

Overview & Scrutiny Committee 30 January 2019

Report title: 2018-19 Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Wards: All

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Report summary

This report sets out the committee's draft work programme, provides an update on and record of actions or recommendations arising from previous meetings, and provides councillors with information relevant to the management of the committee.

Finance summary

There are no additional capital or revenue implications arising as a direct result of this report. The work programme will be undertaken within the existing budget provision for Scrutiny within the Corporate Resources Directorate.

Recommendations

1. That the work programme as drafted and the status of actions be noted (Appendix 1).

1. Context

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) is responsible for overseeing and scrutinising the whole range of the Authority's functions and responsibilities, as well as other public service providers' work and its impact on the local community. The committee's remit extends to all matters which impact on the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of those who live, work, study or use services in the borough.
- 1.2 OSC also exercises the council's statutory scrutiny functions in relation to health, and crime and disorder. The committee has responsibility for the review and scrutiny of matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health and related services in Lambeth (and any substantial variation thereof) in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and relevant regulations. The committee is also the borough's designated 'Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee' in accordance with the Police and Justice Act 2006 and has responsibility for scrutinising the work of the Safer Lambeth Partnership.
- 1.3 At the AGM on 23 May 2018, Council agreed minor changes to Lambeth's scrutiny arrangements, with the Overview & Scrutiny Committee moving to a fixed membership of nine permanent Members (comprising seven from the majority Labour Group, one from the minority Green Group and the sole Conservative councillor).
- 1.4 The Children's Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee (CSSC) established in April 2017 is continuing in 2018/19, meeting four times over the course of the year. The Chair of CSSC, Councillor Liz Atkins, also sits on OSC in order to ensure coordination of work between the two bodies, eliminate any potential duplication and feed in findings from CSSC into OSC, and vice versa, where relevant.

2. Proposal and Reasons

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider its work programme at each meeting. Although some flexibility needs to be retained to enable items to be added at relatively short notice, planning the committee's work programme assists in the commissioning of reports and helps to ensure that planned work is considered in a timely manner.
- 2.2 The committee's draft work programme and action monitoring table is attached at Appendix 1. The work programme is updated following completion of any actions or recommendations arising or timetabling of new items. It should be monitored at each meeting to ensure that previous actions and requests have been completed in full.
- 2.3 Overview & Scrutiny Committee is continuing the same approach to its meetings in 2018/19 as in the previous municipal year, whereby meetings will have lead agenda items but a portion of each meeting will also be retained to take updates on themes of ongoing or particular interest or concern in order to ensure a flexible approach. Indicative lead items are outlined in Appendix 1.
- 2.4 The 30 January meeting will focus principally on transport, with reports expected on the Lambeth Transport Strategy and the second and final action plan update in relation to the interlinked Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission. Alongside these OSC will also take the first update from the Accessibility of Council Digital Services Scrutiny Commission which reported to Cabinet in March 2018.
- 2.5 Arrangements for the 14 March OSC meeting are still under discussion but the possibility of theming the meeting around jobs, skills and enterprise is being explored. This could include a labour market data review as requested at the July 2018 meeting as well as an update on progress against the recommendations made by the Jobs For All Scrutiny Commission.

Scrutiny Commissions

- 2.6 All proposals for scrutiny commissions should be submitted to the Scrutiny Team and will be considered by the OSC Chair and Vice Chairs in the first instance. Councillors submitting a proposal for a commission are asked to provide outline information using the commission scoping template. Commissions can only be progressed when adequate resource has become available in the Scrutiny Team.
- 2.7 A Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) is established across the six south east London boroughs to scrutinise the work and consider proposals arising from the NHS SEL programme 'Our Healthier South East London' (OHSEL). OHSEL is the NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for south east London aiming to improve the health of people in the region, reduce health inequalities and deliver a healthcare system which is clinically and financially sustainable. Nine formal meetings of the JOSC have been held so far, and proposed models of care for the programme's priorities have been subject to discussion with the committee. The JOSC most recently met on 26 September 2018 to consider a partnership update on the OHSEL Programme and plans going forward. The next meeting is due to be held in February 2019 with an indicative focus on population health and life expectancy/long term planning reflecting age and pressures in different boroughs; and roll out of hubs and locality based care provision.
- 2.8 Cllr Danny Adilypour (OSC Vice Chair leading on Health & Adult Social Care) and Cllr Philip Normal (CSSC member) are the Lambeth representatives of the OHSEL JOSC. At the 26 September 2018 JOSC meeting Cllr Normal was appointed Vice Chair of the committee.
- 2.9 At the OSC meeting held on 12 July 2018 the committee agreed to establish a short term scrutiny commission aimed at complementing the council's Events Strategy review. Following discussions with councillors and officers regarding the scope of this commission and how best scrutiny can add value, a proposal was drawn up by Cllr Mary Atkins, OSC Vice Chair, focusing on the community benefits that are, or could be, delivered via major commercial events held in the borough, and how these can be maximised. Councillors Nigel Haselden, Philip Normal and Becca Thackray were appointed to the commission in October 2018 alongside Cllr Atkins. The commission has met informally three times to discuss the precise terms of reference, consider a variety of research evidence, and draw up plans for stakeholder input.
- 2.10 As a result of issues raised at the 20 September 2018 housing-themed OSC meeting in relation to the Private Rented Sector (PRS) item, committee members expressed an interest in establishing a commission which could dovetail into the forthcoming PRS Strategy. The precise focus for such a commission, were it to be taken forward, has not yet been determined.
- 2.11 The table included in Appendix 1 summarises the status of all current commissions.

Borough Plan and Forward Plan

- 2.12 In considering its future work programme and in agreeing commissions the committee may wish to take into account the Council's priorities as outlined in Future Lambeth: Our Borough Plan 2016-2021, which was approved by Cabinet on 19 September 2016. This is the Council and partners' vision for the borough over the next five years and sets out three strategic priorities that all partners will work towards in order to make Lambeth a stronger, fairer and more prosperous borough: *Inclusive Growth; Reducing Inequality; and Strong and Sustainable Neighbourhoods.*
- 2.13 The Forward Plan lists all key decisions that the Council (including the Health and Wellbeing Board) will take over the coming months. A key decision is defined as an executive decision which will:

- (1) Require an amendment to the Community Plan Outcomes Framework or require a recommendation to Council to amend the Budget and Policy Framework; and/or
- (2) Result in the local authority incurring expenditure, raising income or making savings in excess of £500,000; and/or
- (3) Have a significant impact on:
 - (a) communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in Lambeth; or
 - (b) wellbeing of the community or the quality of service provided to a significant number of people living or working in an area; or
 - (c) communities of interest

2.14 The plan is therefore a useful tool for identifying forthcoming decisions where the committee might add value. The Forward Plan can be found at:

<https://moderngov.lambeth.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=702&RP=137>

3. Finance

3.1 There are no additional capital or revenue implications arising as a direct result of this report. The work programme will be undertaken within the existing budget provision for Scrutiny within the Corporate Resources Directorate.

4. Legal and Democracy

4.1 There are no legal implications, but advice on specific work programme items may be provided in the future.

4.2 There are no further democratic implications arising from this report.

5. Consultation and co-production

5.1 All members of the council are entitled to suggest items for scrutiny work programmes in accordance with the council's scrutiny procedure rules (Constitution Part 3, Section 6). Suggestions are also invited specifically from scrutiny members as part of their community leadership role and from members of the public. The council's website includes a form for the submission of suggestions and for public notice questions.

6. Risk management

6.1 None.

7. Equalities impact assessment

7.1 An equalities impact assessment of the work programme has not been undertaken. Reports commissioned by the committee will be expected to address any equalities issues. Any recommendations arising from commissions will have equalities implications considered at the drafting stage.

8. Community safety

8.1 None.

9. Organisational implications

9.1 None.

10. Timetable for implementation

10.1 See Appendix 1.

Audit Trail					
Consultation					
Name/Position	Lambeth directorate/ department or partner	Date Sent	Date Received	Comments in para:	
Councillor Donatus Anyanwu	Chair, Overview & Scrutiny Committee	11.01.19			
Alison McKane, Director of Legal Services & HR	On behalf of Strategic Director, Corporate Resources	11.01.19	18.01.19		
Nisar Visram, Assistant Director Corporate Finance	Corporate Resources	11.01.19	17.01.19	Section 3 & Finance Summary	
Andrew Pavlou, Legal Services	Corporate Resources	11.01.19	14.01.19	Section 4	
Jacqueline Pennycook, Democratic Services	Corporate Resources	11.01.19			

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Appendices	Appendix 1: OSC Work Programme 2018/19