

London Borough of Enfield

OSC 15th September
Cabinet 16th September
Council 30th September

Subject: Scrutiny Annual Work programmes 2020/21
Cabinet Member: Councillor Barnes
Director: Jeremy Chambers

Key Decision: N/A

Purpose of Report

1. This report and Appendices set out the draft work programmes for OSC and the standing panels for 2020/21.

Proposal(s)

2. Cabinet is being invited to comment on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Panels proposed work programmes for 2020/21, prior to approval by Council.

Reason for Proposal(s)

3. The Council's Constitution requires that the scrutiny work programmes are adopted by Council on the recommendation of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, following consultation with the Cabinet and the Executive Management Team (EMT).

Relevance to the Council Plan

4. The newly formed scrutiny panels are more focussed and are better aligned to areas where they can add most value to the council's priorities.

Background

5. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Panels set out their own work programmes for the year, taking into consideration wider consultation with Cabinet and EMT.
6. A revised committee structure was approved at Council on the 1st July 2020, as part of this report, changes were proposed to make scrutiny more effective, and the following Panels were agreed:

The seven scrutiny Panels are:

- (i) Crime;
 - (ii) Health & Adult Social Care;
 - (iii) Children, Young People & Education;
 - (iv) Regeneration & economic Development;
 - (v) Finance & Performance;
 - (vi) Environment & Climate Action; and
 - (vii) Housing
7. Membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Scrutiny Panels were approved by Council, including Chair and Vice Chair nominations.
 8. Each of the Panels held a work planning meeting with the Cabinet member and Executive Director invited to attend and present their priorities.
 9. Co-ordinating the Panels work programmes and ensuring there is no duplication across the panels is part of the function of OSC.
 10. Covid-19 is listed on 4 out of the 8 panels. However, as the panels are looking at different aspects of the effect of covid 19, OSC felt that there isn't any duplication. Areas covered by panels under this heading include the impact on council services, Councils finances, Care Homes, and the mental health and wellbeing of older people, and children and young people.
 11. OSC and the Scrutiny Panels are scheduled to meet a minimum of 4 times per year, however, it's likely OSC will meet more often to deal with call-ins and pre-decision Scrutiny.
 12. The Scrutiny work programmes will be sent to key stakeholders such as Health, Police, EVA.
 13. Cabinet are asked to comment on the work programmes, and these comments will be incorporated into the report to be considered by Council on the 30th September.

Main Considerations for the Council

14. Members are asked to approve the Overview & Scrutiny and Panel work programmes.

Safeguarding Implications

15. None identified.

Public Health Implications

16. There are no direct public health implications linked to this report, but rather what happens as a result of scrutiny

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

17. Equalities impact assessments relating to recommendations that scrutiny may make will be assessed through the scrutiny process.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

18. None identified.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken

19. To comply with the requirements of the Council's Constitution, the work programme must be formally adopted by Council. Scrutiny is essential to good governance and enables the voice and concerns of residents and communities to be heard and provides positive challenge and accountability.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks

20. There are no risks associated with this report.

Financial Implications

21. Any cost implications of recommendations made from scrutiny must be contained within budgeted resources.

Legal Implications

22. The recommendations within this report for adoption of the annual Scrutiny Workstream Programme are lawful and will help support the Council in meeting its statutory obligations for effective overview and scrutiny.
23. The Council has statutory duties within an existing legal framework to make arrangements for the scrutiny of its decisions and service delivery, including the areas of crime and health, which are covered within these recommendations.
24. The setting of the annual scrutiny work programme is a matter for the Council, following consultation with EMT, members and key stakeholders within an agreed protocol. These requirements are set out in the Council's Constitution.

Workforce Implications

25. None identified.

Property Implications

26. None identified

Other Implications

27. None identified

Options Considered

28. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is required, under the Council's Constitution, to present an annual scrutiny work programme to Council for adoption

Conclusions

29. Council is asked to approve the work programmes for OSC and the standing panels.

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Appendices

A – Draft OSC work programme

Background Papers

None

DRAFT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

WORK	30 July – Planning session	15 September 2020	21 October 2020	17 December 2020 – Budget Meeting	17 February 2012	1 April 2021
Specific Topics						
Budget Consultation 2021/22				Report and Presentation		
Council Priorities 2020/21	Verbal update					
Meridian Water Scrutiny Workstream Report		Update on future scrutiny				
Procurement					Report	
ICT and Digital Services – The Customer Experience			Report			

WORK	30 July – Planning session	15 September 2020	21 October 2020	17 December 2020 – Budget Meeting	17 February 2012	1 April 2021
Building the Change – The Council's real estate					Report	
Corporate Performance Dashboard						
Public Health – Outcomes of the Covic-19 pandemic					Report	
Partnerships and Businesses						Report
Standing Items						
Updates from Scrutiny Panel Chairs						Report from Chairs
Monitoring/ update						
					Update	

WORK	30 July – Planning session	15 September 2020	21 October 2020	17 December 2020 – Budget Meeting	17 February 2012	1 April 2021
Equality and Diversity						
HR Issues, staffing and sickness levels						Update
Complaints, MEQs and FOIs					Update	
Work Programme						
Setting the Overview & Scrutiny and Panel Annual Work Programmes 2020/21		Agree OSC Work Programme for 2020/21				

DRAFT CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

WORK	September (Work Planning)	Thursday 10 December 2020	Wednesday 3 February 2021	Tuesday 9 March 2021
Panel Work Programme 2020/21 – To consider the Local Priorities 2020-21 and set the Panel work programme	Verbal Update			
Specific Topics:				
Fostering			Report	
Mental Health			Report	
Exclusions		Report		
Covid 19 (opening of schools and working in a Covid 19 environment)		Report		
Supporting schools and the Heads of schools		Report		
Poverty & Inequality Commission				Report
Special Educational Needs			Report	
Vulnerable Children & Young People youth provision and environment				Report

DRAFT CRIME SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

WORK	Thurs 2 Sep (Work Planning)	Wed 4 Nov	Tues 26 Jan	Tue 16 Mar
Panel Work Programme 2020/21 – To consider the Panel work programme	Agree work programme			
Standing Items				
SSCB Partnership Plan & Strategic Priorities			Report	
SSCB Performance Management – provide a monitoring overview on performance of SSCB		Monitoring Update	Monitoring Update	Monitoring Update
Briefings, Monitoring & Updates:				
Prostitution		Report		Update
Burglary		Report		
Serious Youth Violence			Report	
London Fire Brigade			Report	
Reoffending, including youth reoffending				Report
Human Trafficking- the role of charities				Report

DRAFT ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

WORK	8 September 2020- Planning Session	16 December 2020	9 February 2021	29 April 2021
Specific Topics				
Local Priorities 2020-21	Verbal update			
Meridian Water Environment Strategy	Presentation			Update Report
Parks and Green Infrastructure Strategy		Report		
Waste Service Changes and Fly-tipping		Report		
Climate Action Plan Implementation			Report	

DRAFT FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

ITEM	8 SEPTEMBER 2020	5 NOVEMBER 2020	6 JANUARY 2021	11 MARCH 2021
Annual Items				
Setting the Panel's Work Programme 2020/21	Agree work programme			
Budget 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26		To consider draft proposals and report onto Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
Specific Items				
Local Priorities for 2020/21 including the Council's response to the financial challenges of Covid 19	Verbal presentation			
Impact of Covid 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance • Performance 		Report		
Grants – including Council's strategy and approach for grant applications				Report
Debts – including income and debt recovery; supporting residents in financial hardship			Report	

Housing Revenue Account – updated business plan			Report	
Dedicated Schools Grant				
Monitoring/Updates				
Quarterly Monitoring Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue • Capital • Performance 		Review	Review	Review

DRAFT HEALTH & ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

WORK	9 September 2020- Planning Session	3 November 2020	21 January 2021	24 March 2021
Specific Topics				
Local Priorities 2020-21	Verbal update			
Older People's Assessment Unit at Chase Farm Hospital		Report		
Reconfiguration of the NHS				Report -*see note below
North Middlesex Hospital Trust			Follow up on CQC Inspection	
Immunisation Take-up			Report	
Standing Items				
Covid-19		Report - Care Homes	Report – Mental Health	Report - TBC
Monitoring/ update				
Adult Safeguarding Report				Annual Report
Reardon Court		Progress		

WORK	9 September 2020- Planning Session	3 November 2020	21 January 2021	24 March 2021
		Report		
Work Programme				
Setting the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Work Programme	Agree Work Programme			

DRAFT HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

WORK	3 September 2020- Planning Session	1 December 2020	11 February 2021	15 April 2021
Specific Topics				
Local Priorities 2020-21	Presentation			
Building Safety and Capital Works		Report		
Housing White Paper		Report		
Housing Advice Service/ Temporary Accommodation/Homelessness			Report	
Responsive Repairs			Report	
Allocations Policy				Report

WORK	3 September 2020- Planning Session	1 December 2020	11 February 2021	15 April 2021
The Role of Housing Associations				Report
Work Programme				
Setting the Housing Scrutiny Work Programme 2020-21	Agree Work Programme			

DRAFT REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

	10 Sept 2020	13 Oct 2020	8 Dec 2020	3 Feb 2021	17 March 2021
Topics					
Work Programme 2020/21	To agree	To review	To review	To review	To review and suggest items for next year
Planning Reform	Presentation				
Culture Strategy		Discussion/ Workshop on draft			
Economic Development Strategy		Discussion/ Workshop on draft			
Local Plan including housing needs and delivery			Discussion		
Skills and Training			Discussion		
Estate Regeneration Alma, Ladderswood, New Avenue and Electric Quarter				Discussion	
Local Plan – Emerging Policies				Discussion	
Joyce and Snells					Review of Regeneration Project

Meridian Water – supporting economic development			Review		
Meridian Water – addressing local needs					Discussion
Meridian Water Workstream Review Recommendations			Monitor review		Monitor Review
Improving Town Centres Workstream Review					