

**Overview & Scrutiny Committee** 13 November 2019

**Report title: 2019-20 Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme**

**Wards:** All

**Portfolio:** Cabinet Member for the Voluntary Sector, Partnerships and Community Safety: Councillor Donatus Anyanwu

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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 Legal & Governance 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 24 April 2019, Council agreed the committee membership and meeting dates for the 2019/20 municipal year. Further information can be found on the Council's website at: <https://moderngov.lambeth.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=113>
- 1.4 The Children's Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee (CSSC) established in April 2017 is continuing in 2019/20, meeting four times over the course of the year. The Chair of CSSC, Councillor Lucy Caldicott, 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. Only those actions which are amber or red rated from the 2018/19 round of meetings are included. The work programme 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 2019/20 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 13 November meeting will focus primarily on the budget proposals due to go to Cabinet on Monday 18 November. This meeting will also consider the Council's Draft Growth Strategy and the draft report of the Events Scrutiny Commission (see also para. 2.9).
- 2.5 Precise plans for the OSC meeting scheduled for 30 January 2020 are yet to be confirmed at the time of writing but it is expected this will be the annual scrutiny of the Safer Lambeth Partnership, as referred to above (para. 1.2). Arrangements are being made for CSSC to scrutinise the Serious Youth Violence strategy as this falls within the sub-committee's remit.

## **Scrutiny Commissions**

- 2.6 All proposals for scrutiny commissions should be submitted to the Democratic Services 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 Democratic Services 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. Eleven formal meetings of the JOSC have been held so far.
- 2.8 Cllr Danny Adilypour (OSC Vice Chair leading on Health) 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 scrutiny commission aimed at complementing the council's Events Strategy review by exploring ways of maximising community benefits via major commercial events. The commission has now completed its work and presents its draft report on this agenda for consideration (see item 4 for full details).
- 2.10 Owing to the near completion of the Events Commission, resources are likely to become available in the Democratic Services Team to support a new scrutiny commission. Backbench Members have been invited to submit commission ideas and have indicated a preference for a commission to support the Council's climate change ambitions. Initial discussions are taking place with a view to determining an appropriate scope.
- 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 the report *Lambeth's Borough Plan Review*, which was presented to Cabinet on 22 July 2019. This builds on the 2016 Borough Plan and sets out four strategic priorities aimed at creating an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable borough, namely: *Enabling growth and development in the borough; Using the benefits of that growth to build community resilience; Reform the way we commission and deliver services with our partners to provide and promote care and independence; and Making Lambeth a place where people want to live, work and invest.*
- 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 Legal & Governance 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.

<b>Audit Trail</b>
<b>Consultation</b>

<b>Name/Position</b>	<b>Lambeth directorate/ department or partner</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Comments in para:</b>
Councillor Liz Atkins	Chair, Overview & Scrutiny Committee	24.10.19	30.10.19	
Alison McKane, Director	Legal & Governance	24.10.19		
Nisar Visram, Assistant Director Corporate Finance	Finance & Investment	24.10.19	01.11.19	Section 3 & Finance Summary
Andrew Pavlou, Legal Services	Legal & Governance	24.10.19	28.10.19	Section 4
Jacqueline Pennycook, Democratic Services	Legal & Governance	24.10.19	01.11.19	

<b>Report History</b>	
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<b>Key decision reasons</b>	N/A
<b>Background information</b>	<a href="#">Future Lambeth: Our Borough Plan 2016-2021</a> <a href="#">Lambeth's Borough Plan Review (and Appendix)</a> <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a> <a href="#">Lambeth Council Constitution 23.01.19</a>
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1: OSC Work Programme 2019/20