

Report to Council

Date of meeting: 21 February 2017

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Report to Council

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Overview and Scrutiny progress report from December 2016 to the present be noted.

Report:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 19 December 2016

1. At our meeting on Monday 19th December, we conducted a question and answer session with two officers from Transport for London. One was the General Manager of the Central Line and the other was the Stakeholder Engagement Manager for the Bakerloo, Central and Victoria Lines. The TfL officers had received advanced notice of the topics and questions, split into operational and strategic issues, that the Committee wanted to cover, and as a result had come with prepared answers; they went on to answer, as best they could, any questions that were generated on the night from the members present. This exercise proved very productive and provided interesting and informative answers to many members' questions. In concluding this portion of the meeting I asked that they come back to us at a future date to update us on progress made, and this they agreed to do.

2. Also at this meeting we considered the Cabinet's Key Decision List for October 2016 and the Council's Corporate Plan, setting out the council's priorities over a five year period from 2015/16 to 2019/20. We also scoped out the themes and possible questions we would like to ask the officers from the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust who were supposed to be coming to a special meeting we had arranged for the end of January 2017. Unfortunately at the last moment they cancelled and we are now trying to rearrange this for another time.

3. Members may like to know that we will have the new Principal of Epping Forest College, which has recently had an unfavourable second Ofsted report, attend our next Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting which will be held on 28 February 2017.