

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

The Role of Scrutiny in Meeting the Public Sector Equality Duty

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a key role to play in ensuring that the Council meets all the statutory duties under the Public Sector Equality Duty of the Equality Act 2010, particularly in ensuring that the authority has due regard to the needs of diverse groups when designing, evaluating and delivering services in order to –

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

In order to do this, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise the Council's Equality and Diversity Action Plan and Annual Achievement Report each year to monitor the Authority's performance. The OS Committee will be flexible enough to pick up on issues of inequality, wherever they arise in the Council work programme, or to delegate to individual workstreams for investigation. OSC has a key role in providing a 'critical friend' challenge to the Council's strategic equality objectives and scrutinising performance in delivering those objectives.

In addition, as part of their normal work programme, each workstream will (where relevant and proportionate) -

- request information about the equality impact assessments/analyses that have been undertaken whenever discussing proposals for new policies or future plans, or for current services, to inform their comments on those proposals or services
- examine these assessments/analyses of impact in detail to check if they are robust and have been developed based on strong evidence and appropriate engagement
- question and consider whether appropriate people have been involved and engaged in developing equality objectives and plans, and when assessing the impact of policies and proposals.
- when procurement award criteria and contracts are determined, consider whether or not specific equality stipulations are required
- Scrutiny may also wish to investigate the accessibility of equality and other published documents, asking questions such as –
 - what is done to promote these documents?
 - what languages or formats is the information available in?
 - which documents are most regularly required?
 - how aware are the public of the Authority's equality plans and performance?

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WORK	Lead Officer	25 May (Planning)	14 July	8 Sept	11 th Oct	10 Nov	19 Jan	23 Feb	27 April
Work Programme									
Setting the Overview & Scrutiny Annual Work Programme 2016/17	Andy Ellis	Agree Work Programme							
Selection of New Workstreams for 2016/17 and 2017/18	Andy Ellis	Review and Approve Workstreams 16/17	Receive Scoping and discuss Enfield 2017 WS Scoping with Cllrs Georgiou and Lemonides						Consider/ Propose New Workstreams 17/18
Workstreams Update (standing and time-limited)	Andy Ellis			Update		Update		Update	Update on Adoption Workstream recommendations
Scrutiny Workstream Reports									
Agenda Planning	Andy Ellis								
Standing Items									
Children's and Young People's Issues	Tony Theodoulou / Julian Edwards			Looked After Children/Children in Need/ Child Protection - Tony Theodoulou, Julian Edwards Local Auth Designated Officer/ Ind		Fostering and Adoption		Troubled Families Maria Kelly SEND Janet Leech	Adoption Regionalisation

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health issues									
Scrutiny Monitoring									
Scrutiny Annual Report	Claire Johnson								
Other Items/Specific Topics:									
Care Act	Bindi Nagra								Update
Better Care Fund	Keezia Obi								Update
Town Centres and High Streets	Ian Davis							Update on the Inward Investment Strategy	
Housing Repairs	Ian Davis		Update						
Female Genital Mutilation	Bindi Nagra		Report						
Pre-decision Scrutiny – Housing Allocations Policy	Shaun Rogan					Housing Allocations Policy			
CALL-IN				Cycle Enfield proposals for A105					

Note: Provisional call-in dates:- 7th & 30th June, 26th July, 3rd & 24th August, 29th September, 11th & 26th October, 22nd November, 13th December, 17th January, 16th February