

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 2015-16 and to advise the Committee about the process for agreeing the 2016-17 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 8 March 2016 is the last scheduled meeting of the Sustainable Development Select Committee in the 2015-16 municipal year. This report provides a list of the issues considered in 2015-16 (the completed work programme) and asks the Committee to put forward suggestions for the 2016-17 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 2015-16 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 2015-2016

- 4.1 The Sustainable Development Select Committee had six meetings in the 2014-15 year:
- 16 April 2015
 - 11 May 2015
 - 30 June 2015
 - 15 September 2015
 - 22 October 2015
 - 26 November 2015
 - 14 January 2016
 - 8 March 2016

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 2016-17 municipal year.

4.3 The Committee's completed work programme is attached at **Appendix B**.

5. Planning for 2016-17

5.1 Eight meetings will be scheduled for 2016-17 municipal year. A work programme report will be put forward at the first Sustainable Development Select Committee meeting of the 2016-17 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 2015-16 work programme

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

- That following on from the referral the Committee made to Mayor and Cabinet on section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy, there should be an additional report on a Lewisham Community Trust.
- That as part of the response back to the Committee on the High Streets Review, information should be included on recommendation 5 regarding the creating of a Lewisham "meanwhile" (meanwhile.org.uk) system.
- The final report for the Catford Regeneration Programme in-depth review.

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

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, and urban regeneration;
 - iv. 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.
 - the review and scrutiny of the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management and coastal erosion risk management affecting the area.