

| Healthier Communities Select Committee | | | |
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| 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 2018-19 and to propose a draft work programme for 2019-20.

2. Summary

- 2.1 At the beginning of the municipal year each select committee is required to agree 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 11 February is the last scheduled meeting of the Healthier Communities Select Committee in the 2018-19 municipal year. This Committee's completed work programme is attached at appendix B. The Committee is being asked to put forward suggestions for the 2019-20 work programme.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Select Committee is asked to:

- Review the issues covered in the 2018-19 municipal year
- Consider the prioritisation process and priorities themes for the 2019-20 work programme
- Put forward ideas and suggestions for Members of the Committee to consider for the development of their work programme in 2019-20
- Consider any other matters that it may wish to suggest for future scrutiny, including topics for in-depth review.
- Note the completed work programme attached at **appendix B**
- Take note of the key decisions attached at **appendix C**
- Note the draft work programme for 2019-20 attached at **appendix D**

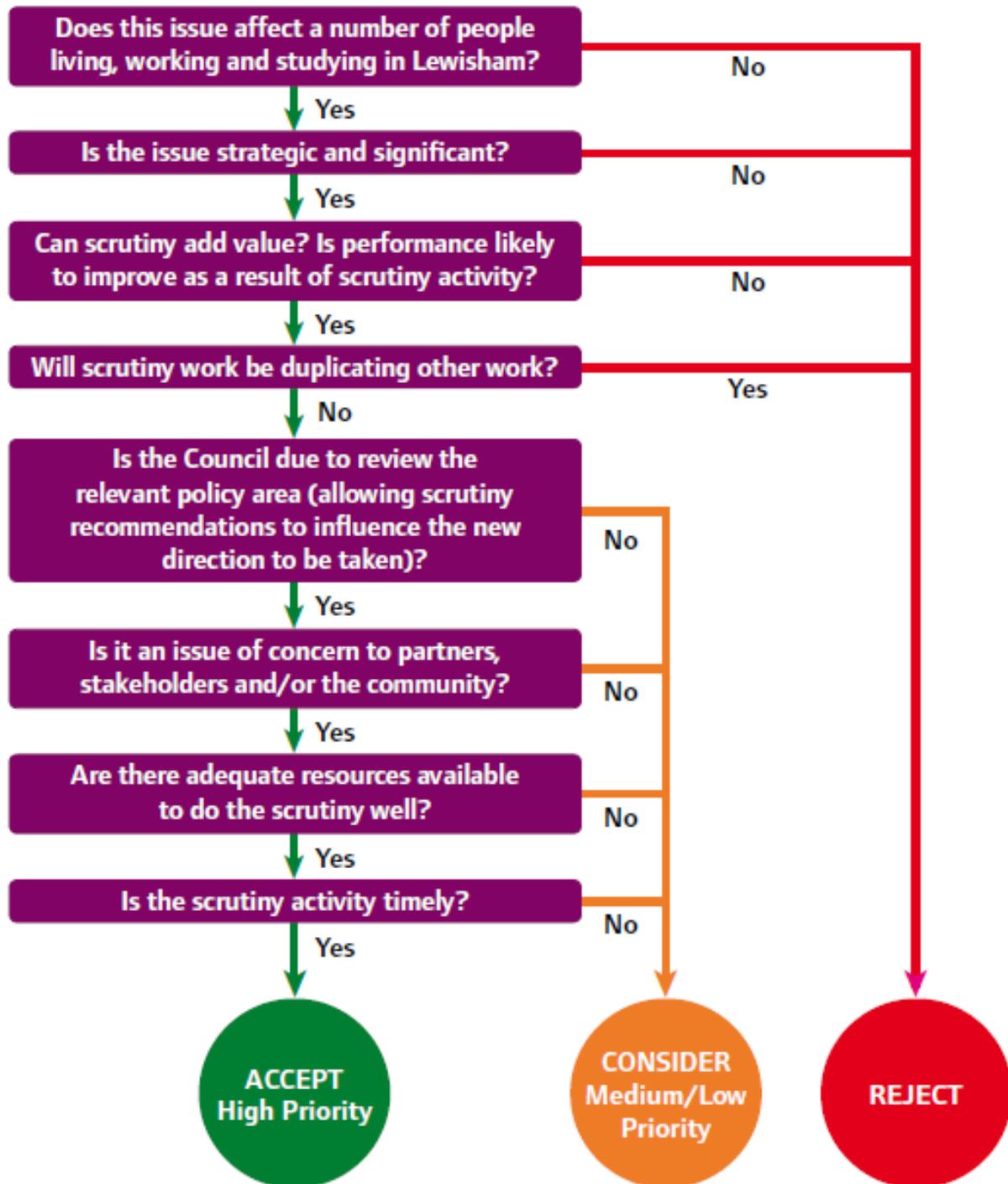
4. Healthier Communities Select Committee 2018-2019

- 4.1 The Healthier Communities Select Committee had 6 meetings in the 2018-19 municipal year:
- 27 June 2018
 - 4 September 2018
 - 9 October 2018
 - 3 December 2018
 - 16 January 2019
 - 11 February 2019

5. Prioritising and planning for 2019-20

- 5.1 Eight meetings will be scheduled for the 2019-20 municipal year. A work programme report will be put forward at the first Healthier Communities Select Committee meeting of 2019-20. The report will take account of the committee's previous work, and will draw on a range of sources for ideas and suggestions.
- 5.2 There are a number of matters that the committee may wish to consider for further scrutiny in 2019-20, these include:
- Integration of health and care services
 - Transition from children's to adult social care
 - Government green paper on adult social care
 - Voluntary and community sector capacity
 - The NHS long-term plan
 - Sexual and reproductive health
 - Public health cuts and health visiting
 - EU exit operational readiness in health and care
 - Leisure centres
- 5.3 The Committee is also asked to consider a draft work programme for 2019-20 for members to review, revise and agree (see appendix D). The draft work programme takes account of the Committee's previous work and incorporates:
- the scrutiny prioritisation process and potential key themes and priorities for 2019-20
 - 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;
 - standard reviews of policy implementation or performance, which is based on a regular schedule;
 - items suggested by Council officers
- 5.4 The Committee will also need to give consideration to:
- issues of importance to Local Assemblies
 - decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet
- 5.5 The flow chart below may help Members consider work programme items. 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).
- 5.6 Items within each Select Committee work programme are linked to the Council's corporate priorities. Work is currently underway to develop a new corporate strategy, which will give corporate expression to the priorities of the new administration. Once developed, scrutiny work programmes can be adjusted to reflect the new corporate strategy and corporate priorities, if required.

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process



6. Healthier Communities Select Committee terms of reference

- 6.1 The Council's constitution sets out the Committee's powers, as defined by the terms of reference. These are included at **appendix A**. The Committee should familiarise itself with the terms of reference and consider its remit when selecting items for scrutiny.
- 6.2 The Council's constitution sets out the Committee's powers, based on the legal underpinning of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee by legislation: in particular the NHS Act 2006 as amended, the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Care Act 2014 and regulations made under that legislation, and any other legislation in force from time to time. The Committee has the ability to call decision makers to account for a decision or any series of decisions made. The Committee may also decide to call officers from partner organisations to answer questions about the delivery of health care services in the borough.
- 6.3 The Committee's role is to examine issues relating to, but not limited to, matters such as: public health; adult social care; services for disabled people; day care provision; delivery of healthcare by partners.
- 6.4 The Committee is also required to review proposals for substantial changes in services and decide whether or not consultation is required in the instance that those changes will have a significant impact on local people.

7. Financial Implications

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

8. 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

Appendix A

Healthier Communities Select Committee terms of reference

(a) To fulfill all of the Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to the provision of service by and performance of health bodies providing services for local people. These functions shall include all powers in relation to health matters given to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee by any legislation but in particular the NHS Act 2006 as amended, the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Care Act 2014 and regulations made under that legislation, and any other legislation in force from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, however, decisions to refer matters to the Secretary of State in circumstances where a health body proposes significant development or significant variation of service may only be made by full Council.

(b) To review and scrutinise the decisions and actions of the Health and Wellbeing Board and to make reports and recommendations to the Council and/or Mayor and Cabinet.

(c) To review and scrutinise in accordance with regulations made under Section 244 NHS Act 2006 matters relating to the health service in the area and to make reports and recommendations on such matters in accordance with those regulations

(d) Require the attendance of representatives of relevant health bodies at meetings of the select committee to address it, answer questions and listen to the comments of local people on matters of local concern.

(e) With the exception of matters pertaining to the Council's duty in relation to special educational needs, to fulfill all of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to social services provided for those 19 years old or older including but not limited to services provided under the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, Children Act 2004, National Assistance Act 1948, Mental Health Act 1983, NHS and Community Care Act 1990, NHS Act 2006, Health and Social Care Act 2012 and any other relevant legislation in place from time to time.

(f) To fulfill all of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to the lifelong learning of those 19 years or over (excluding schools and school related services).

(g) To receive referrals from the Healthwatch and consider whether to make any report/recommendation in relation to such referral (unless the referral relates solely to health services for those aged under 19 years of age, in which case the referral from the Healthwatch should be referred to the Children and Young People Select Committee .

(h) To review and scrutinise the Council's public health functions.

(i) Without limiting the remit of this Select Committee, its terms of reference shall include Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to: people with learning difficulties; people with physical disabilities; mental health services; the provision

of health services by those other than the Council; provision for elderly people; the use of Section 75 NHS Act 2006 flexibilities to provide services in partnership with health organisations; lifelong learning of those aged 19 years or more (excluding schools and school related services); Community Education Lewisham; other matters relating to Health and Adult Care and Lifelong Learning for those aged 19 years or over.

(j) Without limiting the remit of the Select Committee, to hold the Executive to account for its performance in relation to the delivery of Council objectives in the provision of adult services and health and lifelong learning.

NB In the event of there being overlap between the terms of reference of this select committee and those of the Children and Young People Select Committee, the Business Panel shall determine the Select Committee which shall deal with the matter in question.