

<b>Public Accounts Select Committee</b>		
Title	Select Committee work programme 2017-18	
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Class	Part 1 (open)	27 September 2017

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 To advise Committee members of the work programme for the 2017-18 municipal year, and to agree the agenda items for the next meeting.

## 2. Summary

- 2.1 In April, the committee drew up a draft work programme for the municipal year 2017-18.
- 2.2 The work programme can be reviewed at each Select Committee meeting to take account of changing priorities.

## 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;
- look at the items scheduled for the next meeting and clearly specify the information and analysis required, based on desired outcomes, so that officers are able to meet expectations;
- 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. Work programme

- 4.1 The work programme for 2017-18 was agreed at the 19 April 2017 meeting.
- 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 reports are scheduled for the meeting on 16 November 2017:

Agenda item	Review type	Link to corporate priority	Priority
Lewisham Future Programme	Performance monitoring	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
Management report	Performance monitoring	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
Income generation and commercialisation update	Performance monitoring	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	Medium
Financial forecasts 2017-18	Performance monitoring	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
Mid-year treasury management review	Performance monitoring	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High

5.2. The Committee is asked to specify the information and analysis it would like to see in the reports for these 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.

5.3 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

6.1. There are no financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There may be financial implications arising from some of the items on the work programme (especially reviews) and these will need to be considered when preparing those items/scoping those reviews.

## 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.
- 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 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

# Appendix A

## Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process

