

Sustainable Development Select Committee		
Title	Select Committee work programme	
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Members of the Select Committee with an overview of the work programme for 2014-15 and to advise the Committee about the process for agreeing the 2015-16 work programme.

2. Summary

- 2.1 At the beginning of the municipal year each select committee is required to draw up a work programme for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel. The Panel considers the suggested work programmes and coordinates activities between select committees in order to maximise the use of scrutiny resources and avoid duplication.
- 2.2 The meeting on 03 March 2015 is the last scheduled meeting of the Sustainable Development Select Committee in the 2014-15 municipal year. This report provides a list of the issues considered in 2014-15 (the completed work programme) and asks the Committee to put forward suggestions for the 2015-16 work programme.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Select Committee is asked to:
- note the completed work programme attached at **Appendix B**;
 - review the issues covered in 2014-15 municipal year;
 - take note of the notice of key decisions attached at **Appendix C**;
 - consider any matters arising that it may wish to suggest for future scrutiny.

4. Sustainable Development Select Committee 2014-2015

- 4.1 The Sustainable Development Select Committee had six meetings in the 2014-15 year:
- 17 July 2014
 - 9 Sep 2014
 - 30 Oct 2014
 - 9 Dec 2014
 - 20 Jan 2015
 - 3 Mar 2015

- 4.2 Along with all other select committees, the Sustainable Development Select Committee has devoted considerable attention to the proposals put forward as part of the development and delivery of the Lewisham Future Programme. It is anticipated that all overview and scrutiny committees will be tasked with reviewing further Lewisham Future Programme proposals in the 2015-16 municipal year.
- 4.3 The Committee's completed work programme is attached at **Appendix B**.

5. Planning for 2015-16

5.1 Eight meetings will be scheduled for 2015-16 municipal year. A work programme report will be put forward at the first Sustainable Development Select Committee meeting of the 2015-16 year for members to review, revise and agree. The report will take account of the Committee's previous work and may incorporate:

- issues arising as a result of previous scrutiny;
- issues that the Committee is required to consider by virtue of its terms of reference;
- items requiring follow up from Committee reviews and recommendations;
- issues suggested by members of the public;
- petitions;
- standard reviews of policy implementation or performance, which is based on a regular schedule;
- suggestions from officers;
- decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet.

Issues arising from the 2014/15 work programme

5.2 The Committee has already indicated that there are matters it feels should be considered for further scrutiny, these are:

- Flood Risk Management strategy: consultation results
- Lewisham Central Opportunity site
- Heritage and Tourism
- Borough-wide 20mph zone implementation
- Bakerloo Line extension proposals: update
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Catford Regeneration Programme

Sustainable Development Select Committee terms of reference

- 5.3 The Committee's terms of reference are included at **Appendix A**.
- 5.4 The Council's constitution sets out the Committee's powers. The Sustainable Development Select Committee's role is to examine issues relating to the protection of the environment including 'green' issues such as the conservation of natural resources, energy efficiency and conservation and/or the reduction of pollution.
- 5.5 The Committee has the responsibility for scrutinising sustainable development, economic development, business support, employment and training, highways,

parking, traffic and transport, and urban regeneration. The Committee also looks at public health and the environment including waste disposal, environmental health, street and market trading, as well as public protection, refuse collection and disposal, street cleaning, consumer protection, cemeteries and crematoria.

- 5.6 The Committee also scrutinises the formulation of the Council's planning policies, (including the preparation of the Council's Local Development Framework and other local plans for the use and development of land). In addition the Committee scrutinises the work of flood risk management and coastal erosion risk management affecting the area.

6. Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There will be financial implications arising from items on the agenda; these will need to be considered, as necessary.

7. Legal implications

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.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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.

Background documents

Lewisham Council's Constitution

Centre for Public Scrutiny: the Good Scrutiny Guide

Appendix A

Sustainable Development Select Committee terms of reference

(a) To exercise all the functions and roles of the overview and scrutiny committee in relation to the following matters:

- to examine issues relating to the protection of the environment including 'green' issues such as the conservation of natural resources, energy efficiency and conservation and/or the reduction of all types of pollution and make recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet as appropriate;
- to comment and consult on and make recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet in relation to the following:
 - i. sustainable development, economic development, business support, employment and training;
 - ii. the formulation of the Council's planning policies, (including the preparation of the Council's Local Development Framework and other local plans for the use and development of land, but excluding planning control and building control functions;
 - iii. highways, parking, traffic and transport, urban regeneration and housing;
 - iv. public health and the environment including waste disposal, environmental health, street and market trading (but not the granting of licences and related matters);
 - v. public protection, refuse collection and disposal, street cleaning, consumer protection, cemeteries and crematoria;
 - vi generally to examine the performance of the Mayor and Cabinet in relation to these matters.

(b) to make proposals to the Executive to promote equality of opportunity within the borough, including issues of discrimination based on race, ethnic origin, gender, disability, sexuality, age and/or class;

(c) to recommend to the Executive, the Council or an appropriate committee proposals for policy development in relation to equalities issues;

(d) to analyse policy options as necessary to inform the proposals to be made to the Executive or other appropriate committee;

(e) to advise the Executive or other committee on all matters relating to equality of opportunity both in terms of policy, service provision, employment and/or access to public services;

(f) to enhance and develop existing and innovative consultative and/or advisory work for equality of opportunity and to consider issues of inequality and discrimination across the borough;

(g) to consider and recommend to the Executive, ways in which participation by disadvantaged and under-represented sections of the community might be more effectively involved in the democratic processes of local government;

(h) to pilot methods of consultation and involvement and to report back to the Executive or appropriate committee on their effectiveness with recommendation if appropriate;

(i) to establish links with and liaise with external organisations in the borough which are concerned with the promotion of equality of opportunity.

(j) the review and scrutiny of the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management and coastal erosion risk management affecting the area.