

Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel		
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## 1. Update

- 1.1 Scrutiny has provided a submission to the Council's Democracy Review, which is looking at how residents, community groups and businesses can have a stronger say in local decision-making to make the council even more democratic, open and transparent. Suggestions made included:
- Ensuring that scrutiny is engaged in contributing to policy proposals at an early enough stage to actively influence and contribute to their development
  - The development of a robust Communications Strategy to ensure genuine and meaningful two way dialogue between the Council and its citizens
  - Making sure that allowances accurately reflect the responsibilities attached to certain posts and the impact that fulfilling the associated duties has on the post holder
  - Ensuring the right training provision for members to allow them to carry out their duties effectively.
- 1.2 There will be a meeting of the Our Healthier South East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 February 2019 to discuss population health and life expectancy, including long term planning reflecting age and pressures in different boroughs; and the roll out of Hubs/ Urgent Care Centres/ Urgent Treatment Centres.
- 1.3 Those Select Committees conducting in-depth reviews this year are currently holding evidence sessions to progress their review, going on visits and observing relevant services.
- 1.4 Select Committee chairs may wish to provide an oral update on how their work programmes are progressing.

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