

Sustainable Development Select Committee		
Title	Select Committee work programme	
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Class	Part 1 (open)	13 September 2017

1. Purpose

To advise Members of the proposed work programme for the municipal year 2017-18 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 work programmes of each of the select committees on 22 May 2017 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 work plan 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 about what they need to provide;
- review all forthcoming key decisions, attached at **Appendix C**, and consider any items for further scrutiny;
- give consideration to the report at **Appendix D**, which sets out the policy and legislative programme of the newly elected government.

4. The work programme

- 4.1 The work programme for 2017-18 was agreed at the Committee's meeting on 20 April 2017.
- 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 so they 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 reports are scheduled for the meeting on 8 November 2017:

Agenda item	Review type	Link to corporate priority	Priority
Lewisham Future Programme savings	Performance monitoring	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
Flood risk management strategy	Policy development	Clean, green and liveable;	Medium
Street trees	Policy development	Clean, green and liveable;	Low

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.

5.3 The Committee is also asked to consider whether it needs additional information to progress specific elements of its ongoing review into the regeneration of Catford. Previously mentioned areas of focus have included:

- Initiatives to improve air quality in the vicinity of the newly aligned south circular.
- Community, creativity and open spaces.
- Approaches to ensure sustainable density of development.

5.4 The Committee should bear in mind that the quantity of savings that will be put forward for the Committee to consider as part of the Lewisham Future Programme savings has not yet been agreed.

5.5 The report at **appendix D** was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in July 2017. It sets out the policy and legislative programme of the new Conservative government. The programme reflects the commitments set out in the Conservative Party Election manifesto published in May as well as the contents of the Queen's Speech and the Conservative-Democratic Unionist Party Agreement, both of which were released in June 2017. In addition, the report includes an update on Brexit. It was agreed at Overview and Scrutiny Committee that all select committees should consider this report in order to inform their work programmes going forward.

6. Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in 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.

Background documents

Lewisham Council's Constitution
Centre for Public Scrutiny: The Good Scrutiny Guide

Appendices

Appendix A – Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process
Appendix B – 2017-18 work plan
Appendix C – Key decision plan
Appendix D - Conservative Party Manifesto, Conservative-DUP Agreement, Queen's Speech and Brexit Update

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process

