

Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 22 July 2009

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Review of Annual Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2009/2010

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council's Constitution requires that Council adopt the work programmes proposed by each Panel on the recommendation of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, following consultation with the Cabinet and Corporate Management Board (CMB).
- 1.2 The main role of OSC is to provide leadership and co-ordination of the Council's overall scrutiny function. One of the main functions it has, as part of this role is to review the work programmes produced by each Panel in order to:
 - Ensure that the Council's scrutiny function is achieving its overall purpose and each panel's time is being efficiently and effectively used;
 - Ensure that the work programme is realistic, focussed and well balanced;
 - Effectively co-ordinate and manage the allocation of resources between Panels to support the scrutiny function and individual reviews;
 - Identify and deal with any gaps and overlaps in Panel work programmes and any potential areas for joint working between the Panels; and
 - Approve an overall annual scrutiny work programme for adoption by Full Council.
- 1.3 The latest version of the work programmes produced by each of the Scrutiny Panels for the current year (2009/10) have been collated and attached as Appendix 2. In addition the work programmes have been broken down between Panels and provided as a list of items to be covered by scrutiny over the next year (Appendix 1).
- 1.4 The report is to allow OSC to give formal consideration to the work programmes, which will then be forwarded to CMB and Cabinet for comment and Council for approval.
- 1.5 Further reports on progress of the Scrutiny panels work programmes will be provided throughout the current municipal year. This to allow OSC to develop its overview and management of the scrutiny function.

2 Background

- 2.1 OSC has developed its role of providing an overview and management of the scrutiny function in Enfield.
- 2.2 It was decided by Overview & Scrutiny Committee that all Panels would hold workshops to formulate their work programmes and all of these have been undertaken for 2009/2010.

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3. Analysis of panel work programmes

- 3.1 The workprogrammes for all Panels are attached as Appendix 2.
- 3.2 Panels have again developed work programmes to try to ensure that only two detailed reviews are undertaken at any one time.
- 3.3 In addition to the detailed reviews there are still the annual items such as budget consultation, the annual report, and any continuing monitoring or updates which also consume Officer and Member time, as do the preparation and planning for meetings.

4. Councillor Call for Action

- 4.1 There is now a standing item on the work programmes to allow any Councillor Call For Action (CCfA) items to be discussed by the Panel. Since 1st April 2009 the Scrutiny Team has received and been investigating 10 potential CCfAs.

5. New Place Shaping and Enterprise Scrutiny Panel

- 5.1 On the 1st July 2009 Council approved the creation of a new Place Shaping and Enterprise Scrutiny Panel, in addition to the 6 panels that currently stand.
- 5.2 Staff resources in the Scrutiny Team will need to be managed and prioritised to undertake the additional research and investigative support for this new panel, and in Democratic Services for the secretarial support.

6. Areas of possible overlap:

- 6.1 Panels are encouraged where practical to consider cross panel working. Particularly in the areas of Health, Adult Social Services, and Children's Services where the links are stronger.
- 6.2 The Under 18's Conception Working Group covers both Health and Children's Services, so members from both Panels are on the working group.
- 6.3 Although the Place Shaping and Enterprise Scrutiny Panel has yet to agree its work programme, members will need to consider that Housing Scrutiny Panel currently has an item regarding Place Shaping to look at three of the Action areas Ponders End, North Circular Road, and New Southgate because of significant Social Housing issues.
- 6.4 Members will also need to be aware that there may be an overlap on the Environment Parks and Leisure Scrutiny Panel remit that will need to be addressed.

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7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That, subject to any comments made at the meeting, OSC approve the annual work programme for referral onto CMB and Cabinet (for comment) and then Council for formal approval.

8. Conclusions

- 8.1 The attached workload summary at Appendix 1 shows that members will need to continue to prioritise work to ensure that both Members and Officers have the capacity to undertake effective Scrutiny (this does not include any items for the new Place Shaping and Enterprise Scrutiny Panel).

Scrutiny Workload 09/10

Annual Items

LAA monitoring
Budget Consultation
Annual Report
Annual Healthcheck
Environmental Protection & Regulation Business Plan
Scrutiny Member Induction
Scrutiny Evaluation Framework

Commissions

Young People's Life Opportunities
Enfield Leisure Centres

Detailed Reviews

Repairs & Maintenance Service (Housing)
Transport for London North Circular Road (Housing)
Area Reviews: Fore Street, North Circular Road, Telford Road and Green Lanes (Crime & Safety)
SSCB: Enhancing Community Engagement (Crime & Safety)
Personalisation of Care (Adult Social Services)
Modernisation of Services for Dementia (Adult Social Services)
Accessibility and acceptability of Mental Health Services (Adult Social Services)
End of life care (Health)
Enfield Primary Care Strategy (Children's)
Consistency & Attendance between schools (Children's)
Youth engagement (Children's)
Health Visitors – impact on early years education (Children's)
Under 18's Conceptions (Children's & Health)
Corporate Parenting Role and Looked After Children (Children's)
Allotments (Environment)
Parking enforcement including Footway Crossovers (Environment)
Friends of the Parks (Environment)
Millfield Arts Centre and theatre (Environment)
Parks & open spaces (Environment)
Commercial recycling pilot (Environment)
Animal Welfare Policy (Environment)
Pest Control (Environment)
Traffic management Act (Environment)
Traffic congestion and the utility companies (Environment)
Empty Shops in town centres (Environment)

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Panel Updates/Monitoring items

Enfield Homes Inspection (Housing)
Enfield Homes Customer Service (Housing)
Tenant involvement CHP's (Housing)
Enfield Homes Performance Monitoring (Housing)
Youth Homelessness/Supporting people (Housing)
Leaseholder Charges (Housing)
Temporary Accommodation (Housing)
Derelict Housing back use (Housing)
Place Shaping – sustainability/social housing (Housing)
Estate renewal/modelling plan / assessing council estates (Housing)
Enfield's Housing Market (Housing)
Supporting people strategies, preventing homelessness (Housing)
Community Halls (Housing)
Heating review / energy review (Housing)
Housing Benefit System (Housing)
Overcrowding (Housing)
Housing viability study (Housing)
Rent Setting 2009/10
Private Sector (Housing)
Safer transport interchanges (Crime & Safety)
Arrangements to tackle Domestic violence (Crime & Safety)
SSCB Partnership Plan & Strategic Priorities (Crime & Safety)
New Home Care Contract (Adult Social Services)
Safeguarding Adults (Adult Social Services)
New Home Meals Contract (Adult Social Services)
CSCI Annual Inspection outcome - (Adult Social Services)
Recruitment & Retention Of Qualified Social Workers & Managers (Adult Social Services)
Blue Badge Scheme (Adult Social Services)
Breast Screening Service: Need to increase uptake (Health)
Implementation of Hyper Stroke & Major trauma centres (Health)
Dental Health Assessment in Schools (Health)
Primary Care Centres Forest Green & Evergreen (Health)
Parkinson's Disease Nurse (Health)
Foundation Trust Status (Health)
Enfield Primary Care Strategy (Health)
Alcohol Worker – Chase Farm (Health)
Pupil Mobility (Children's)
Exclusions (Children's)
Safeguarding Children (Children's)
14 – 19 Commissioning Plan (Children's)
Children's Trust board (Children's)
Adoption Performance (Children's)
Fostering Performance (Children's)
Children's Social Care Complaints annual report (Children's)
Recruitment & retention of Children's Social Workers (Children's)
Primary School Places (Children's)
LSCB annual business plan (Children's)

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LAA PE target (Children's)
Looked After Children (Children's)
Children & Young Carers (Children's)
Early Years & Foundation Stage (Children's)
Parks & Open Spaces Strategy (Environment)
Safety Camera Partnership (Environment)
Traffic Management (Environment)
Planning Enforcement (Environment)
Wheelie Bin pilot & Civic Amenity Site (Environment)
Cycling & Cycle Routes (Environment)
Sustainability and Climate change (Environment)
Cost of Leisure Centre Activities (Environment)
Paving & Potholes (Environment)
Trading Standards (Environment)
Eco Detectives (Environment)