



## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Tuesday, 8 December 2009 at 7.30 pm**

Committee Room 4, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane,  
Wembley, HA9 9HD

### Membership:

#### Members

Councillors:

Jones (Chair)  
Castle (Vice-Chair)  
Clues  
Leaman  
HB Patel  
Mistry  
Thomas

#### first alternates

Councillors:

Beswick  
Dunn  
Bessong  
Motley  
Eniola  
Kansagra  
John

#### Second alternates

Councillors:

Crane  
Green  
Hirani  
Anwar  
HM Patel  
Mrs Fernandes  
Ahmed

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# Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

Item	Page
<b>1 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests</b>	
Members are invited to declare any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.	
<b>2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 13th October 2009</b>	1 - 10
The minutes are attached.	
<b>3 Matters Arising (if any)</b>	
<b>4 Review of Representation of Political Groups on Committees</b>	11 - 18
This report updates members on the impact of the change in membership of the political groups on the political balance of committees and sub committees and advises on the need to consider changes to the allocation of seats on committees.	
At the last Council meeting on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2009 it was agreed to reduce the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee from eight members to seven and to refer to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider whether it wishes to reduce the membership of its' sub committees accordingly.	
<b>5 Appointments to Sub-Committees (if any)</b>	
<b>6 Deputations (if any)</b>	
<b>7 Tubbs Road Councillor Call for Action</b>	19 - 34
At its meeting in October 2009, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to look in more detail at the councillor call for action submitted by Councillor James Powney in relation to the traffic issues at Tubbs Road, Kensal Green Ward. A report on the site visit undertaken by Members and officers from Transportation is attached and Members are asked to consider whether they wish to make recommendations to the Executive.	

**8 Update on the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy 2010 - 2015** 35 - 42

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the scope of the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy at its meeting in June 2009. At that meeting members asked for an update on the development of the strategy and information on the council's relationship with the voluntary sector to be presented to them in December 2009. A briefing note has been provided by officers from Housing and Community Care and this is included as an appendix to this covering report.

**9 Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2008/09** 43 - 98

This is the fifth annual report of the Brent Safeguarding Adults Committee and covers the period April 2008 – March 2009. It outlines national developments, the progress made in Brent (including the priorities set in last year's annual report) and also identifies key issues and future plans for growth and improvement. The report also covers the outcome of the Commission for Social Care Inspection on Independence, Wellbeing and Choice and the implementation of the Mental Capacity Act Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

**10 Climate Change Final Task Group Report** 99 - 120

The final report of the Climate Change Task Group is attached.

**11 Proposals to Enhance Local Democracy - Motion Referred From Council** 121 - 126

At the full Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 members discussed a motion put forward by Councillor Ann John on proposals to enhance local democracy. Council carried the motion, with an amendment from Councillor Paul Lorber. One of the things that Council resolved to do was "to set up an all party/group scrutiny task group to investigate how local democracy can be improved, with a view to increasing the debate at Full Council meetings, improving the public's access to local democracy and encouraging more young people to take part".

The motion has been included on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda for members to decide how it wishes to respond to this issue.

**12 Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme** 127 - 140

This document, for the Committee's information, sets out the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.

### 13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

### 14 Any Other Urgent Business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No 64.



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