

Scrutiny Panel 20th February 2023 Item 4 – Constitution Update - Review of Overview & Scrutiny Sections	Item No 4
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OUTLINE

The Council's Constitution Committee was established on 26 January 2022 following work commencing to conduct a review and refresh of the Council's Constitution more generally. This review does not seek to change the balance of decision-making within the Council or how decisions are made generally, rather the aim is to provide greater clarity for the public and Members alike as to how the Council operates and improve upon the information provided to the public / businesses / other organisations generally with regards to the operation of the Council and with particular reference as to how they can become involved with the formal aspects of Council decision-making.

The sections for Overview and Scrutiny are scheduled for review. The Constitution Committee would like to take into consideration the views and comments from Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs for the sections related to Overview and Scrutiny.

The representative for Overview and Scrutiny on the constitution committee is the Chair of Scrutiny Panel.

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to discuss and collate the suggestions and views of SP for the Chair of SP to present to the Constitutional Committee for consideration as part of the review work.

Reports in the agenda:

To support this discussion the following background information has been provided.

- The draft Index for the Council's Constitution
- From Part 2 of the constitution – Article 7
- From Part 4 of the constitution – O&S procedure rules
- From part 4 of the constitution – Call-in procedure rules

Invited guests

London Borough of Hackney

- Dawn Carter-McDonald, Director of Legal, Democratic and Electoral Services
- Louise Humphreys, Head of Legal and Governance

ACTION

Members are asked to submit their suggestions to the Constitution Committee.