

London Borough of Enfield

OSC 20 July 2021
Cabinet 15 September 2021
Council 22 September 2021

Subject: Scrutiny Annual Work Programmes 2021/22
Director: Jeremy Chambers

Key Decision: N/A

Purpose of Report

1. This report and Appendices set out the draft work programmes for Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the seven standing panels for 2021/22.

Proposal(s)

2. OSC are asked to consider and agree the proposed Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Panel work programmes for 2020/21, to manage any areas of duplication, and recommend to Council for approval on the 22nd September.

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 scrutiny panels are focussed and aligned to areas where they can add most value to the delivery of the Council's plan.

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, EMT.
6. 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 who were 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, therefore the work programmes will be considered by OSC on the 20th July.
 10. EMT and 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 22nd September.
 11. OSC and 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.

Main Considerations for the Council

13. Members are asked to approve the Overview & Scrutiny and Panel work programmes.
14. It is proposed that the Meridian Water masterplan is looked at by OSC rather than the Regeneration Scrutiny Panel as part of pre-decision scrutiny.

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

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

ITEM	Weds 2 June 2021 Planning session	Tues 20 July 2021	Weds 8 Sept 2021	Thurs 4 Nov 2021	Thurs 16 Dec 2021 (Budget meeting)	Thurs 10 Feb 2022	Thurs 31 March 2022
Work Programme							
Setting the Overview & Scrutiny Annual Work Programme 2021/22		Agree OSC Work Programme for 2021/22					
Specific items							
Council Priorities 2021/22	Verbal presentation						
Budget Consultation 2022/23					Report and presentation		
Local Plan		Report					
Poverty & Inequality Commission update				Report			
Flytipping			Report				
Build the change update			Report				
Consultations				Report			
Town Centres						Report	
Covid 19 (lessons learned)						Report	
White Paper on Planning							
Standing Items							

Updates from Scrutiny Panel Chairs				Verbal Update		Verbal update	Verbal update from each Scrutiny Panel Chair
Draft Work Programmes from Scrutiny Panels		Update					
Monitoring/ update							
Complaints, MEQs and FOIs							Report

Note: Provisional call-in dates: 17th June, 6th July, 5th August, 14th September, 28th October, 25 November, 12 January, 1st February, 2nd and 24th March, 27th April. These dates may also be used for pre-decision scrutiny as necessary. Any call-ins received will take precedence at this meeting.

FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

ITEM	Weds 23 June 2020 work planning	Tues 14 September 2021	Weds 15 December 2021	Wed 5 th or Thurs 6 th January 2022	Thurs 10 March 2022
Annual Items					
Setting the Panel's Work Programme 2021/22	Agree work programme				
Budget 2022/23 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2022/23 to 2025/26		To consider draft proposals and report onto Overview and Scrutiny Committee			
Specific Items					
Local Priorities for 2021/22	Verbal presentation				
Focus on Council company's business plan; HGL; Montagu and Energetik			X		
MTFP overview including focus on Covid19 impact and review of our risks and overall financial resilience. To include Council debt recovery and our approach to recover and monitoring of Council Tax and Business Rate income and performance levels.		X			
Update on commercial and property and income generation		X			
Review of impact of Covid 19 in 2021-2022			X		
Budget update to include departmental restructures and the ramifications to the Council.				X	
Public Interest Report				X	
Focus on performance - customer experience - measuring the impact of the website; performance in customer.					X

Fair Funding presentation on impact for Enfield		X			
CIPFA FM Assessment outcome			X		
Cost of agency staff to the Council during Covid and beyond				X	
Focus on financial governance arrangements					X
Monitoring/Updates					
Quarterly Monitoring Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue • Capital • Performance 		Review		Review	Review

Housing Scrutiny Panel

ITEM	Tues 6 July 2021- Planning Session	Thurs 30 September 2021	Tues 7 December 2021	Thurs 17 March 2022
Annual Items				
Setting the Panel's Work Programme 2021/22	Agree work programme 2021/22			
Specific items:				
Local Priorities 2021-22	Verbal presentation			
Building Safety- including cladding compliance with Building Safety Bill		Report		
Temporary accommodation levels and strategy to reduce		Report		
Retention of Staff in Housing Department		Report		
Enfield Repairs Direct- overview on delivery and recent changes			Report	
Estate Management			Report	
New Partner arrangements with Registered providers				Report
Housing Gateway and budget underspends				Report

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

ITEM	Tues 8 June 2021- Planning Session	Weds 28 July	Thurs 16 September 2021	Potential provisional date in November for matters arising from July and September	Thurs 20 January 2022	Weds 23 March 2022
Annual Items						
Setting the Panel's Work Programme 2021/22	Agree work programme					
Specific items						
Local Priorities 2021-22	Verbal presentation					
Transition to Integrated Care Systems (ICS)		Report				
Safeguarding Adults Annual report including safeguarding alerts, use of DoLS		Report				
Reconfiguration of the NHS & the impact on local services			Report			
Community Services Review			Report			
Mental Health					Report	
Recovering access to services post Covid					Report	
Rollout of the vaccination programme						Report
Introduction of Social Care Inspections- what is the council doing to become inspection ready						Report

Crime Scrutiny Panel

ITEM	Thurs 10 June Planning session	Thurs 23 September	Tues 25 January	Tue 15 Mar
Annual Items				
Setting the Panel's Work Programme 2021/22	Agree work programme			
Standing Items				
SSCB Performance Management – provide a monitoring overview on performance of SSCB		Monitoring Update	Monitoring Update	Monitoring Update
Specific items:				
Local priorities for 2021/22	Verbal presentation			
Street Lighting (perception versus crime)		Report		
Hate Crime		Report		
Serious Youth Violence			Report	
Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (From a crime point of view)			Report	
Prostitution (update on Operation Boxster)				Report
Domestic Abuse				Report
E Scooters				Report

Regeneration and Economic Development Scrutiny Panel

ITEM	Thurs 24 June 2021 Planning session	Thurs 9 September 2021	Tues 30 November 2021	Weds 2 February 2022
Annual Items				
Setting the Panel's Work Programme 2021/22	Agree work programme			
Specific items:				
Local Priorities 2021/22	Verbal presentation			
Annual review of housing development pipeline		Report		
Business Support: Covid and post Covid		Report		
Meridian Water Masterplan			Proposed OSC look at this	
Local Plan incorporating a report on town centres				Report
Planning Improvement Plan			Report	
National Planning reform and draft Local Plan				Report
Housing Infrastructure Fund work programme review				Report
Meridian Four				
Progress Report against key milestones- Meridian Water and Housing Infrastructure Fund				

Children and Young People & Education Scrutiny Panel

ITEM	Thurs 8 July 2021 work planning	Thurs 7 th October 2021	Tues 14th December 2021	Wed 5 th January 2022 Additional meeting	Tues 8th March 2022
Annual Items					
Setting the Panel's Work Programme 2021/22	Agree work programme				
Annual Safeguarding Report		To consider Annual Safeguarding report			
Specific Items					
Local Priorities for 2021/22	Verbal presentation				
Exclusions update				X	
Pupil place planning				X	
Mental health support in schools			X		
Holiday activities and food programme		X			
Early help services – reviewing effectiveness					X
Safeguarding children – self-evaluation				X	
Protecting young people from exploitation and family breakdown			X		
Leaving care service review		X			
Service user feedback and how this will be used to improve services					X
Education Recovery programme		X			
Increasing in-borough SEND		X			

provision					
SEN services - reviewing effectiveness		X			
Improvement support to schools				X	

Environment and Climate Action Scrutiny Work Programme

ITEM	13 July 2021 Planning session	12 October 2021	9 December 2021	January 2021 (date tbc)	8 February 2021
Annual Items					
Setting the Panel's Work Programme 2021/22	Agree work programme				
Specific items:					
Meridian Water Environment Strategy		X			
Review of the wetland and proposed actions (review of the wetland and tree planting work)		X			
School Streets Progress and Quieter Neighbourhoods update			X		
Update on the highway's capital programme and how effective the programme has been			X		
Recycling Performance and Fly-tipping issues – Proposed actions and pilots - how we have progress?					X
The Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy – Update on the activity to support					X
Air Quality Data Workshop				X	
Review of Council Owned Buildings Energy Consumption				X	