

## OUTER NORTH EAST LONDON JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, 16 SEPTEMBER 2020

Subject Heading:	Arrangements for Public Speaking and Questions
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Financial summary:	The information presented recommends some changes to the Joint Committee's terms of reference.  No financial implications of the covering report itself.

# The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering	[X]
Places making Havering	[]
Opportunities making Havering	[]
Connections making Havering	[]

**SUMMARY** 

Details are given in the appended document of a proposed addition to the Joint Committee's terms of reference to clarify the policy regarding public speaking and the asking of questions by the public at meetings of the Joint Committee.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee agrees the addition to its terms of reference as shown on the document appended to this report.

#### REPORT DETAIL

Following recent requests from the public to speak and ask questions at meetings of the Joint Committee, Members have requested a formalising of the policy around these areas.

The attached proposed addition to the Terms of Reference seeks to address this by setting time limits for the receipt requests to speak and for individual and overall public speaking contributions at the actual meetings. A policy for dealing with questions asked by members of the public is also suggested.

### **IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

**Financial implications and risks:** None of this covering report.

**Legal implications and risks:** None of this covering report.

Human Resources implications and risks: None of this covering report.

**Equalities implications and risks:** None of this covering report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.