

<b>Sustainable Development Select Committee</b>		
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.

## 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 22 March is the last scheduled meeting of the Sustainable Development Select Committee in the 2017-18 municipal year, as well as the last meeting of the 2014-18 Council administration. An end of administration report has been prepared (attached at **appendix A**). It provides an overview of the Committee's work in the 2014-18 administration and as such, it provides the background for the development of the 2018-19 Committee work programme.

## 3. Recommendations

- 3.1. The Select Committee is asked to:
  - note the completed work programme attached at **appendix B**;
  - consider the contents of the end of administration report;
  - put forward ideas and suggestions for Members of the Committee to consider for the development of their work programme in 2018-19 - and into the next administration.

## 4. Planning for the next administration

- 4.1. A work programme report will be put forward at the first Sustainable Development Select Committee meeting of 2018-19. The report will take account of the committee's previous work, and will draw on a range of sources for ideas and suggestions.
- 4.2. The Committee has already indicated that there are matters it feels should be considered for further scrutiny, these include:
  - Preserving local pubs;

- The delivery of the cycling and air quality strategies
- The regeneration of Catford town centre.

4.3. As with the development of all new work programmes, suggestions will also be incorporated by drawing on:

- items suggested by the Committee in the course of the previous year- and at the last meeting of the previous municipal year.
- items suggested by Council officers
- issues arising as a result of previous scrutiny
- those items that the select committee is required to consider by virtue of its terms of reference
- monitoring of the recommendations of recent reviews

4.4. The Committee will also need to give consideration to:

- issues of importance to Local Assemblies
- decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet.

4.5. The end of administration report includes a summary of the Committee's scrutiny over the last four years, however key issues for the Committee have included:

- High streets, roads and cycling;
- The Catford regeneration programme;
- Air quality;
- Planning obligations and planning policy

## **5. The Lewisham Future Programme**

5.1. The Council is in the process of delivering a decade long programme of savings. It is expected that in the in the years to 2020-21 the Council will need to find an additional £35m of savings, bringing the total amount since 2010 to almost £200m. The Committee has been closely involved in the scrutiny of each year of the Lewisham Future Programme. It is overseen by senior council officers on the Lewisham Future Programme board, who have identified these areas for the delivery of savings:

- Smarter and deeper integration if social care and health
- Supporting people
- Efficiency review
- Asset rationalisation
- Management and corporate overheads
- School effectiveness
- Drugs and alcohol
- Culture and community services
- Strategic housing
- Environmental services
- Public services
- Planning and economic development
- Early intervention and safeguarding.

5.2. All select committees have a role to play in ensuring that the Council is making effective use of its resources. However, it should be noted that the 'environment strand' of the programme is currently under delivering in terms of the savings that

have been identified. In the upcoming administration, the Committee may decide to allocated further time and resources to ensuring that it is scrutinising the effective delivery of savings in this area.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. There are no financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. However, there will be implications arising from the work carried out by the Committee and these will need to be considered at the appropriate time.

## **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 (the Act) introduced a public sector equality duty (the equality duty or the duty). It covers the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.2. In summary, 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. It is not an absolute requirement to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation or other prohibited conduct, or to promote equality of opportunity or foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. It is a duty to have due regard to the need to achieve the goals listed above.
- 8.4. There are no direct equalities implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. However, there may be equalities implications arising from items on the work programme and all activities undertaken by the Committee will need to give these due consideration.

## **Background Documents**

Lewisham Council's Constitution

## Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process

