provisions topic group. The lead member, Councillor Wise explained that the initial aim of the group was to investigate the provisions that were currently in place for adults with SEND to identify areas of focused scrutiny. Councillors Wilkes and McArdle nominated themselves to join the topic group.

Members then discussed the EHCP and SEND School Provisions topic group. Members noted that the lead member, Councillor Pat Brown, had sent apologies so were not prepared to make a decision. Members did state that the investigation of special school places was key and should be a main focus.

Members finally considered the School Readiness. Councillor Frankie Walker, the lead member of the topic group, explained to the Sub-Committee the school readiness rates for children on free school meals in Havering was below the London and England averages and this would be the main focus alongside children in poverty. Cllr Walker identified the wards within Havering with the largest percentage of children in poverty but explained the data was from 2017 so would be looking for more up to date data. Members noted that not all children in poverty are able to access free school meals. Cllr Walker explained that the topic group would scrutinise other London Borough's and Council's provisions and analyse them compared to Havering's provisions. Other members suggested consulting external services and business which are not Council-led or funded.

The Sub-Committee:

- 1) **Approved** the scopes for the Adult SEND and School Readiness topic groups
- 2) **Approved** for the Adult SEND and School Readiness topic groups to commence at the earliest possible time

Chairman