



AGENDA

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

Date: TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2019 at 7.05 pm

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Councillor Juliet Campbell	Chair of Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	L
Councillor Patrick Codd	Labour Group Representative	L
Councillor Liam Curran	Chair of Sustainable Development Select Committee	Labour Co-op
Councillor Jim Mallory	Chair of Public Accounts Select Committee	L
Councillor Joan Millbank	Labour Group Representative	L
Councillor John Muldoon	Chair of Healthier Communities Select Committee	Labour Co-op
Councillor Luke Sorba	Chair Children and Young People Select Committee	L

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

**Janet Senior
Acting Chief Executive
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Date: Friday 10 May 2019**



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Agenda Item 1

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Minutes	
Key Decision		Item No. 1
Ward	All	
Contributors	Acting Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: 21 May 2019

Recommendation

It is recommended that the minutes of that part of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel which was open to the press and public, held on 7 May 2019 be confirmed and signed.

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 7 May 2019 at 7.05 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Bill Brown, Sakina Sheikh, Peter Bernards, Juliet Campbell, Patrick Codd, Liam Curran, Jim Mallory, Joan Millbank and John Muldoon

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Paul Bell

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Luke Sorba

198. Minutes

The Chair welcomed Councillor Bernards to his first Business Panel meeting.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the open meeting held on 23 April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

199. Declarations of Interests

None received.

200. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

201. Notification of Late and Urgent Items

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

202. Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 24 April 2019

None of the decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet was requested for further discussion.

203. Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees Work Programmes 2019-20

Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Select Committees Work Programmes

The Chair of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee introduced the report. She stated that at their first meeting the committee observed that most reports would state there was no equalities impact emerging from the proposals,

and some of those that do have equalities implications would not be explicitly documented.

Councillor Muldoon said he endorsed this statement, and the Health and Wellbeing Board had made people aware that this was a serious matter.

Councillor Mallory commented that he was unable to attend the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee meeting, but would like to say that the Select Committee was trying to raise awareness about the importance of equalities implications in the decision making process.

Councillor Mallory stated that he was concerned about the nature of reports, and got the impression that most of them were being agreed on the nod. He said there were a range of issues that would need to be addressed especially around contract compliance. Councillor Mallory added that work on equalities implications should be similar to the work that was done to raise the profile for the London Living Wage. Councillor Mallory added that a monitoring exercise with targets set out would be useful.

Councillor Millbank stated that consistency was what she thought should be required as there had been some excellent reports in the past that had properly addressed equalities implications. Councillor Campbell responded that she was aware that some reports had addressed equalities implications, but she needed to emphasise that all reports should have this, and it should be explicit.

Councillor Millbank said as a Labour controlled Council, Lewisham should look beyond the Equalities Act, and could also look at Class as part of under equalities implications. Panel Members agreed that the report should be amended to include the points that have been raised at the meeting, and brought back to the next Business Panel meeting.

Action >>>>> Scrutiny Manager

Councillor Curran said he would like to raise concerns about the inadequacy of the audio systems at meetings. He said this was not available in most meeting rooms, and he had difficulties hearing what was being said in some meetings.

Councillor Mallory commented that when Panel Members scrutinise reports they expected equalities implications to have been addressed properly in reports going to Mayor and Cabinet. He added that the Local Democracy Working Group had discussed this and would be looking at the way committees were run. Councillor Campbell said she was concerned that this issues would be discussed in silos because of the number of groups involved. She added that it would be ideal to get one group discussion. The Chair said he would have a discussion with Select Committees Chairs and a decision would be made when the report was brought back to the next Business Panel meeting.

RESOLVED that:

- i. Mayor and Cabinet be informed about the concerns raised on the inadequacy of the sound system in the Council Meeting rooms, and that adequate provision be made to ensure all meeting rooms in the Council buildings have adequate sound system to meet the needs of Council Members and the public, especially those hard of hearing, as commented upon in the Local Democracy Review.

The Scrutiny Manager introduced the Select Committees work programmes report. She informed Panel Members that the work programmes for five Select Committees were attached as an appendix to the report. She said the Public Accounts Select Committee's work programme had been delayed as its first meeting was rescheduled because of the by-elections on 2 May 2019.

Panel Members noted that three in-depth reviews have been put forward as follows:

i. Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee - Equalities

This review would link into the timeframe for consultation on the new Corporate Equalities Scheme and consider how equalities considerations are embedded across the Council including organisations funded by the Council; and how Equalities Impact Assessments are carried out in Lewisham and good practice.

ii. Housing Select Committee - Resident Engagement in Housing Developments

This review would consider how the council engages with communities around regeneration and housing development; how this affects relationships between the council and residents, particularly those from often excluded groups; what the council could learn from how other boroughs engage; and the role of partners, Tenants and Residents Associations and councillors in community engagement.

iii. Sustainable Development Select Committee - Parks Management

This review would take into account the proposed income generation proposals made in the last round of cuts and would also consider the future maintenance and ownership of open spaces as well as the new 'greening fund'. It was noted that the Select Committee would be asked for their views because the increase in housing developments has prompted the select committee to consider the quality of green space amenity.

Healthier Communities Select Committee

Panel Members noted that the select committee would be carrying out in-depth work on adult social care which would include a visit to Wigan to hear more about the Wigan Deal for Adult Social Care. Councillor Muldoon informed Panel Members that the visit would take place on 26 November.

Children and Young People Select Committee

The select committee would have a one off meeting on the impact of families being placed in temporary accommodation a long way from their existing social networks and schools; and the committee would also be carrying out specific work in relation to the Early Help Review.

Business Panel was informed that the Chair of Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee would like to make a small amendment to the “Public Health Approach to Violence Strategy” item on her work programme as the committee would now like this item to be considered at meetings in July and January as well as the scheduled October meeting.

Business Panel noted Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, and Sustainable Development Select Committee were both considering work on NCIL, and suggested that one committee lead on this and invite the members of the other committee to attend their meeting for that item. It was agreed that both Chairs would decide how they could take the work forward, and this would be agreed at the next Business Panel meeting.

Councillor Bernards informed Panel Members that as part of their in-depth review on residents engagement they would be doing a scoping exercise on 4th June with input from the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee.

Councillor Codd said as part of their in-depth review on Parks Management, Sustainable Development Select Committee would be looking at improving the quality of existing green space to support the demands in housing. Councillor Millbank highlighted that as a Labour controlled Council, Lewisham should not only be looking at building new homes, but also building communities plus the infrastructure to support them.

Councillor Codd informed Panel Members that the Local Democracy Review would be looking at a review of the Scrutiny arrangements of the Council. In response to Councillor Millbank’s question, Select Committee Chairs responded that their programme choices were influenced by the Labour Group’s Manifesto.

RESOLVED that the proposed contents of the 5 Select Committees Work Programmes be approved.

204. Exclusion of the Press and Public

This item was not required.

205. Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 24 April 2019

These items were not requested for discussion.

**206. Decision made by an Executive Director Under Delegated Authority:
Extension of contracts for the operation of the CCTV control room and
maintenance of CCTV equipment**

This item was not requested for discussion.

Meeting ended 8.00pm

Chair.....

Agenda Item 2

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Key Decision		Item No. 2
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: 21 May 2019

Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda.

1 Personal interests

There are three types of personal interest referred to in the Council's Member Code of Conduct :-

- (1) Disclosable pecuniary interests
- (2) Other registerable interests
- (3) Non-registerable interests

2 Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined by regulation as:-

- (a) Employment, trade, profession or vocation of a relevant person* for profit or gain
- (b) Sponsorship –payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than by the Council) within the 12 months prior to giving notice for inclusion in the register in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member or towards your election expenses (including payment or financial benefit from a Trade Union).
- (c) Undischarged contracts between a relevant person* (or a firm in which they are a partner or a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest) and the Council for goods, services or works.
- (d) Beneficial interests in land in the borough.
- (e) Licence to occupy land in the borough for one month or more.

- (f) Corporate tenancies – any tenancy, where to the member’s knowledge, the Council is landlord and the tenant is a firm in which the relevant person* is a partner, a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest.
- (g) Beneficial interest in securities of a body where:-
- (a) that body to the member’s knowledge has a place of business or land in the borough; and
 - (b) either
 - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person* has a beneficial interest exceeds 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that class.

*A relevant person is the member, their spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom they live as spouse or civil partner.

(3) Other registerable interests

The Lewisham Member Code of Conduct requires members also to register the following interests:-

- (a) Membership or position of control or management in a body to which you were appointed or nominated by the Council
- (b) Any body exercising functions of a public nature or directed to charitable purposes, or whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy, including any political party
- (c) Any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25

(4) Non registerable interests

Occasions may arise when a matter under consideration would or would be likely to affect the wellbeing of a member, their family, friend or close associate more than it would affect the wellbeing of those in the local area generally, but which is not required to be registered in the Register of Members’ Interests (for example a matter concerning the closure of a school at which a Member’s child attends).

(5) Declaration and Impact of interest on members’ participation

- (a) Where a member has any registerable interest in a matter and they are present at a meeting at which that matter is to be discussed, they must declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered. The declaration will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. If the matter is a disclosable pecuniary interest the member must take no part in consideration of the matter and withdraw from the room before it is considered. They must not seek improperly to influence the decision in any way. **Failure to declare such an interest which has not already been entered in the Register of Members' Interests, or participation where such an interest exists, is liable to prosecution and on conviction carries a fine of up to £5000**
- (b) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest they must still declare the nature of the interest to the meeting at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered, but they may stay in the room, participate in consideration of the matter and vote on it unless paragraph (c) below applies.
- (c) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest, the member must consider whether a reasonable member of the public in possession of the facts would think that their interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair the member's judgement of the public interest. If so, the member must withdraw and take no part in consideration of the matter nor seek to influence the outcome improperly.
- (d) If a non-registerable interest arises which affects the wellbeing of a member, their family, friend or close associate more than it would affect those in the local area generally, then the provisions relating to the declarations of interest and withdrawal apply as if it were a registerable interest.
- (e) Decisions relating to declarations of interests are for the member's personal judgement, though in cases of doubt they may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer.

(6) Sensitive information

There are special provisions relating to sensitive interests. These are interests the disclosure of which would be likely to expose the member to risk of violence or intimidation where the Monitoring Officer has agreed that such interest need not be registered. Members with such an interest are referred to the Code and advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance.

(7) Exempt categories

There are exemptions to these provisions allowing members to participate in decisions notwithstanding interests that would otherwise prevent them doing so. These include:-

- (a) Housing – holding a tenancy or lease with the Council unless the matter relates to your particular tenancy or lease; (subject to arrears exception)
- (b) School meals, school transport and travelling expenses; if you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or a school governor unless the matter relates particularly to the school your child attends or of which you are a governor;
- (c) Statutory sick pay; if you are in receipt
- (d) Allowances, payment or indemnity for members
- (e) Ceremonial honours for members
- (f) Setting Council Tax or precept (subject to arrears exception)

Overview & scrutiny Business Panel		
Report Title	Outstanding Scrutiny Matters	
Key Decision	No	Item No. 3
Ward	n/a	
Contributors	Head of Business and Committee	
Class	Part 1	Date: 21 May 2019

1. Purpose of Report

To report on items previously reported to the Mayor for response by directorates and to indicate the likely future reporting date.

2. Recommendation

That the reporting date of the items shown in the table below be noted.

Report Title	Responding Author	Date Considered by Mayor & Cabinet	Scheduled Reporting Date	Slippage since last report
Comments of Sustainable Development Select Committee on Neighbourhood CIL	Interim Head of Planning	16 January 2019	5 June 2019	Yes
Comments of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Legal Advice	ED Res. & Regen.	13 March 2019	5 June 2019	No
Comments of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Procurement Procedures	ED Res. & Regen.	13 March 2019	5 June 2019	No
Healthier Communities Select Committee – Advice and Support Services for People with	ED Community	13 March 2019	5 June 2019	No

Learning Difficulties				
Comments of Sustainable Development Select Committee – Fire Safety in Tall Buildings	ED Res. & Regen	27 March 2019	5 June 2019	No
Comments of Sustainable Development Select Committee – Pubs	ED Res. & Regen	27 March 2019	5 June 2019	No
Comments of Sustainable Development Select Committee – New Cross Framework and Station Opportunity	ED Res. & Regen	27 March 2019	5 June 2019	No
Comments of Sustainable Development Select Committee – Planning Annual Monitoring	ED Res. & Regen	27 March 2019	5 June 2019	No
Comments of Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee – Impact of Stop and Search and Prevent	ED Community	24 April 2019	26 June 2019	No
Comments of Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel - Safeguarding	ED CYP	8 May 2019	10 July 2019	No
Comments of Public Accounts Select Committee	ED Res. & Regen.	8 May 2019	10 July 2019	No

BACKGROUND PAPERS and AUTHOR

Mayor & Cabinet minutes 16 January, 13 & 27 March and 24 April, 8 May 2019 available from Kevin Flaherty 0208 3149327.

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=139&Year=0>

Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel		
Report Title	Notification of Late and Urgent Items	
Key Decision	No	Item No. 4
Ward		
Contributors	Head of Business and Committee	
Class	Part 1	Date: 21 May 2019

1. Purpose of Report

Report Title	Author	Reasons Stated for Urgency	Responsible Committee and Date
Exclusions from school – in-depth review	Emma Aye-Kumi	Review was already behind schedule due to the addition of an extra evidence session. It was important to minimise any further delays. Consideration at this meeting would allow sufficient time for recommendations to be implemented before the start of the next academic year (where appropriate).	Children and Young People Select Committee 30 April 2019

Agenda Item 6

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet at the on 8 May 2019	
Key Decision		Item No. 6
Ward	All	
Contributors	Chief Executive/Head of Business and Committee	
Class	Part 1	Date: 21 May 2019

1. Recommendation

To consider key decisions made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 8 May 2019 which will come in to force on 22 May 2019.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following key decisions on 8 May 2019.

2.2 The notice of the decisions made in respect of the report is attached as an Appendix. Under the provisions of Standing Orders Part IV E 14, members may call in an executive decision within 7 days. If this report is not called in they will come into force on 22 May 2019

- i. Public Health Approach to Reducing Violence
- ii. Proposed Deptford High Street and St Paul's Church Conservation Area Appraisal, boundary changes and Article 4 Direction
- iii. Heathside and Lethbridge Phases 5 & 6 Land Assembly



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decisions on 8 May 2019. These decisions will become effective on 22 May 2019 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 21 May 2019.

1. Public Health Approach to Reducing Violence

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Councillor Joani Reid, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

- (1) the Framework approach document be approved; and
- (2) the work described be carried out from existing resources including both base budget and any confirmed external funding and should there be proposals which require additional resources, these be agreed as part of the council's budget process or met from new external funding.

2. Proposed Deptford High Street and St Paul's Church Conservation Area Appraisal, boundary changes and Article 4 Direction

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

- (1) the proposed boundary changes, including the merger of the two existing conservation areas into one be noted;
- (2) the content of the draft Article 4 Direction and draft Conservation Area Appraisal be noted, and
- (3) a 6 week period of public consultation on the boundary changes, Article 4 Direction and draft Conservation Area Appraisal be approved.

3. Heathside and Lethbridge Phases 5 & 6 Land Assembly

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the progress of the Heathside and Lethbridge Regeneration Scheme and The current position in relation to Phases 5 and 6 as set out be noted;

(2) the increase in the number of new homes from the original master plan and that the scheme will now be 52% affordable (by habitable rooms) be noted; and

(3) the proposed Phase 5 and Phase 6 Project Briefs on the basis set out be approved.

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9 May 2019

Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel		
Title	Public Accounts Select Committee Work Programme 2019 – 20	
Contributor	Overview and Scrutiny Manager	Item
Class	Part 1 (open)	21 May 2019

1. Recommendation

1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel is asked to:

- Review and approve the proposed contents of the work programme of the Public Accounts Select Committee (attached at appendix A) as discussed and agreed by members of that Committee.

2. Purpose

2.1 In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny procedure rules outlined in Part IV E of the Council's Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel is required to:

- Consider the proposed work programmes of each of the Select Committees and devise a co-ordinated overview and scrutiny work programme which avoids duplication of effort and facilitates the effective conduct of business.

2.2 The Business Panel may amend the work programme of any of the Select Committees to secure the most effective use of committee time and Council resources and to prevent overlaps. However, the Business Panel will not normally amend work programme unless it is necessary to ensure the effective conduct of Council business. Once the Business Panel has approved the select committee work programme, the Select Committee will implement it.

2.3 Due to the by-elections on 2 May 2019, the Public Accounts Select Committee meeting scheduled for the day of the election, has been moved to 9 May 2019. The Public Accounts Select Committee meeting therefore took place after the Business Panel meeting on 7 May where the work programmes for the five other select Committees were agreed. The Public Accounts Select Committee work programme is therefore being considered by Business Panel, separately, at this meeting on 21 May.

2.4 It is Business Panel's role to consider all the Select Committee work programmes and agree a coordinated scrutiny programme. It is not felt that there are any areas of overlap with items on the other five Select Committee work programmes.

3. Policy Context

3.1 The Council's recently adopted Corporate Strategy sets out the Council's priorities, namely:

1. Open Lewisham
2. Tackling the housing crisis
3. Giving children and young people the best start in life
4. Building an inclusive local economy
5. Delivering and defending: Health, Social Care and Support
6. Making Lewisham greener
7. Building safer communities

3.2 The Select Committees devise annual work programmes which cover areas of business that fall within, and contribute towards achieving, all corporate priorities. The implementation of the attached work programmes will therefore have implications for all policy areas.

3.3 The Select Committees have tried to make sure that their work programmes reflect the diversity of Lewisham's communities and that the views of residents are fairly represented in scrutiny processes. Any recommendations arising from scrutiny work carried out this year, will support the Council's corporate strategy and reflect the needs of local residents.

4. Public Accounts Select Committee Work Programme

4.1 The draft work programme attached at appendix A reflects the discussions held at the first meeting of the select committee and presents a broad and varied programme of scrutiny over the next twelve months, focussed on key policy issues, for Business Panel to consider.

4.2 The following in-depth review has been put forward by the Select Committee:

- **Income Generation and Commercialisation**

4.3 The review will build on the work carried out by the Committee in previous years. It will focus on changing the Council's culture around commercialisation and explore how best continued scrutiny of the commercialisation agenda should progress. The Committee will continue to receive updates from officers on the implementation of the Council's income generation strategy, whilst also drawing on examples of best practice from other councils.

4.4 In order to increase public participation in scrutiny, the Select Committee may ask members of the public to contribute to its work by submitting evidence via the council website: [Open Overview and Scrutiny Investigations](#).

5. Financial Implications

5.1 All scrutiny work programmes will be managed within existing budgets. However, formal recommendations to the Mayor arising out of any specific work items within work programmes will be evaluated in the usual way through the process of formal reports.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel is required to consider and co-ordinate an overview and scrutiny work programme which avoids duplication and facilitates the effective conduct of business across the scrutiny select committees. Once the Business Panel has approved the overall work programme, the select committees will implement it.

7. Equalities implications

- 7.1 There may be equalities implications arising from items listed in select committee work programmes and all activities undertaken by select committees in discharging these items will need to give due consideration to this.
- 7.2 The delivery of the Council's equalities objectives is to be achieved through the delivery of all of the Council's strategies, plans and procedures. As such, all select committees, when planning their work programmes and scrutinising items, should bear in mind the delivery of the Council's equality objectives.
- 7.3 The Select Committees have tried to make sure that their work programmes reflect the diversity of Lewisham's communities and that the views of residents are fairly represented in scrutiny processes. Any recommendations arising from scrutiny work carried out this year, will support the Council's newly adopted corporate strategy and reflect the needs of local residents.

8. Background documents

- Lewisham Council's Constitution
- Draft minutes of the first meeting of the public accounts select committee held on 9 May 2019

If you have any questions about this report – please contact Charlotte Dale (Overview and Scrutiny Manager) 02083148286

Appendix A Select Committee work programme

Appendix B Lewisham scrutiny prioritisation process

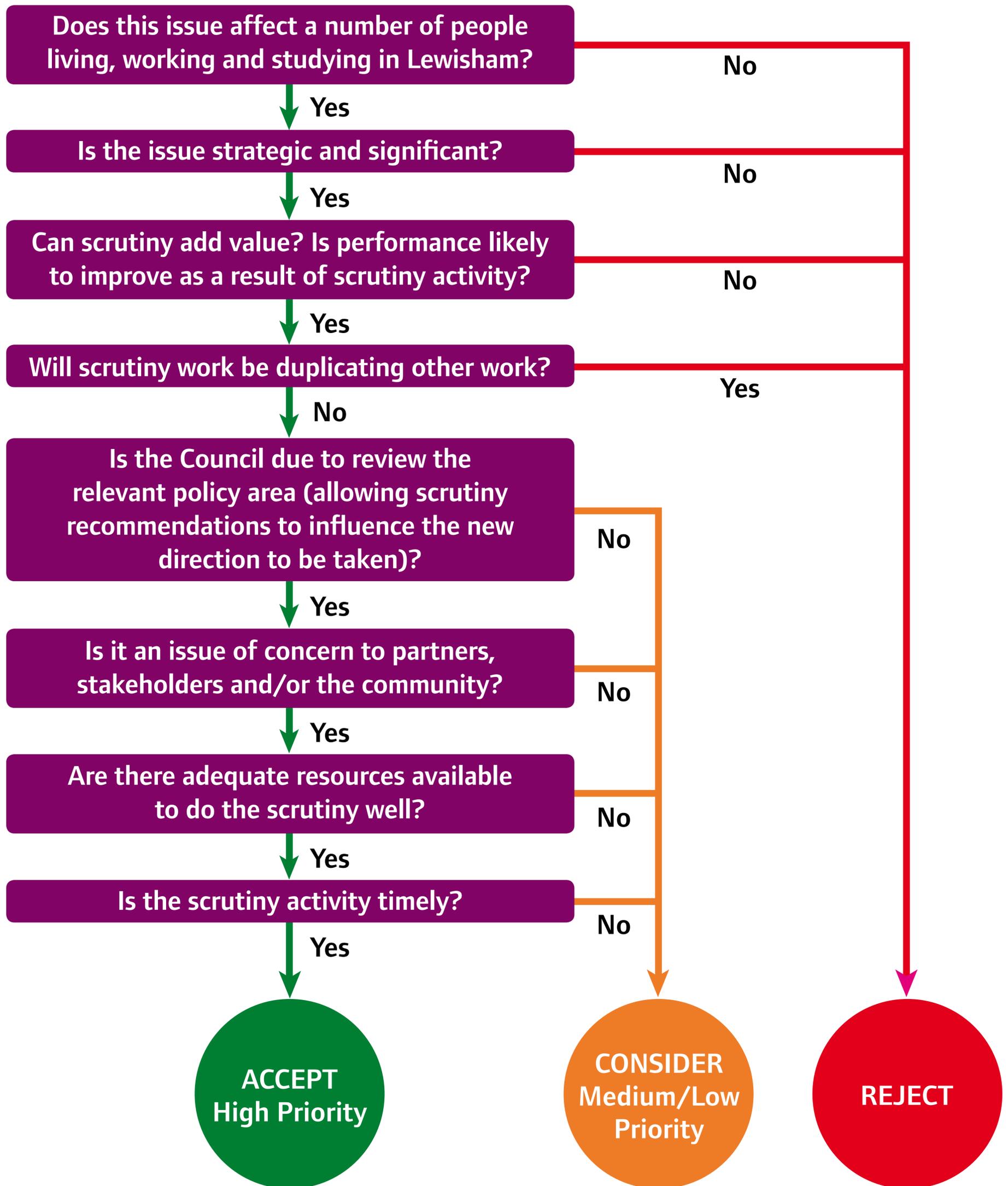
Public Accounts Select Committee Work Programme 2019/20

Programme of work

Work Item	Type of item	Priority	Corporate priority	Delivery deadline	09-May-19	13-Jun-19	10-Jul-19	24-Sep-19	06-Nov-19	16-Dec-19	04-Feb-20	18-Mar-20
Catford regeneration partnership	Standard item	High	All	May								
Income generation and commercialisation	Standard item	Medium	All	June								
Final outturn 2018/19	Performance monitoring	Medium	All	July								
Children's social care	Performance monitoring	High	CP3	November								
Adult social care	Performance monitoring	High	All	December								
Financial forecasts 2019/20	Performance monitoring	High	All	March								
Medium term financial strategy	Performance monitoring	Medium	All	July								
Mid-year treasury management review	Performance monitoring	Medium	All	September								
Budget cuts	Performance monitoring	High	All	November				Cuts				
Annual budget 2019/20	Standard item	High	All	February							Budget	
Asset management	Standard item	Low	All	March								
Audit Panel update	Constitutional Requirement	Low	All	March								
Income generation and commercialisation	In-depth review	High	All	December		Scope	Evidence		Evidence	Report		

07/08/20

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel		
Title	Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on financial scrutiny	
Contributor	Public Accounts Select Committee	Item 3
Class	Part 1 (open)	21 May 2019

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Business Panel of the comments and views of the Public Accounts Select Committee, arising from discussions held at the Committee's meeting on 9 May 2019.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 Business Panel is asked to consider the views of the Select Committee as set out in this report and provide a response.

3 Public Accounts Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 9 May 2019, the Public Accounts Select Committee considered its work programme for the upcoming year. The Committee resolved to refer its views to the Business Panel, as follows:

The coming year will be a critical period for the Council's finances. The Public Accounts Select Committee wishes to reemphasise the significant and sustained pressures on the Council's budget. The Committee recognises its pivotal role in scrutinising the Council's finances and it intends to focus its efforts for 2019-20 on key areas, including both adult and children's social care. Nonetheless, the Committee points out the important part that all scrutiny committees have to play in examining the Council's budgets and scrutinising financial management.

The Public Accounts Select Committee requests that the Business Panel assures itself that all select committees have given due consideration to scrutiny of the Council's finances in the development of their 2019-20 work programmes. In particular, the Committee recommends that the relevant select committees should be tasked with scrutinising the capital programme expenditure within their remit (including the schools programme; major regeneration projects and the housing revenue account allocation) as well as the dedicated schools grant and the complete housing revenue account.

4 Further implications

- 4.1 At this stage there are no specific financial, legal, sustainability, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider as a result of the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

Background papers

Public Accounts Select Committee agenda 9 May 2019: <https://tinyurl.com/pasc090519>

If you have any questions about this report then please contact: Timothy Andrew (Scrutiny Manager - timothy.andrew@lewisham.gov.uk)

Appendix D to Select Committee Work Programmes Item

Following discussion at the Business Panel meeting held on 7 May 2019, it is proposed that:

Business Panel advises the Select Committees that:

Due to the importance of promoting equality of provision across the Council; all Select Committees should ensure they have a strong focus on equalities as part of their annual work programme. In particular, select committees should ensure that when they are scrutinising new plans such as the CYP Plan and the Housing Strategy, they ensure that equalities implications have been properly considered and explicitly documented.

Business Panel requests that Mayor & Cabinet ensures that:

- i. *Equalities and the issues surrounding it are addressed as part of contract compliance.*
- ii. *Equalities implications should be an explicit part of the decision making process.*
- iii. *All reports should include equalities implications or an equalities impact assessment. This should be explicit in reports. Reports should evidence that the equalities impact has been considered at every step of the decision making process (at the beginning, throughout the duration and at the end).*
- iv. *Looking beyond the Equalities Act; Class should also be included as part of equalities implications.*

Business Panel also advises the Select Committees to ensure that the reports they are asked to scrutinise meet these requirements.

Appendix E to Select Committee Work Programmes Item - NCIL

At the Business Panel meeting held on 7 May 2019 it was suggested that there might be some duplication between the work programmes of the Safer Stronger Communities and the Sustainable Development Select Committees, as both committees were looking at aspects of the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy.

Sustainable Development Select Committee

At its 4 June meeting, Sustainable will be considering the NCIL report being submitted to Mayor and Cabinet the following evening, which seeks agreement from Mayor & Cabinet on the **overall process for managing NCIL funding**. Specifically, the Committee is interested in receiving responses to the issues it raised in its December 2018 referral on this topic which have been deferred pending the decision.

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee

Safer will restrict its consideration of NCIL to the **specific role of local assemblies in the allocation of NCIL funding** as part of a broader item on local assemblies, looking at the Local Assemblies annual report. This item will be considered on 4 March 2020. Safer will focus in particular, on how the capacity, equalities aspects and governance of funded organisations is monitored.

To this extent there should be minimal duplication of work between the Select Committees.

The Chairs of the Safer Stronger Communities and the Sustainable Development Select Committees are happy to send an invitation for members of the other committee to attend their meeting should they wish to do so.

Agenda Item 8

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Exclusion of the Press and Public	
Key Decision		Item No. 8
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: 8 May 2019

Recommendation

It is recommended that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006:-

9. Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 8 May 2019.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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