

# Cabinet

7 May 2025

## REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

**Subject Heading:**

Feedback from Scrutiny

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**Policy context:**

The report deals with a statutory process.

**Financial summary:**

There is no significant financial impact  
from the statutory processes as these  
requirements are being met by existing  
budgets.

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

People - Supporting our residents to stay safe and well

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy **X**

Resources - Enabling a resident-focused and resilient Council

## **SUMMARY**

Using its Constitutional powers under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Overview and Scrutiny Board has made a number of recommendations to Cabinet. Cabinet is recommended to respond to these.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Cabinet considers and responds to the following recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Board:**

### **Scrutiny Process and Related Issues**

- 1. The relevant Cabinet Member should be required to attend each meeting of the Board or Sub-Committees where there is an item relevant to their portfolios.**
- 2. All Cabinet responses to scrutiny recommendations or comments should be included as an agenda item at the next scrutiny meeting.**
- 3. Comments and recommendations to Cabinet should be presented at the Cabinet meeting by the Chairman and Vice-Chair of the Board or relevant Sub-Committee.**
- 4. Cabinet responses to scrutiny comments on called-in decisions should be circulated to all members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board as well as other Members supporting the call-in.**
- 5. Cabinet supports the Board's request for scrutiny reports to be received two weeks ahead of publication as this will facilitate earlier pre-meets and general consideration of the material.**
- 6. That Cabinet commends the Overview and Scrutiny Board reviewing the work it undertook over the past year, and its ongoing efforts to make the scrutiny process as effective as possible for residents.**
- 7. That a protocol be developed for working practices between Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Board including, but not limited to, the issues outlined in the recommendations above.**

## REPORT DETAIL

At its meeting on 12 April 2025, the Overview and Scrutiny Board discussed and made some recommendations re the operation of the scrutiny process in Havering.

The specific recommendations in this area are as shown in the section above and Cabinet is asked to respond to these at the Cabinet meeting.

## IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

**Financial implications and risks:** None of this report which purely seeks an initial response from Cabinet. Should Cabinet be minded to consider definite proposals in response to the Board's recommendations, these may require a separate report with full implications.

**Legal implications and risks:** None of this report which purely seeks an initial response from Cabinet. Should Cabinet be minded to consider definite proposals in response to the Board's recommendations, these may require a separate report with full implications.

**Human Resources implications and risks:** None of this report which purely seeks an initial response from Cabinet. Should Cabinet be minded to consider definite proposals in response to the Board's recommendations, these may require a separate report with full implications.

**Equalities implications and risks:** None of this report which purely seeks an initial response from Cabinet. Should Cabinet be minded to consider definite proposals in response to the Board's recommendations, these may require a separate report with full implications.

**Environmental and Climate Change implications and risks:** None of this report which purely seeks an initial response from Cabinet. Should Cabinet be minded to consider definite proposals in response to the Board's recommendations, these may require a separate report with full implications.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.