

Scrutiny Panel 18 th July 2019 Review of the Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government	Item No 7
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Outline

The statutory guidance on overview and scrutiny in local government was published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) following the Communities and Local Government Select Committee's inquiry into overview and scrutiny and a commitment by Government in early 2018.

The statutory guidance talks about the technical aspects of scrutiny and offers ideas and a framework within which local scrutiny functions can find their own solutions. The role that overview and scrutiny can play in holding an authority's decision makers to account makes it fundamentally important to the successful functioning of local democracy. Councils are asked to use this guidance to reflect on their own performance.

Action

The Panel is asked to use this document to review the role of Overview and Scrutiny within Hackney.