1 Purpose

1.1 To advise Members of the Select Committee of the work programme for the municipal year 2013/14.

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 14 May 2013 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.

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 2013/14 was agreed at the meeting of the Committee held on 9 April 2013 and by the Business Panel on 14 May 2013.

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).

5. The next meeting

5.1 The following items are scheduled for the next meeting:

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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 9 October 2013.

10. Background Documents

Lewisham Council’s Constitution

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

Scrubtiny work programme – prioritisation process

Does this issue affect a number of people living, working and studying in Lewisham?
  Yes
  No

Is the issue strategic and significant?
  Yes
  No

Can scrutiny add value? Is performance likely to improve as a result of scrutiny activity?
  Yes
  No

Will scrutiny work be duplicating other work?
  No
  Yes

Is the Council due to review the relevant policy area (allowing scrutiny recommendations to influence the new direction to be taken)?
  No
  Yes

Is it an issue of concern to partners, stakeholders and/or the community?
  No
  Yes

Are there adequate resources available to do the scrutiny well?
  No
  Yes

Is the scrutiny activity timely?
  Yes

ACCEPT
High Priority

CONSIDER
Medium/Low Priority

REJECT
Lewisham

Appendix A