

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 29 JUNE 2022

Report title: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022/23

Wards: All

Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Finance and Cost of Living: Councillor David Amos

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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 Legal and Governance.

Recommendations

1. To note the work programme as drafted and the status of actions (Appendix 1).
2. To discuss and suggest items for future scrutiny for the 2022/23 municipal year.

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 2022, Council agreed the committee membership and meeting dates for the 2022/23 municipal year. Further information can be found on the Council's website at: <http://moderngov.lambeth.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=113>
- 1.4 The Children's Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee (CSSSC) established in April 2017 is continuing in 2022/23 and is scheduled to meet three times over the course of the year. Councillor David Oxley, the Chair of CSSSC, also sits on OSC in order to ensure coordination of work between the two bodies, eliminate any potential duplication and feed in findings from CSSSC into OSC, and vice versa, where relevant.
- 1.5 In addition, the Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee (HSSC) continues since being established in April 2022 with a remit to scrutinise the full range of housing management services which fall under the control of the Director of Housing, together with Private Sector Enforcement and Regulation. This meeting meets three times over the course of the year and is chaired by Councillor Paul Gadsby, OSC Vice-Chair.
- 1.6 In addition, a new Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee (HASCSSC) is being established this municipal year and is to be chaired by Councillor Annie Gallop, OSC Vice-Chair.

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 are attached at Appendix 1. The work programme is updated following completion of any actions or recommendations arising or timetabling of new items. The work programme should be monitored at each meeting to ensure that previous actions and requests have been completed in full.
- 2.3 Arrangements for meetings for the rest of the 2022/23 municipal year are yet to be confirmed but suggested areas for future scrutiny are set out in the appendix to this report, taking into account the committee's previous work and issues identified.

Scrutiny Commissions

- 2.4 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. A table in Appendix 1 will summarise the status of all current commissions.

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Our Healthier South East London JHOSC

- 2.6 Our Healthier South East London (OHSEL) Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) comprises representatives of the six boroughs across South East London - the London Boroughs of Bromley, Bexley, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark and the Royal Borough of Greenwich. The Joint Committee's role is to scrutinise health services across South East London, in particular the proposals and consultation processes of the NHS Our Healthier South East London programme to ensure that improved, safe and sustainable health services are delivered across the region.

Borough Plan

- 2.11 Lambeth's Borough Plan sets out the outcomes and objectives that the Council is trying to achieve; these can be a useful tool for scrutiny members in their holding to account role; and, to support the consideration, identification, and prioritisation of work programme items. The Borough Plan is based around five big ambitions:
- a. enable sustainable growth and investment;
 - b. increase community resilience;
 - c. promote care and independence by reforming services;
 - d. make Lambeth a place where people want to live, work and invest; and,
 - e. be passionate about equality, strengthening diversity, and delivering inclusion.

Forward Plan

- 2.12 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

- 2.13 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/mgListPlans.aspx?RD=0&RPId=137&bcr=1>

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 Legal and Governance.

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 arising from this report.

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

Name/Position	Lambeth directorate/ department or partner	Date Sent	Date Received	Comments in para:
Hamant Bharadia, Assistant Director Strategic Finance	Finance and Investment	16.06.22	18.06.22	
Andrew Pavlou, Legal Services	Legal and Governance	16.06.22	18.06.22	
Sarah Keeble, Democratic Services	Legal and Governance	16.06.22	16.06.22	

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Appendices	Appendix 1: OSC Work Programme 2022/23