

Sustainable Development Select Committee		
Title	Select Committee work programme 2017-18	
Contributor	Scrutiny Manager	Item 7
Class	Part 1 (open)	20 April 2017

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To ask Members to discuss and agree an annual work programme for the Sustainable Development Select Committee.

2. Summary

- 2.1 This report:

1. Provides a summary of the Committee's work in 2016-17 and provides the context for setting the 2017-18 work programme.
2. Invites Members to agree on priorities for the 2017-18 municipal year.
3. Outlines how the work programme can be monitored, managed and developed.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Select Committee is asked to:

- Note the meeting dates and terms of reference for the Sustainable Development Select Committee.
- Consider the provisional work programme at appendix B.
- Note the key decision plan, attached at appendix F, and consider any key decisions for further scrutiny.
- Agree a work programme for the municipal year 2017-18.
- Review how the work programme can be developed, managed and monitored over the coming year.

4. Meeting dates

- 4.1 The following Committee meeting dates for the next municipal year were agreed at the Council AGM on 27 March 2017:

- 20 April 2017
- 14 June 2017
- 19 July 2017
- 12 September 2017
- 08 November 2017
- 14 December 2017
- 18 January 2018
- 22 March 2018

5. Terms of reference

5.1 Sustainable Development Select Committee's terms of reference are to exercise all the functions and roles of the overview and scrutiny committee in relation to the following matters:

- to examine issues relating to the protection of the environment including 'green' issues such as the conservation of natural resources, energy efficiency and conservation and/or the reduction of all types of pollution and make recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet as appropriate;
- to comment and consult on and make recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet in relation to the following:
 - i. sustainable development, economic development, business support, employment and training;
 - ii. the formulation of the Council's planning policies, (including the preparation of the Council's Local Development Framework and other local plans for the use and development of land, but excluding planning control and building control functions);
 - iii. highways, parking, traffic and transport, and urban regeneration;
 - iv. the environment including waste disposal, environmental health, street and market trading (but not the granting of licences and related matters);
 - v. public protection, refuse collection and disposal, street cleaning, consumer protection, cemeteries and crematoria;
 - vi. generally to examine the performance of the Mayor and Cabinet in relation to these matters.
- the review and scrutiny of the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management and coastal erosion risk management affecting the area.

6. Sustainable Development Select Committee work programme 2016-17

6.1 At the beginning of the 2016-17 year the Committee considered a range of issues in the development of its work programme and agreed which should be prioritised. In addition, as high priority issues came to the attention of the Committee during the year, they were added to the work programme and low priority items were removed or considered as information items.

6.2 The Committee considered 18 issues in the 2016-17 year, including:

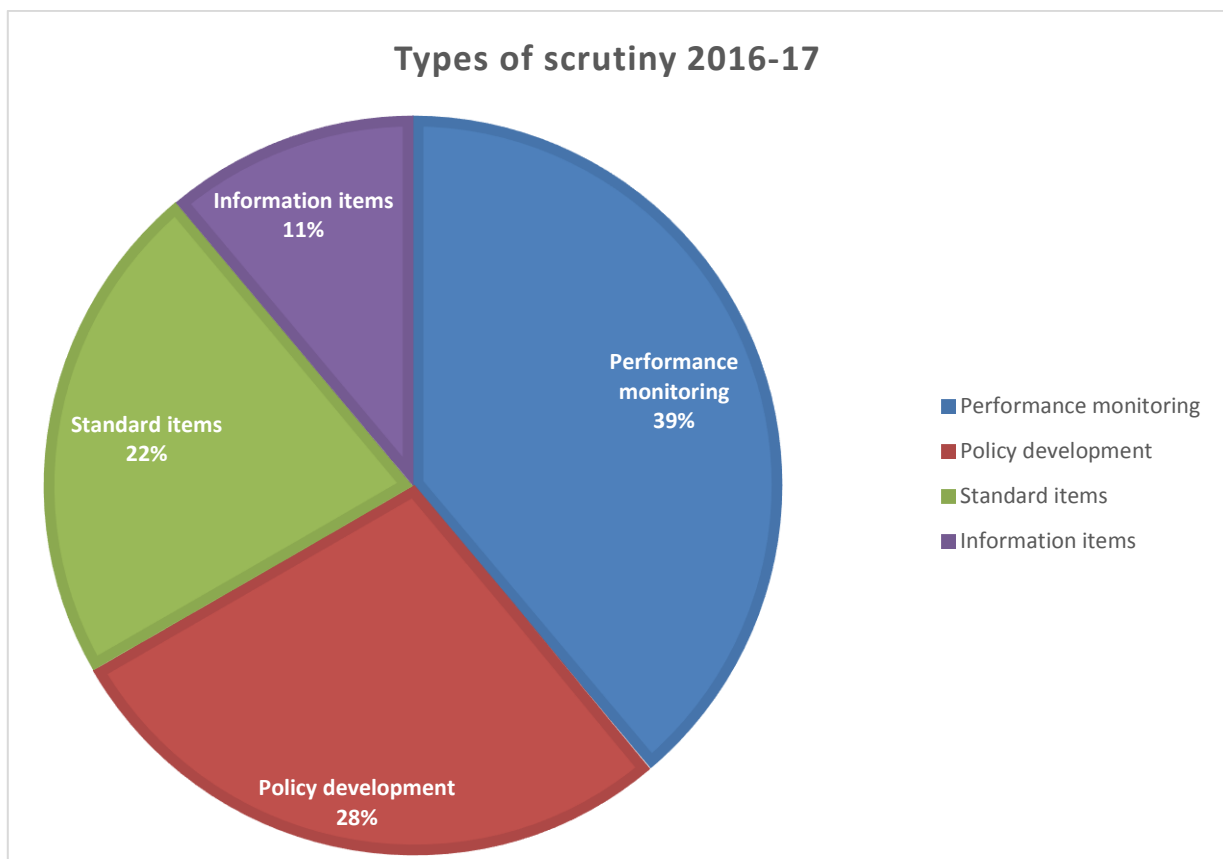
- Street lighting
- Catford Town Centre regeneration
- Lewisham Community Trust
- Asset Management System and Asset Register Update
- Waste strategy communications plan and implementation
- Lewisham Future Programme
- Lewisham cyclist strategy
- Planning obligations and regulations
- Planning service annual monitoring report
- Animal welfare charter
- Sustainable energy

6.3 In addition, the Committee considered a report on housing zones jointly with the Housing Select Committee and submitted and followed up on its modern roads review.

Different types of scrutiny

6.4 During its initial discussions about the priority of items on the work programme, the Committee agreed how each item would be scrutinised. It decided that some items only required an information report to be presented to the Committee, which gave a briefing on the status of the issue at hand – but that the Committee did not need to discuss at its meeting. For other items the Committee required performance monitoring data or analysis to be presented. Typically, the majority of items on committee work programmes take the form of single meeting items, where members:

- (a) agree what information and analysis they wish to receive in order to achieve their desired outcomes;
- (b) receive a report presenting that information and analysis;
- (c) ask questions of the presenting officer or guest;
- (d) agree, following discussion of the report, whether the Committee will make recommendations or receive further information or analysis before summarising its views.



6.5 Officers from the Council’s environment, enforcement, planning, regeneration and asset management, and economic development teams attended meetings of the Committee in 2016-17 to present reports and answer questions from Members. The Committee also heard from Lewisham cyclists, the Mayor of Lewisham and representatives of the Communication Workers Union.

6.6 Following the consideration of items on the Committee work programme, it made 15 referrals to Mayor and Cabinet this year on the following issues:

- 12 May 16 Street lighting
- 12-May-16 Use of section 106 and CIL
- 12-May-16 Catford regeneration (2)
- 29-Jun-16 Catford regeneration (3)
- 29-Jun-16 Lewisham cyclists' cycling strategy
- 14-Sep-16 Lewisham future programme
- 14-Sep-16 Catford regeneration (4)
- 25-Oct-16 Air quality
- 25-Oct-16 Housing zones
- 29-Nov-16 Planning
- 24-Jan-17 Work and skills
- 24-Jan-17 Catford regeneration (5)
- 08-Mar-17 Housing zones
- 08-Mar-17 Sustainable energy
- 08-Mar-17 Post office changes

Performance monitoring

6.7 Scrutiny regularly uses performance information and data to examine the effectiveness of services. It might also assess the progress of project delivery against a set timescale. Last year, the Committee monitored the performance of the Council's work in these areas:

- the Catford town centre redevelopment;

6.8 The Council has ambitious plans to regenerate the town centre of Catford. These plans could deliver major improvements to Catford's pedestrian and transport infrastructure while creating opportunities for new homes, shops and other amenities. In October 2015 the Sustainable Development Select Committee decided to carry out an in-depth review of the regeneration programme.

6.9 During the course of its review, the Committee received evidence from Council officers, officers from Transport for London, and local stakeholders. The Committee hoped to add further value to the ongoing process of decision-making and development in Catford by acting as a critical friend and challenging the approach taken by decision makers.

6.10 In the course of evidence gathering for the review, the Committee recognised that it would need to continue to monitor the performance of the programme over a longer period and as such, it resolved to receive quarterly updates on progress with the scheme. To date the Committee has made 30 recommendations in five referrals to Mayor and Cabinet advising on the Committee's concerns and the overall progress with the scheme. The Committee plans to continue to engage with the local community, stakeholders and Council officers to drive the programme forward. A full summary of the Committee's work in this area is included in appendix G.

- Asset management system

6.11 For a number of years, the Committee has pressed the Council to develop a coordinated register of its assets. Officers have made some progress in updating systems and reconciling the inconsistencies in existing records. However, the Committee has expressed its concern that a single register of Council assets does not yet exist. Further updates on the system are scheduled in the Committee's 2017-18 work programme.

- Waste strategy

6.12 The Council is implementing a new waste strategy. The Committee has scrutinised the proposals for the delivery of the new waste and recycling service and it has commented on the communications that have been carried out to make residents aware of the change in services. The new service is starting in 2017 and the Committee has agreed to carry out an early review of implementation. The intention of the new service is to improve recycling rates and to reduce costs. The Committee intends to closely scrutinise the delivery of the new service to ensure that it is meeting its expressed ambitions.

Policy development

6.13 The Committee has scrutinised the development of a number of Council policies and strategies in the past year, including:

- Lewisham cycling strategy

6.14 The Committee is extremely supportive of plans to improve cycling infrastructure and to enable the uptake of cycling as a sustainable means of transport. The Committee benefits from having the Council's cycling champion in its membership, who is able to link the strategic work being undertaken by the Council to the work that is taking place at a grassroots level in Lewisham's community. The Committee ensures that it keeps cycling provision in mind when reviewing other issues on its work programme – such as the redevelopment of Catford, air quality or the implementation of 20mph speed limits in the borough. The Committee will continue to build on its previous work in this area in order to support the uptake of cycling in Lewisham.

- Air quality action plan

6.15 Following its consideration of the Council's air quality action plan, the Committee recommended that there be greater political involvement in the delivery of the action plan. Clearly, the issues surrounding air quality cross borough boundaries and as such the Committee recommended that elected members should work with colleagues at local, regional and national level to develop new approaches. Following the Council's AGM on 27 March, Lewisham has a new air quality champion, who is also a member of the select committee.

- Planning

6.16 In 2016-17, the Committee has considered four items on planning – including the use of section 106 and the community infrastructure levy, annual monitoring report,

the development of the Lewisham community trust, planning obligations and regulations and key planning policies and procedures. The Committee wants to ensure that councillors are enabled to take part in future plan making exercises and consultations. As such, it has recommended that the planning department set out a series of key dates for councillors to be involved in plan making. The Committee is currently awaiting a response from Mayor and Cabinet.

- 6.17 The Committee has also scrutinised the Council's plans for the future management and distribution of section 106 and CIL monies.

Future challenges

- 6.18 The Council has already made savings of £138.4m to meet its revenue budget requirements since May 2010 and is proposing further savings of £23.2m in 2017/18. The Lewisham Future Programme was established to determine and progress crosscutting and thematic reviews to deliver the savings required. All select committees have dedicated considerable time to scrutiny of proposals.
- 6.19 It is expected that the Council will need to identify further savings of circa £32.6m for the following two years, 2018/19 to 2019/20. This will bring the total savings in cash terms made by the Council in the decade to 2020 to just shy of £200m.

The revised profile for savings required is now broadly;

- £22m to be implemented in 2017/18;
 - £5m gap remaining for 2017/18 to be met from reserves;
 - £16m gap for 2018/19 against which £5m of outline proposals were set out in September and now need to be firmed up and extended; and
- £11m gap for 2019/20 against which £9m of outline proposals were set out in September and now need to be firmed up and brought forward if possible.

- 6.20 Sustainable Development Select Committee did not have any specific savings proposals to scrutinise in 2016/17, however, as noted above significant savings will need to be found in the years 2017/18 and 2019/20. In particular, the Lewisham future programme board has determined that there are potential savings of £8m, that can be made before 2020, through asset rationalisation. Less than £2m of this sum has been already been identified. In addition the programme board indicates that there are savings of £4m to be found from Environmental Services, of which so far less than half has been identified. These are two areas within the Committee remit it should consider in the broader context of its 2017/18 work programme.

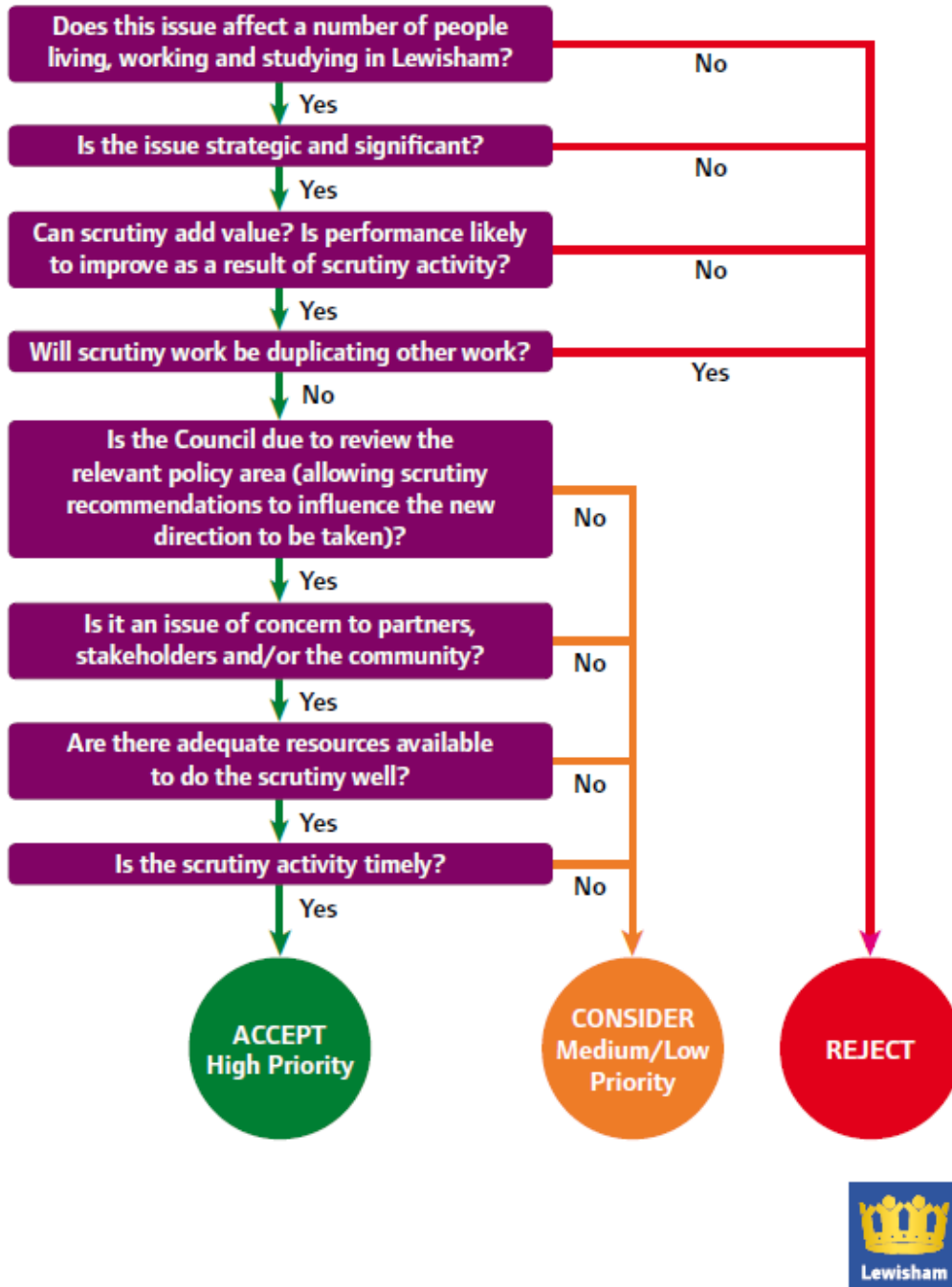
7. Agreeing the 207-18 work programme

- 7.1 When deciding on items to include in the work programme, the Committee should have regard to:

- items the Committee is required to consider by virtue of its terms of reference;
- the criteria for selecting and prioritising topics;
- the capacity for adding items;
- the context for setting the work programme and advice from officers;
- suggestions already put forward by Members.

7.2 At its meeting on 28 March, Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel agreed that all select committees be reminded that 2017-18 is the last year of the administration, and therefore they may want to consider work done to date and also focus their attention on key policy areas going into the new municipal year.

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process



7.3 This flow chart, based best practice for prioritising topics, is designed to help Members decide which items should be added to the work programme:

8. Provisional 2017-18 work programme

8.1 The Scrutiny Manager has re-drafted the provisional work programme (appendix B) which was considered at the Committee's March meeting, to incorporate:

- suggestions from the Committee in the previous year,
- suggestions from officers;
- 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.

8.2 The Committee should also give consideration to:

- issues of importance to Local Assemblies (appendix D)
- decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet (appendix F).

9. Approving, monitoring and managing the work programme

9.1 In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure rules outlined in the Council's constitution, each select committee is required to submit their annual work programme to the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel. The Business Panel will meet on 5 May 2017 to consider provisional work programmes and agree a co-ordinated Overview and Scrutiny work programme, which avoids duplication of effort and which facilitates the effective conduct of business.

9.2 The work programme will be reviewed at each meeting of the Committee. This allows urgent items to be added and items which are no longer a priority to be removed. Each additional item added should first be considered against the criteria outlined above. If the committee agrees to add additional items because they are high priority, it must then consider which medium/low priority items should be removed in order to create sufficient capacity. The Committee has eight scheduled meetings this municipal year and its work programme needs to be achievable in terms of the amount of meeting time available.

9.3 At each meeting of the Committee, there will be an item on the work programme presented by the Scrutiny Manager. When discussing this item, the Committee will be asked to consider the items programmed for the next meeting. Members will be asked to outline what information and analysis they would like in the report for each item, based on the outcomes they would like to achieve, so that officers are clear on what they need to provide.

10. Financial implications

10.1 There may be financial implications arising from some of the items that will be included in the work programme (especially reviews) and these will need to be considered when preparing those items/scoping those reviews.

11. Legal implications

11.1 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.

12. Equalities implications

12.1 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.

12.2 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.

12.3 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 at 12.2 above.

12.4 The weight to be attached to the duty will be dependent on the nature of the decision and the circumstances in which it is made. This is a matter for the Mayor, bearing in mind the issues of relevance and proportionality. The Mayor must understand the impact or likely impact of the decision on those with protected characteristics who are potentially affected by the decision. The extent of the duty will necessarily vary from case to case and due regard is such regard as is appropriate in all the circumstances.

12.5 The Equality and Human Rights Commission has issued Technical Guidance on the Public Sector Equality Duty and statutory guidance entitled "Equality Act 2010 Services, Public Functions & Associations Statutory Code of Practice". The Council must have regard to the statutory code in so far as it relates to the duty and attention is drawn to Chapter 11 which deals particularly with the equality duty. The Technical Guidance also covers what public authorities should do to meet the duty. This includes steps that are legally required, as well as recommended actions. The guidance does not have statutory force but nonetheless regard should be had to it, as failure to do so without compelling reason would be of evidential value. The statutory code and the technical guidance can be found at:

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/advice-and-guidance/equality-act-codes-practice>

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/advice-and-guidance/equality-act-technical-guidance>

12.6 The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has previously issued five guides for public authorities in England giving advice on the equality duty:

- [The essential guide to the public sector equality duty](#)
- [Meeting the equality duty in policy and decision-making](#)
- [Engagement and the equality duty: A guide for public authorities](#)
- [Objectives and the equality duty. A guide for public authorities](#)
- [Equality Information and the Equality Duty: A Guide for Public Authorities](#)

12.7 The essential guide provides an overview of the equality duty requirements including the general equality duty, the specific duties and who they apply to. It covers what public authorities should do to meet the duty including steps that are legally required, as well as recommended actions. The other four documents provide more detailed guidance on key areas and advice on good practice. Further information and resources are available at:

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/advice-and-guidance/public-sector-equality-duty-guidance#h1>

The Comprehensive Equalities Scheme

12.8 The Council's comprehensive equalities scheme (2016-20) reconfirms Lewisham's commitment to five enduring objectives:

1. tackling victimisation, discrimination and harassment
2. improving access to services
3. closing the gap in outcomes for all residents
4. increasing mutual understanding and respect within and between communities
5. increasing citizen participation and engagement

12.9 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. In particular, the Committee should note the Council's planned approach to the delivery of its enduring objectives through the delivery of key strategies and plans.

13. Crime and disorder implications

13.1 There may be crime and disorder implications arising from some of the items that will be included in the work programme (especially reviews) and these will need to be considered when preparing those items/scoping those reviews.

Background documents

Lewisham Council's Constitution
Centre for Public Scrutiny: The Good Scrutiny Guide

Appendices

Appendix A – Committee's terms of reference
Appendix B – Provisional work programme
Appendix C – CfPS criteria for selecting scrutiny topics
Appendix D – Local assembly priorities
Appendix E – How to carry out reviews
Appendix F – Key decision plan
Appendix G – Catford programme summary 2016-17

Appendix A

The following roles are common to all select committees:

(a) General functions

To review and scrutinise decisions made and actions taken in relation to executive and non-executive functions

To make reports and recommendations to the Council or the executive, arising out of such review and scrutiny in relation to any executive or non-executive function

To make reports or recommendations to the Council and/or Executive in relation to matters affecting the area or its residents

The right to require the attendance of members and officers to answer questions includes a right to require a member to attend to answer questions on up and coming decisions

(b) Policy development

To assist the executive in matters of policy development by in depth analysis of strategic policy issues facing the Council for report and/or recommendation to the Executive or Council or committee as appropriate

To conduct research, community and/or other consultation in the analysis of policy options available to the Council

To liaise with other public organisations operating in the borough – both national, regional and local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working in policy development wherever possible

(c) Scrutiny

To scrutinise the decisions made by and the performance of the Executive and other committees and Council officers both in relation to individual decisions made and over time

To scrutinise previous performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives/performance targets and/or particular service areas

To question members of the Executive or appropriate committees and executive directors personally about decisions

To question members of the Executive or appropriate committees and executive directors in relation to previous performance whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over time or in relation to particular initiatives which have been implemented

To scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the borough and to invite them to make reports to and/or address the select committee/Business Panel and local people about their activities and performance

To question and gather evidence from any person outside the Council (with their consent)

To make recommendations to the Executive or appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process

(d) Community representation

To promote and put into effect closer links between overview and scrutiny members and the local community

To encourage and stimulate an enhanced community representative role for overview and scrutiny members including enhanced methods of consultation with local people

To liaise with the Council's ward assemblies so that the local community might participate in the democratic process and where it considers it appropriate to seek the views of the ward assemblies on matters that affect or are likely to affect the local areas, including accepting items for the agenda of the appropriate select committee from ward assemblies.

To keep the Council's local ward assemblies under review and to make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council as to how participation in the democratic process by local people can be enhanced

To receive petitions, deputations and representations from local people and other stakeholders about areas of concern within their overview and scrutiny remit, to refer them to the Executive, appropriate committee or officer for action, with a recommendation or report if the committee considers that necessary

To consider any referral within their remit referred to it by a member under the Councillor Call for Action, and if they consider it appropriate to scrutinise decisions and/or actions taken in relation to that matter, and/or make recommendations/report to the Executive (for executive matters) or the Council (non-executive matters)

(e) Finance

To exercise overall responsibility for finances made available to it for use in the performance of its overview and scrutiny function.

(f) Work programme

As far as possible to draw up a draft annual work programme in each municipal year for consideration by the overview and scrutiny Business Panel. Once approved by the Business Panel, the relevant select committee will implement the programme during that municipal year. Nothing in this arrangement inhibits the right of every member of a select committee (or the Business Panel) to place an item on the agenda of that select committee (or Business Panel respectively) for discussion.

The Council and the Executive will also be able to request that the overview and scrutiny select committee research and/or report on matters of concern and the select committee will consider whether the work can be carried out as requested. If it can be accommodated, the select committee will perform it. If the committee has reservations about performing the requested work, it will refer the matter to the Business Panel for decision.

The following roles are specific to the Sustainable Development Select Committee:

(a) To exercise all the functions and roles of the overview and scrutiny committee in relation to the following matters:

- to examine issues relating to the protection of the environment including 'green' issues such as the conservation of natural resources, energy efficiency and conservation and/or the reduction of all types of pollution and make recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet as appropriate;

- to comment and consult on and make recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet in relation to the following:

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- v. public protection, refuse collection and disposal, street cleaning, consumer protection, cemeteries and crematoria;

- vi generally to examine the performance of the Mayor and Cabinet in relation to these matters.

- The review and scrutiny of the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management and coastal erosion risk management affecting the area.

**Shaping Our Future: Lewisham's Sustainable
Community Strategy 2008-2020**

	Priority	
1	Ambitious and achieving	SCS 1
2	Safer	SCS 2
3	Empowered and responsible	SCS 3
4	Clean, green and liveable	SCS 4
5	Healthy, active and enjoyable	SCS 5
6	Dynamic and prosperous	SCS 6

Corporate Priorities

	Priority	
1	Community Leadership	CP 1
2	Young people's achievement and involvement	CP 2
3	Clean, green and liveable	CP 3
4	Safety, security and a visible presence	CP 4
5	Strengthening the local economy	CP 5
6	Decent homes for all	CP 6
7	Protection of children	CP 7
8	Caring for adults and older people	CP 8
9	Active, healthy citizens	CP 9
10	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	CP 10

Appendix C – Criteria for selecting topics

The Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) has developed a useful set of questions to help committees prioritise items for scrutiny work programmes:

General questions to be asked at the outset

- Is there a clear objective for scrutinising this topic – what do we hope to achieve?
- Does the topic have a potential impact for one or more section(s) of the population?
- Is the issue strategic and significant?
- Is there evidence to support the need for scrutiny?
- What are the likely benefits to the council and its customers?
- Are you likely to achieve a desired outcome?
- What are the potential risks?
- Are there adequate resources available to carry out the scrutiny well?
- Is the scrutiny activity timely?

Sources of topics

The CfPS also suggest that ideas for topics might derive from three main sources: the public interest; council priorities; and external factors. These are described below.

Public interest

- Issues identified by members through surgeries, casework and other.
- Contact with constituents.
- User dissatisfaction with service (e.g. complaints).
- Market surveys/citizens panels.
- Issues covered in media

Internal council priority

- Council corporate priority area.
- High level of budgetary commitment to the service/policy area (as percentage of total expenditure).
- Pattern of budgetary overspend.
- Poorly performing service (evidence from performance indicators/ benchmarking).

External Factors

- Priority area for central government.
- New government guidance or legislation.
- Issues raised by External Audit Management Letters/External Audit reports.
- Key reports or new evidence provided by external organisations on key issue.

Criteria to reject items

Finally, the CfPS suggest some criteria for rejecting items:

- issues being examined elsewhere - e.g. by the Cabinet, working group, officer group, external body;

- issues dealt with less than two years ago;
- new legislation or guidance expected within the next year;
- no scope for scrutiny to add value/ make a difference;
- the objective cannot be achieved in the specified timescale.

Appendix D – Assembly priorities

Bellingham

- Children and young people.
- Older people's issues
- Community events and festivals
- The promotion and development of Bellingham as a community

Blackheath

- Environment and Community.
- Provision for Older people, Young People and Children
- Parking, Streets and Waste.
- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Brockley

- Creating a high-quality living environment – improving our local living environment and making Brockley a safer, cleaner and greener place to live, work and learn
- Connecting communities – bringing Brockley residents together and fostering a sense of community spirit, mutual understanding and respect, through community projects, events and activities

Catford South

- Streetscape and environment (litter, dog fouling, fly tipping, street furniture).
- Developing local opportunities for children (aged 16 and under) and young people (aged 17–25)
- Increase opportunities for older people
- Improvements to shopping hubs
- Community cohesion

Crofton Park

- Children, young people and older people
- The environment
- Health and well-being
- Improving community facilities
- Unemployment and skills development

Downham

- Children and young people
- Older people and intergenerational projects
- Connecting communities
- High quality living environment

Evelyn

- Provision for young people and children
- Provision for older people, people with disabilities and intergenerational activities
- Skills development and access to local employment opportunities
- Community support on anti-social behaviour, crime and drug issues
- Housing issues / developments and improving the built environment
- Community capacity building, cohesion and events.

Forest Hill

- Youth engagement and provision
- Making Forest Hill more attractive
- Community events and publicity
- Supporting local traders

Grove Park

- Improving the town centre
- Crime and antisocial behaviour
- Neighbourliness, community activities, events and cohesion
- Community facilities
- Parking, road safety & traffic calming

Ladywell

- Environment and landscape.
- Antisocial behaviour and crime.
- Local shops.
- Lack of youth and community facilities.
- Traffic.

Lee Green

- Safe healthy living – improving health services, crime reduction, improved environment, provision of outdoor spaces / exercise spaces, promote measures to reduce air pollution / promoting cleaner air.
- Roads and streets – road safety and traffic calming measures, road maintenance, cleaner streets, tree planting, rubbish collection, improved road use, provision of cycling tracks, addressing parking and CPZ issues.
- Leisure and amenities – improved parks and open spaces, more meeting spaces / community centres, provision of cycling tracks, improved shops, Leegate, provision of more local events.
- Services and infrastructure – better social housing, provision of jobs locally, more services for the elderly and young people, increased use and access to local use for recreational activities, more school spaces.

Lewisham Central

- Improving health and well-being.
- Cleaner, better environment.
- Better access to activities and facilities for young people.
- Better access to training and employment for all inhabitants of the ward.
- Promoting and improving community cohesion.

New Cross

- Tackling unemployment and skills development
- Cleaner streets, environment and ecology
- Community safety, crime and anti-social behaviour
- Activities for children and young people
- Neighbourliness, community activities, events and cohesion

Perry Vale

- Children and Young People
- Unemployment and skills development
- Older people and intergenerational
- Crime and antisocial behaviour
- Environment and ecology

Rushey Green

- activities and opportunities for children (under 18) and young people (under 25)
- increasing opportunities for older people (55+)
- community cohesion – including events, activities and projects designed to create a sense of community in Rushey Green
- culture and the arts – with particular reference to improving the wellbeing of people in the Rushey Green Area
- improving your local area – including local 'streetscape', environment and ecology.

The Rushey Green Assembly is also committed to keeping residents informed about the ongoing improvements to Catford town centre.

Sydenham

- bringing our community together – intergenerational and intercultural
- health and wellbeing
- vibrant high street
- clean and green
- crime and anti-social behaviour.

Telegraph Hill

- Older people and intergenerational projects
- Cleaning up dirty streets, environment and ecology
- Neighbourliness, community activities, events and cohesion
- Community safety, crime and anti-social behaviour
- Parking, road safety and traffic calming

Whitefoot

- Children and young people
- older people
- unemployment and skills development
- connecting communities
- creating a high-quality living environment.

How to carry out an in-depth review

