

Overview & Scrutiny Committee 16 July 2020

Report title: 2020-21 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 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 22 May 2020, Council agreed the committee membership and meeting dates for the 2020/21 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 2020/21 and is scheduled to meet 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 2019/20 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 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is continuing the same approach in 2020/21 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 16 July meeting will have a twin focus on two key issues which have been severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, namely the Council's financial position (by way of the July Financial Planning Report [JFPR] due at Cabinet on 20 July) and the actions being taken by the authority to tackle climate change. Due to the Cabinet report deadlines it is expected that the JFPR will follow as a second despatch to the main OSC agenda pack.
- 2.5 Outline arrangements for future meetings are set out in Appendix 1. This takes account of scheduled updates and the committee's statutory responsibilities, though there remains the opportunity to

amend future meeting themes and/or add items depending on emerging issues and timeframes in relation to provisionally scheduled items.

- 2.6 An induction and work planning session for scrutiny members was due to be held on 9 July 2020 and this may provide further suggestions for the OSC work programme in 2020/21, which the committee can assess, prioritise and schedule as appropriate.

Scrutiny Commissions

- 2.7 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 Democratic Services Team.
- 2.8 The table included in Appendix 1 summarises the status of all current commissions. It should be noted that the timelines and assumptions underpinning these have in most cases been significantly disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Work is being undertaken to establish the precise nature of this disruption and look at how best to adjust scrutiny commission activity accordingly. In particular, it is expected that discussions at this meeting on the climate change item may assist in framing the terms of reference of a possible scrutiny commission on this topic, should this remain a priority for members.

Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committees

- 2.9 A Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) 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. Further information on the committee's work can be found at: <https://cds.bromley.gov.uk/mqCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=714> .
- 2.10 Cllr Marianna Masters (OSC Vice Chair leading on Health) and Cllr Nanda Manley-Browne (CSSC member) were appointed as the Lambeth representatives of the OHSEL JHOSC at the Council AGM on 22 May 2020.
- 2.11 In late 2019 a service change proposal was received from NHS Lambeth Clinical Commissioning Group and their provider, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM) regarding the potential reconfiguration of mental health inpatient services at Lambeth Hospital; specifically the transfer of one psychiatric intensive care unit (PICU) and four acute wards to a new facility on the Maudsley Hospital site, located in the London Borough of Southwark. Following conversations with commissioners and colleagues in Southwark it was decided that this proposal amounted to a substantial reconfiguration proposal covering more than one local authority area (in accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health & Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013) and, as such, a JHOSC has been established between the London Boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark to scrutinise the plans.
- 2.12 This JHOSC held its first meeting on 6 February 2020, during which the Terms of Reference and consultation plans were approved. The original Lambeth representatives were Cllr Danny Adilypour (who was elected Chair at the inaugural meeting), Cllr Philip Normal and Cllr Nanda Manley-Browne (both members of CSSC); however following the appointments made at the Council AGM both Cllr Adilypour and Cllr Normal became ineligible to continue to sit on this JHOSC. They have been

replaced by Cllr Marianna Masters and Cllr Josh Lindsey, while Cllr Manley-Browne is continuing her membership of the committee. Cllr Masters was appointed Chair of the JHOSC at its last meeting.

- 2.13 On 27 March the committee conducted a virtual tour of the Lambeth Hospital site and a fly-through of Douglas Bennett House, which would be built on the Maudsley Hospital site if the proposed changes are agreed. In addition to the tour, information was provided on the need for change while updates were provided on the consultation process and the timeframe for decision making. The consultation ran from 4 March until 31 May and the JHOSC met on 28 May to consider, and respond to, the proposals in more detail. A final meeting on 30 June allowed further scrutiny, and recommendations to be made, before the South East London Clinical Commissioning Group makes a final decision in July. Subject to receiving clarification and assurances on a number of issues, the proposal to relocate four acute wards and the Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) from Lambeth Hospital to the Maudsley site were supported by the JHOSC. However, an additional meeting is expected to take place in six months' time to ensure monitoring of progress.

Borough Plan and Forward Plan

- 2.14 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.*
- 2.15 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

- 2.16 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.

Audit Trail				
Consultation				
Name/Position	Lambeth directorate/ department or partner	Date Sent	Date Received	Comments in para:
Councillor Liz Atkins	Chair, Overview & Scrutiny Committee	29.06.20	30.06.20	
Alison McKane, Director	Legal & Governance	29.06.20		
Nisar Visram, Assistant Director Corporate Finance	Finance & Investment	29.06.20	29.06.20	Section 3 & Finance Summary
Andrew Pavlou, Legal Services	Legal & Governance	29.06.20	30.06.20	Section 4
Christian Scade, Deputy Democratic Services Manager	Legal & Governance	29.06.20	03.07.20	2.13

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Background information	Future Lambeth: Our Borough Plan 2016-2021 Forward Plan of Key Decisions Lambeth Council Constitution 22.01.20
Appendices	Appendix 1: OSC Work Programme 2020/21