

Housing Select Committee			
Title	Select Committee Work Programme	Item No	X
Contributors	Scrutiny Manager		
Class	Part 1	Date	8 January 2013

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To advise Members of the Select Committee of the work programme for the municipal year 2012/13.

2 Summary

- 2.1 At the beginning of the municipal year, each select committee drew up a draft work programme for submission to the Business Panel for consideration.
- 2.2 The Business Panel considered the proposed work programmes of each of the select committees on 22 May 2012 and agreed a co-ordinated overview and scrutiny work programme, avoiding duplication of effort and facilitating the effective conduct of business.
- 2.3 However, the work programme is a “living document” and as such can be reviewed at each Select Committee meeting so that members are able to include urgent, high priority items and remove items that are no longer a priority.
- 2.4 Following the issuing in August of the 'Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012', existing requirements to publish a Forward Plan were abolished with effect from 10 September 2012. Instead the Council is now obliged to give notice of executive decisions which are to be considered in private. The Council has therefore published notice of intention to conduct private business on the website at the following address:

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/mayorandcouncil/aboutthecouncil/opendatatransparency/Pages/Notices-of-private-business.aspx>

In order to ensure transparency in the conduct of executive decision making, the Council also intends to publish a non-statutory document on the website, outlining all forthcoming executive decisions and this will be updated on a monthly basis. The first such document is attached to this report.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 The select committee is asked to:
- note the work programme attached at **Appendix B** and discuss any issues arising from the programme;

- specify the information and analysis required in the report for each item on the agenda for the next meeting, based on desired outcomes, so that officers are clear on what they need to provide;
- note all forthcoming executive decisions, attached at **Appendix C**, and consider any key decisions for further scrutiny.

4. The work programme

- 4.1 The work programme for 2012/12 was agreed at the meeting of the Committee held on 4 April 2012 and considered by the Business Panel on 24 May 2012.
- 4.2 The Committee is asked to consider if any urgent issues have arisen that require scrutiny and if any existing items are no longer a priority and can be removed from the work programme. Before adding additional items, each item should be considered against agreed criteria. The flow chart attached at **Appendix A** may help members decide if proposed additional items should be added to the work programme. The Committee's work programme needs to be achievable in terms of the amount of meeting time available. If the committee agrees to add additional item(s) because they are urgent and high priority, Members will need to consider which medium/low priority item(s) should be removed in order to create sufficient capacity for the new item(s).
- 4.3 The Committee is asked to note that officers have requested that the following three items are considered for addition to work programme for the meeting on 6 March 2013:
- New arrangements for social housing complaints
 - Annual Lettings Plan 2013 – 14
 - Discharge into the PRS / Out of Borough Procurement
- These items have been included in Appendix B as items 3 – 5 on the work programme for 6 March to give members a sense of how this would affect the agenda for that meeting. Members are asked to consider whether they would like make those additions to that meeting.

5. The next meeting

- 5.1 The following items are scheduled for the next meeting:

Agenda Item	Review Type	Link to Corporate Priority	Priority
1. Vacant			
2. Evidence session one - low cost home ownership	In depth review	Decent homes for all	High
3. Key housing Issues	Information item	Decent homes for all	Medium

- 5.2 The Committee is asked to specify the information and analysis it would like to see in the report for each item, based on the outcomes the committee would like to achieve, so that officers are clear on what they need to provide for the next meeting.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 In accordance with the Council's constitution, all scrutiny select committees must devise and submit a work programme to the Business Panel at the start of each municipal year.

8. Equalities Implications

8.1 The Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and 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.

8.2 There may be equalities implications arising from items on the work programme and all activities undertaken by the Select Committee will need to give due consideration to this.

9. Date of next meeting

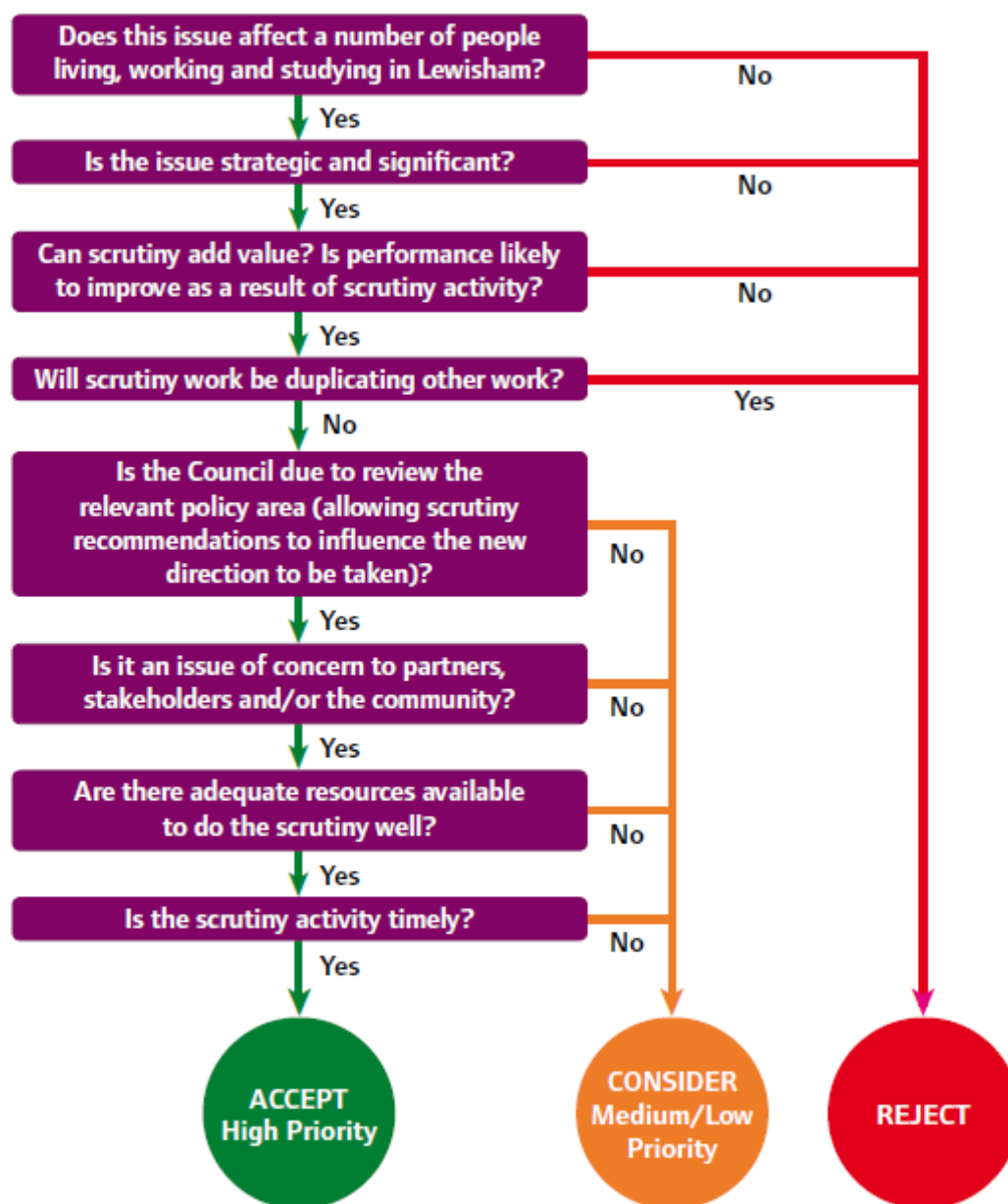
9.1 The date of the next meeting is 4 February 2013.

10. Background Documents

Lewisham Council's Constitution

Centre for Public Scrutiny the Good Scrutiny Guide – a pocket guide for public scrutineers

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process



Housing Select Committee Work Programme 2012/13

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Review Type	Link to Corporate Priority	Priority
Wed 4 April 2012	1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair	Constitutional requirement	-	-
	2. Work Programme 2012/13	Constitutional requirement	Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
	3. Update on implementation of recommendations arising from the Damp and Mould review	Performance monitoring	Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	Medium
	4. Affordable Housing and the Planning process	Standard Review	Decent homes for all	High
	5. The Future of Housing In Lewisham : Self financing framework	Presentation/in-depth scrutiny	Decent homes for all	Medium
Thursday 17 May 2012	1. Brockley PFI – end of year review	Performance monitoring	Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
	2. Lewisham Homes Delivery Plan – end of year review (to include info on the void policy)	Performance monitoring	Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
	3. The Future of Housing In Lewisham : Alternative models - experts	In-depth scrutiny	Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
Wednesday 20 June 2012	1. Review of Allocations Policy and Strategic Policy on Tenancies (SPOT)	Standard item	Decent homes for all	High
	2. The Future of Housing In Lewisham : Alternative model case studies	In-depth scrutiny	Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
	3. Key housing Issues	Information	Decent homes for all	Medium

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Wednesday 4 July 2012 (extra meeting)	1. The Future of Housing In Lewisham : Options appraisal	In-depth scrutiny	Decent homes for all	High
Tuesday 11 September 2012	1. Family Mosaic: Heathside and Lethbridge	Standard item	Decent homes for all	High
<i>Visit to Heathside and Lethbridge prior to meeting</i>	2. Impact of welfare and housing reform (affordable rent regime, security of tenure etc.). Possibly including a presentation from RSLs on the affordable rent regime and fixed term tenancies (incl. plans for 'moving people on').	Standard item	Decent homes for all	High
	3. Update on corporately held housing and disposals	Information item	Decent homes for all	Medium
	4. Key housing Issues	Information item	Decent homes for all	Medium
Wednesday 31 October 2012	1. Savings proposals 2013/14 (and CSR report)	Standard item	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
	2. Update on the implementation of agreed PRS review recommendations (to include info on the new Social Lettings Agency)	In depth review follow up	Decent homes for all	Medium
	3. Scoping paper – low cost home ownership	In depth review	Decent homes for all	High
	4. Key housing Issues (incl. Housing Matters update)	Information item	Decent homes for all	Medium
Tuesday 8 January 2013	1. Brockley PFI - mid year review	Performance monitoring	Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High

	2. Lewisham Homes - mid year review	Performance monitoring	Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
	3. Proposed rent and service charge increases	Standard item	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
	4. Housing Matters: results of consultation and way forward	In-depth scrutiny	Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
Monday 4 February 2013	1. Vacant			
	2. Evidence session one - low cost home ownership	In depth review	Decent homes for all	High
	3. Key housing Issues	Information item	Decent homes for all	Medium
Wednesday 6 March 2013 <i>Visit to a Hostel beforehand</i>	1. Evidence session two- low cost home ownership	In depth review	Decent homes for all	High
	2. Use of temporary accommodation for homeless households	<i>Standard Item</i>	<i>Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity</i>	<i>Medium</i>
	3. Annual Lettings Plan 2013-14	<i>Standard item</i>	<i>Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity</i>	<i>Medium</i>
	4. Discharge into the PRS/Out of Borough Procurement	<i>Standard Item</i>	<i>Decent homes for all; Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity</i>	<i>High</i>
	5. New arrangements for social housing complaints	Standard item	Decent homes for all	High
	6. Key housing Issues	Information item	Decent homes for all	Medium

Information item

An information note on key housing issues has been scheduled for each meeting but will only form part of the agenda if there are significant, new legislative and policy developments to report, that are not covered by an existing work programme item.

NOTICE of FORTHCOMING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

MAYOR & CABINET November 14 2012	
Title and details of Item	Directorate responsible
Approval for Lewisham Council to sign up to Climate Local including comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee	Resources & Regeneration
Catford Town Centre Regeneration Programme – update report	Resources & Regeneration
Local Development Scheme 2012	Resources & Regeneration
Development Management – Further Options	Resources & Regeneration
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Draft Charging Schedule	Resources & Regeneration
15 Stanley St to be declared surplus to council requirements	Resources & Regeneration
Disposal of 1-20 Sanford Walk	Resources & Regeneration
Marlowe Business Centre Batavia Road – Assignment of Development Agreement	Resources & Regeneration
Appropriation of land rear of Hammersley Home, Pomeroy St, SE14 for planning purposes	Resources & Regeneration
Appropriation of Kender Phase4 (Kender Triangle) New Cross SE14 for planning purposes	Resources & Regeneration
Local Listing and Article 4 Direction	Resources & Regeneration
Disposal of Fellowship Inn, Randlesdown Road SE6	Resources & Regeneration
Green Chain Management Plan 2012-2017	Resources & Regeneration
Bereavement Services – Proposed increase in Cemeteries and Crematorium Fees and Charges	Customer Services

Early Years Centres	Children & Young People
Proposal to close Crossways 6th form and for the expansion of Christ the King post 16 provision on to the site	Children & Young People
Variation to Instrument of Government and LA Nomination St Margaret's Lee Church of England Primary School	Children & Young People
Variation to Instrument of Government and LA Nomination All Saints' Church of England Primary School	Children & Young People
Appointment of Local Authority Governors	Children & Young People
Developing integrated pathways across Health and Social care.	Community Services
Review of Adult Social Care Day Service Provision	Community Services

MAYOR & CABINET (CONTRACTS) November 14 2012

Title and details of Item	Directorate responsible
Contract award for Hostel refurbishment programme	Customer Services
Communities That Care Investment Fund	Community Services
Area Based Community Development	Community Services
Contract permitted extension of school catering contract between LBL schools and Chartwells 2013 – 2015	Children & Young People

MAYOR & CABINET December 5 2012

Title and details of Item	Directorate responsible
Budget Strategy Update	Resources & Regeneration
Energy Prices	Resources & Regeneration
Additions to the Lewisham's Local List	Resources & Regeneration
Management Report	Resources & Regeneration
Disposal of the Premises officer house – Brindishe School	Resources & Regeneration
Planning Service Annual Monitoring Report:- 2011-12	Resources & Regeneration
Acquisition of freehold interests in Nos. 4 & 15 Parkcroft Road SE12	Resources & Regeneration
Financial Forecasts for 2012/13	Resources & Regeneration
Response to the Public Accounts Committee: Fairness	Resources & Regeneration
Response to Sustainable Development Select Committee Local Pubs	Resources & Regeneration
Council Tax Benefit replacement	Customer Services
Statement of Principles (Gambling Act 2005)	Customer Services
Excalibur: Development Agreement, Financial Model and land disposal	Customer Services
Lewisham Time Credits	Community Services
Response to Healthier Communities Select Committee NHS 111	Community Services
Stakeholder consultations on the proposal to enlarge Rushey Green Primary school from 2 to 3 forms of entry to enlarge John Stainer Primary school from 1 to 2 forms of entry	Children & Young People

MAYOR & CABINET (CONTRACTS) December 5 2012

Title and details of Item	Directorate responsible
London Highway Alliance Contract – Framework Call Off Decision for Lewisham	Resources & Regeneration
Provision of Mobile Phones and airtime -Contract Award	Resources & Regeneration
NVQ Training Providers 2013/17	Resources & Regeneration
Contract Award Approval to appoint contractors for Deptford High Street	Resources & Regeneration
Contract Award Approval to appoint contractors for Catford Broadway	Resources & Regeneration
Award of contract for the construction of Primary phase accommodation at Prendergast Ladywell Fields	Children & Young People
Contract seeking tender for Boroughwide Management Organisation for community premises	Community Services

MAYOR & CABINET January 16 2013

Title and details of Item	Directorate responsible
Savings Report 13/14	Resources & Regeneration
Financial Forecasts for 2012/13	Resources & Regeneration
Building School for the Future Sydenham School - Stage 2	Resources & Regeneration
Building School for the Future Brent Knoll Stage 1	Resources & Regeneration
New Cross Gate Healthy Living Centre Scheme	Resources & Regeneration
Parking Policy Review	Customer Services
Council Tax Base Setting	Customer Services
Housing Matters	Customer Services
Measures to increase the provision of places in primary schools	Children & Young People
London Borough Grants Scheme – 2013/2014 Expenditure	Community Services

MAYOR & CABINET (CONTRACTS) January 16 2013

Title and details of Item	Directorate responsible
Parking Contract Award	Customer Services
Fleet Vehicle replacement 2012/13	Customer Services
Awarding the Healthwatch Lewisham contract	Community Services

MAYOR & CABINET February 13 2013

Title and details of Item	Directorate responsible
Budget Report 13/14	Resources & Regeneration
Financial Forecasts for 2012/13	Resources & Regeneration
Welfare Reform:Local Support scheme	Customer Services

MAYOR & CABINET (CONTRACTS) February 13 2013

Title and details of Item	Directorate responsible
Main grants programme – confirmation of funding 2013/2014	Community Services
Agree the selection/approval of (Fire, Asbestos & Water Hygiene) Contract	Resources & Regeneration