

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee			
Title	Select Committee work programme		
Contributor	Scrutiny Manager	Item	
Class	Part 1 (open)	21 October 2015	

## 1. Purpose

To advise Members of the proposed work programme for the municipal year 2015/16, and to decide on the agenda items for the next meeting.

## 2. Summary

- 2.1 At the beginning of the new administration, 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 28 April 2015 and agreed a co-ordinated overview and scrutiny work programme. However, the work programme 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 Committee is asked to:

- note the current work plan attached at **Appendix B**; and to agree the suggested changes to the work programme listed in paragraph 4
- 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 about what they need to provide;
- review all forthcoming key decisions, attached at **Appendix C**, and consider any items for further scrutiny.

## 4. The work programme

4.1 The work programme for 2015/16 was agreed at the Committee's meeting on 20 April 2015.

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 Given the large number of items on the work programme for the rest of the year, the Committee is asked to consider the suggested changes to the work programme listed below:

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Current agenda items</b>	<b>Suggested changes</b>	<b>Comments</b>
30 Nov	Poverty review evidence session		
	Local Assemblies		
	Equalities Grant Aid Funding		
	<i>Library Consultation 2015 update</i>	<i>Addition</i>	<i>Following from savings proposal L6. Decision at M&amp;C on 9 Dec</i>
19 Jan	Poverty review evidence session		
	Local Police and Fire brigade		Added at Sept meeting
	Lewisham metropolitan police service		Added at Sept meeting
	LDC Hate Crime research		
	<i>Library and information service</i>	<i>Information item</i>	
	<i>Impact of Public Health savings on voluntary sector</i>	<i>Information item</i>	
	<i>Supporting the voluntary sector in acquiring external funding</i>	<i>Information item</i>	
9 March	Poverty review - Report and draft recommendations		
	Enforcement review		
	CES draft strategy		
	Provision for the LGBT community		
	Safer Lewisham Plan		
	<i>Leisure Centre Contracts</i>	<i>Addition</i>	<i>Following from savings proposal L7. Decision expected at M&amp;C in April</i>
	<i>VAWG service update</i>	<i>Move to April</i>	

## **5. The next meeting**

- 5.1 The following reports are scheduled for the meeting on 30 November 2015:

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Review type</b>	<b>Link to Corporate Priority</b>	<b>Priority</b>
<b>Equalities Grant Aid Funding</b>	Performance monitoring	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
<b>Results of library consultation 2015</b>	Policy development	Community leadership	Medium

<b>Poverty review evidence session</b>	In-depth review	Community leadership; inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
<b>Local Assemblies</b>	Performance monitoring	Community leadership	Medium

5.2 The Committee is asked to specify the information and analysis it would like to see in the reports for these items, based on the outcomes the Committee would like to achieve, so that officers are clear about what they need to provide for the next meeting.

## **6. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **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.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 21 October.

## **Background Documents**

Lewisham Council's Constitution



## Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process

