

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

Report Title	Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees Work Programmes 2016 – 17		
Key Decision	No		Item No.
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1. Recommendation

- 1.1 Business Panel is asked to note the progress made in executing the respective select committee work programmes and comment as appropriate. The six select committee work programmes are attached at Appendix A.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure rules outlined in Part IV E of the Council's Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel is required to:

- consider the proposed work programmes of each of the select committees and devise a co-ordinated overview and scrutiny work programme which avoids duplication of effort and facilitates the effective conduct of business.

- 2.2 The Business Panel may amend the work programme of any of the select committees but will not normally do so unless it is necessary to ensure the effective conduct of Council business. Once the Business Panel has approved the select committee work programme, the select committee will implement it.

3. Select Committee Work Programmes 2016-17

- 3.1 Progress on the execution of the select committee work programmes, since they were agreed by Business panel on 24 May 2016, is outlined in Appendix A. At the upcoming, final, meetings of 2016/17 all select committees will receive a report outlining the work completed this year, and asking the select committees for any suggestions to be put forward, for consideration for inclusion in the work programmes, for 2017/18.
- 3.2 Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee received a report in January which provided a brief outline of service provision for LGBTQ people in Lewisham. As part of discussions in response to that report, the Committee agreed to recommend that, in 2017/18, the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee consider carrying out an in depth review into LGBTQ services in Lewisham. This would be subject to further discussion and agreement at the first meeting of the next municipal year, as well as consideration and agreement of specific, appropriate, key lines of enquiry, considered alongside the prioritisation process for scrutiny to ensure a review was focused, timely and able to have the maximum impact.
- 3.3 The role of the Business Panel, in considering the proposed work programmes of each select committee and devising a co-ordinated work programme for scrutiny, was also

discussed by the Committee in relation to potential further scrutiny of LGBTQ service provision in Lewisham. In this vein, the Business Panel may wish, in due course, to take a view as to whether a joined up approach to scrutiny of LGBTQ services would be of benefit, to avoid duplication and ensure the effective conduct of scrutiny business.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The work programmes will be managed within existing budgets. However, formal recommendations to the Mayor & Cabinet, arising out of any specific work items within the respective work programmes, will be evaluated in the usual way through the process of formal reports.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel is required to consider and co-ordinate an overview and scrutiny work programme which avoids duplication and facilitates the effective conduct of business across the scrutiny select committees. Once the Business Panel has approved the overall work programme, the select committees will implement it.

6. Equalities Implications

- 6.1 There may be equalities implications arising from items listed in the work programme and all activities undertaken by the select committees in discharging these items will need to give due consideration to this.

Background reports:

LGBT provision in Lewisham, Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee 17 January 2017

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s47483/07LGBTprovisioninLewisham170117FINAL.pdf>