

Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel		
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1. Scrutiny Review

- 1.1 As part of the Local Democracy Review, Councillor Shiekh, supported by Councillor Campbell and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny, has been reviewing the structure of scrutiny at Lewisham. Members were consulted on the resultant proposals throughout October and the consultation results are now being analysed alongside the other learning gathered to date. A final proposal will be recommended to the Local Democracy Working Group in December 2019 before submission to Full Council for approval and introduction to the Council constitution from the AGM in 2020.

2. Select Committee Updates

Housing

- 2.1 The Committee has been undertaking a number of visits and consultations in relation to its resident engagement review including attending a workshop with the Brockley RB3 leaseholder engagement panel; attending an Achilles Street “Bring it to the Table” event; meeting with the Head of Regeneration at LB Hackney; meeting with the Head of Operations and Engagement for Homes for Lambeth; and visiting the Forest Estate TRA.

Safer Stronger Communities

- 2.2 Evidence is being gathered for the equalities in-depth review: submissions have been sought via Lewisham’s Equalities Forum and Members have also visited Sutton Council to consider that authority’s approach to equalities.
- 2.3 Members of the Committee have received a briefing on the local data release for the indices of multiple deprivation.
- 2.4 The Committee is continuing to monitor the public health approach to serious youth violence.

Sustainable Development

- 2.5 The Committee heard from Parks for London, the Lewisham Green Spaces forum and senior officers from Lewisham Homes at its last meeting, in relation to its Parks Management review.

- 2.6 The Committee also made a referral to Mayor and Cabinet on plans for the Surrey Canal Triangle regarding the needs of existing and new communities and the need for further detailed work to assess local need for social and physical infrastructure.

Public Accounts

- 2.7 Members of the Committee recently met with the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Core Services, and officers, to discuss commercialisation as part of the committee's income generation and commercialisation review.
- 2.8 The Committee continues to monitor the Adult Social Care budget with a focus on pressures, trends and savings.

Children and Young People

- 2.9 The Committee recently scrutinised the Children's Social Care budget and requested more information on the cost implications of delivering the Children's Social Care Improvement Plan. Provisional school results will be considered in December.

Healthier Communities

- 2.10 The Committee recently undertook pre-decision scrutiny on a Mayor and Cabinet report into day care services for older adults, hearing from a local professor and listening to community views. The committee made a referral to Mayor and Cabinet and the decision was subsequently deferred to a later meeting to allow further equalities analysis to be carried out.
- 2.11 The Committee Chairs may wish to provide their own oral updates on Select Committee work.

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