

Sustainable Development Select Committee		
Title	Select Committee work programme 2018-19	
Contributor	Scrutiny Manager	Item 5
Class	Part 1 (open)	19 July 2018

1. Purpose

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

2. Summary

- 2.1. This report:

1. Provides the context for setting the Committee's work programme for the year.
2. Asks members to decide on the Committee's priorities for the 2018-19 municipal year.
3. Informs members of the process for Business Panel approval of the work programme.
4. Sets out 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 Public Accounts Select Committee.
- Consider the provisional work programme at appendix B.
- Consider adding further items to the work programme, taking into consideration the criteria for selecting topics; information about local assembly priorities and items already added to the provisional work programme.
- Note the key decision plan, attached at appendix H, and consider any key decisions due to be made by the Mayor, which may require further scrutiny.
- Agree a work programme for the municipal year 2018-19.
- 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 23 May 2018:

- 19 July 2018
- 13 September 2018 (it has subsequently been agreed that this will be changed to 12 September)

- 29 October 2018
- 12 December 2018
- 30 January 2019
- 04 March 2019

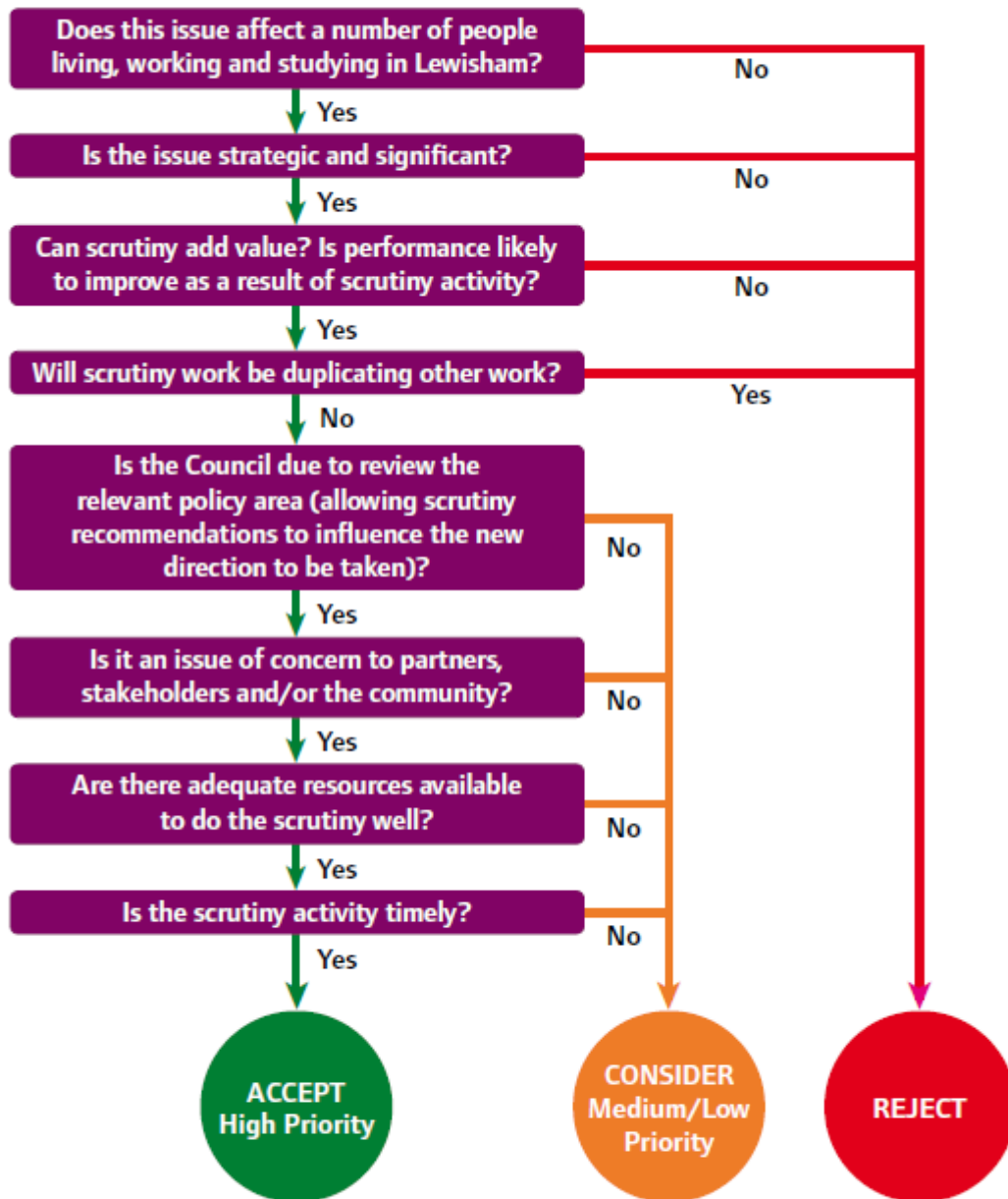
5. Context

- 5.1. The Committee's terms of reference are set out in appendix A. The Sustainable Development Select Committee's role is to promote the principals of sustainability and the Council effective use of its natural resources.
- 5.2. The Sustainable Development Select Committee has a role in reviewing and commenting on the Council's policy framework as it relates to planning and development management. The Committee also has a responsibility for ensuring that the activities of the Council protect the natural environment. Most frequently, this relates to the Council's work to improve air quality, deal with refuse and recycling and enhance sustainable means of transport.
- 5.3. To ensure the effective scrutiny of issues, the Committee can invite expert witnesses to provide evidence to the Committee on specific topics. While many witnesses welcome the chance to speak to the Committee, they are not obliged to attend (as opposed to officers of the Council and decision makers).

6. Deciding on items to add to the work programme

- 6.1. 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 topics;
 - the capacity for adding additional items;
 - the context for setting the work programme - the key services, programmes and projects which fall within the committee's remit;
 - suggestions already put forward.
- 6.2. The following flow chart, based on the Centre for Public Scrutiny advice for prioritising topics for scrutiny should help members decide which items should be added to the work programme:

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process



7. Different types of scrutiny

- 7.1. It is important to agree how each work programme item will be scrutinised. Some items may only require an information report to be presented to the committee and others will require performance monitoring data or analysis to be presented. Typically, the majority of items 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.
- 7.2. For each item the committee should consider what type of scrutiny is required and whether the item is high or medium/low priority (using the prioritisation process). Allocating priority to work programme items will enable the committee to decide which low and medium priority items it should remove from its work programme, when it decides to add high priority issues in the course of the year.

In-depth review

- 7.3. Some items might be suitable for an in-depth review, where the item is scrutinised over a series of meetings. Normally this takes four meetings to complete:
- Meeting 1: Scoping paper (planning the review)
 - Meetings 2 & 3: Evidence sessions
 - Meeting 4: Agreeing a draft report and recommendations
 - The report is then sent to Mayor and Cabinet for consideration and response.
- 7.4. If the committee would like to designate one of its work programme items as an in-depth review, this should be done at the first meeting of the municipal year to allow sufficient time to carry out the review. A scoping paper for the review will then be prepared for the next meeting.
- 7.5. To carry out the review, the Committee can use a range of investigative routes. In previous administrations scrutiny committees have: invited expert witnesses and specialists to meetings; tasked Council officers with providing analysis or detailed information about their service areas; carried out visits or fact finding trips; asked individual members or the committee's scrutiny manager to report on meetings, events and visits; consulted with members of the public or special interest groups.

8. The Committee's areas of focus in the 2014-18 administration

- 8.1. Over the four years of the last administration, the Committee considered a broad range of issues and considered a number of topics in-depth. A summary of this work is included in (appendix G) and members are asked to give this due consideration when deciding on the programme for 2018-19.
- 8.2. It should be noted that all of Lewisham's select committees devoted time to scrutiny of the Council's savings programme in the last administration. However, due to the nature of the savings proposals put forward, the Committee did not have to allocate a significant amount of meeting time to consideration of savings proposals. This does not mean that this will be the case in the new administration so the Committee will need to be mindful of this when setting its work programme.
- 8.3. Regeneration of Catford has been a significant area of focus for the Committee over the past four years. The Committee has drawn on its knowledge of sustainable transport and environmental quality issues as well as its previous work on community infrastructure and sustainable design to support the development of the master plan for the town centre.
- 8.4. It was the Committee's consistent lobbying that led to the decision finally being taken to relocate the south circular. Through a series of referrals and representations to Mayor and Cabinet the Committee ensured that the redevelopment of Catford has remained a key issue for the Council. The Committee's efforts will also lead to the delivery of greatly improved cycling and sustainable transport infrastructure for the town centre regeneration.
- 8.5. In the last administration, the Committee carried out scrutiny of the systems and programmes in place to deliver key Council services - such as asset management. It has also looked outward – at the delivery of services to local people in order to ensure that the Council is responding effectively to comments and complaints. The best example of this is in its regular review of parking, refuse and recycling services in the borough.
- 8.6. Cycling and pedestrian infrastructure was also an important issue for the Committee in the 2014-18 administration. The Committee's support of, and work with, Lewisham cyclists led to the successful development of a cycling strategy for the borough.
- 8.7. Through the 'modern roads' and 'high street' reviews the Committee emphasised the importance of supporting community infrastructure and healthy streets in the borough. The Committee's views on the implementation of 20mph speed limits in the borough were incorporated into plans delivered by officers and its views on high streets led to the renewed consideration of key planning issues by Lewisham's Planning department.

Referrals

- 8.8. Once they have considered an issue, scrutiny committees have the option to refer their views to Mayor and Cabinet in the form of a formal referral. The Chair, or a nominated member, of the Committee can attend the relevant meeting of Mayor and Cabinet to present the referral and add additional context to the Committee's views.
- 8.9. The Council's constitution states that Mayor and Cabinet should produce a response within two months. The relevant Cabinet Member, or a senior officer, might attend the scrutiny meeting at which the response is discussed in order to introduce the response from Mayor and Cabinet and to answer questions. A record of the Sustainable Development Select Committee referrals, and the responses from Mayor and Cabinet, are available online here: <https://tinyurl.com/ybl37yjl>
- 8.10. Regeneration of Catford has been the principal issue that the Committee highlighted to Mayor and Cabinet. Over a series of referrals, the Committee has reiterated key issues for consideration by the executive and secured agreement for the ongoing close involvement of the select committee in consultation and decision making.

9. Provisional 2018-19 work programme

- 9.1. The Scrutiny Manager has drafted a provisional work programme for the Committee to consider. It is attached at appendix B and it includes:
- 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.
 - those items that the select committee is required to consider by virtue of its terms of reference
 - monitoring of the recommendations of recent reviews.
- 9.2. The Committee should also give consideration to:
- issues of importance to Local Assemblies (appendix C);
 - decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet (appendix H).

suggestions from the Committee

- 9.3. At its last meeting of the 2017-18 municipal year, the committee put forward the following suggestions for scrutiny topics for this year:
- Pubs/Assets of community value
 - The regeneration of Beckenham Place Park
 - Catford (Broadway Theatre, including the heritage assessment)
 - Development of the local implementation plan
 - Parks/work with user groups

- Accessibility of public spaces/public services

suggestions from officers

- 9.4. Officers were invited to suggest additional items for the work programme, in view of the activity that will be taking place over the course of the next municipal year. These suggestions have been provisionally added into the work programme attached at appendix B.
- 9.5. There were two suggestion from officers:
- The inclusion of information about Lewisham's electric vehicle charging strategy in the air quality update
 - The planning service annual monitoring report
- 9.6. It is up to the Committee to agree this provisional work programme and decide which additional items should be added.

issues arising as a result of previous scrutiny

- Fire safety in tall buildings

Following the catastrophic fire at Grenfell Tower, Overview and Scrutiny in Lewisham sought reassurance that homes in Lewisham's tall buildings were safe for residents. Lewisham's Housing and full Overview and Scrutiny Committees were involved in the Scrutiny of safety standards in Lewisham alongside the Sustainable Development Select Committee. Sustainable Development Committee took the lead on reviewing Lewisham's building control processes and ensuring that key information about Lewisham's tall buildings was published. The Committee may want to revisit this work in 2018-19.

- Pubs

Community venues, high streets and local infrastructure have all been issues of importance for the Committee. One of its key interests has been pubs, both as businesses and as historic buildings. The Committee's work in the 2010-2014 administration led to the development of a model policy for the protection of pubs by Lewisham's planning department. In 2017, the Council carried out a review of its policy and determined that it was currently sufficient for the protection of the borough's pubs. The Committee may wish to revisit its previous work and make its own determination about the success of the policy.

those items that the select committee is required to consider by virtue of its terms of reference

- the annual parking report
- Implementation of the work and skills strategy
- Lewisham Future Programme

Through the Lewisham Future Programme, the Council has identified a number of areas from which it will deliver significant savings. Officers have

committed to regular interactions with Members in order to facilitate scrutiny of the specific savings proposals arising from the major change programmes. The Select Committee will need to retain capacity in its work programme to consider these as is necessary.

monitoring of the recommendations of recent reviews

- regeneration of Catford

10. Approving, monitoring and managing the work programme

- 10.1. 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 in July 2018 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.
- 10.2. 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 six scheduled meetings this municipal year and its work programme needs to be achievable in terms of the amount of meeting time available.
- 10.3. Previously, members of some committees have requested additional guidance about prioritising and managing their work programmes. In 2018-19 it will be particularly important for committees to closely manage their workloads and to ensure that all councillors (those that are new and those that are returning) are clear about the way in which each committee will operate over the course of the year. The Council's constitution sets out the procedure rules for overview and scrutiny committees (see part IV, section E) however, the following issues have been noted as key areas for agreement in the 2014-18 administration:
 - the length of meetings;
 - the number of items scheduled for each meeting
 - the order of items at meetings;
- 10.4. 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. The discussion also provides the opportunity for the Committee to manage and prioritise its work programme for future meetings.

Length of meetings

- 10.5. Provision is made for Committee meetings to last for two and a half hours. If the items scheduled for the meeting are not completed within this time the Committee may decide suspend the Council's standing orders in order to complete Committee business. The Council's constitution also provides the option for meetings to be adjourned by the Chair until a later date (with limitations). The suspension of standing orders and any decision to adjourn a meeting are matters for members of the Committee and the Chair.
- 10.6. The length of each item at Committee meetings will vary based on a number of factors – including the complexity of the subject under scrutiny; the number of issues identified by members and the range of questions put to officers and guests.

The number of items scheduled for each meeting

- 10.7. The terms of reference of the Committee are broad and there are many areas of service delivery and budgetary management that the Committee could scrutinise. The prioritisation process set out above (at paragraph 6.2) is designed to help the Committee decide whether it should add items to its work programme.
- 10.8. Where the committee identifies issues of interest that are low priority because:
- they are not due to be reviewed by the Council;
 - there are inadequate resources available to carry out the scrutiny effectively;
 - the issue has recently been reviewed by others;
- then members may wish to make a request to receive a briefing – or task the relevant scrutiny manager to identify sources of further information for circulation to the Committee by email in order to provide context for future discussions.
- 10.9. It is for members of the Committee to decide how many items should be scheduled for the meeting. However, giving consideration to the time available and the length of previous meetings of the Committee, Members may wish to schedule three items for each meeting, leaving space available for responses to consultations and other urgent business.

The order of items at meetings

- 10.10. The Council's standing orders require that the minutes of previous meetings, declarations of interest and responses to select committees from Mayor and Cabinet are considered as the first items on select committees' order of business. At the beginning of the municipal year – it is also necessary for a committee to decide on a chair and vice chair and to set a programme of business for the coming year at the earliest opportunity.
- 10.11. It has become standard practice for committees to consider items presented by guests and officers from partner organisations at the beginning of each

agenda. This allows these speakers and presenters to be released from the meeting at the earliest opportunity.

- 10.12. The Committee has been asked to allocate a level of priority to each of the items on its work programme. Following the consideration of standing items and taking into account invitations to guests and external witnesses as well as the complexity and length of the reports on the agenda, work programmes are ordered by priority (from high to low).
- 10.13. Decisions about agreeing the order of business and changing the priority of items for discussion are made by the Chair, with the agreement of the Committee, where possible.

11. Financial Implications

- 11.1. 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.

12. Legal Implications

- 12.1. 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.

13. Equalities Implications

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. 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.
- 13.3. There may be equalities implications arising from items on the work programme and all activities undertaken by the Committee will need to give due consideration to this.

Background Documents

Lewisham Council's Constitution

Appendices

Appendix A – Committee's terms of reference

Appendix B – Provisional work programme

Appendix C – Local assembly priorities

Appendix D – Areas of the Council scrutinised by the Select Committee

Appendix E – Centre for Public Scrutiny criteria for selecting scrutiny topics

Appendix F – How to carry out reviews

Appendix G – End of administration review

Appendix H – Notice of forthcoming executive decisions

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 Sustainable Development Select Committee has specific responsibilities for the following:

(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:

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.

Appendix B

Provisional Sustainable Development Select Committee Work Programme 2018-19

Sustainable Development Select Committee work programme 2018-19

Programme of work

Work Item	Type of item	Priority	Strategic priority	Delivery deadline	19-Jul	13-Sep	29-Oct	12-Dec	30-Jan	04-Mar
Lewisham Future Programme	Performance monitoring	High	CP10	Ongoing			Savings			
Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair	Constitutional requirement	High	CP6	Jul						
Select committee work programme 2018/19	Constitutional requirement	High	CP6	Ongoing						
Catford Town Centre Regeneration	In-depth review	Medium	CP6	Mar						
In-depth review	In-depth review	High	CP6	Jan		Scope	Evidence	Evidence	Report & referral	
Implementation of the air quality action plan	Performance monitoring	Low	CP6	Jul						
Lewisham Local Plan update	Information item	Medium	CP6	Jul						
Pubs	Single meeting review	High	CP6	Sep		Evidence	Report			
Development of the local implementation plan	Standard item	High	CP6	Oct						
Planning key policies and procedures	Policy development	Medium	CP6	Dec						
Planning service annual monitoring report	Information Item	Medium	CP6	Dec						
Bakerloo line extension update	Policy development	Low	CP6	Dec						
Waste strategy implementation and performance monitoring	Performance monitoring	High	CP6	Jan						
Fire safety in tall buildings	Performance monitoring	High	CP6	Jan						
Annual parking report	Performance monitoring	Low	CP6	Mar						
Work and skills strategy implementation	Performance monitoring	Low	CP6	Mar						
Home energy conservation	Standard item	Low	CP6	Mar						

Appendix C - 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

Improving the Catford South Environment

Parking, Idling and CPZs
Improving Cycling Provision
General traffic issues in Catford South
Supporting Local Air Quality Campaigns

Improving Catford South for Residents

Fly-tipping, Litter and Bins
Greening through planting trees and flowers
Noise nuisance
Street cleaning

Developing more activities for Children and Young People in Catford South

Activity for Teenagers
Activity for Young Adults
Developing activity for under 5s
Activity for Children aged 6-12 years

Improving the Cultural offer in Catford South

Developing Community Events
Access to Theatre and Music
Night time offer for adults better
Access the Visual Arts Film

Increasing opportunities for Older People Catford South Community

Providing activities and events for older people
Dementia Friendly Community Work
Improving the health of Older People
Maintaining the Independence of older people

General things that matter to Catford South Residents

Volunteering Opportunities
Crime and Safety
Supporting Local Business
Employment and Training

Crofton Park

- Activities for older people
- Activities for younger people
- The environment
- Health and wellbeing
- Supporting community cohesion

Downham

- Cleaner, Greener, Safer Downham
- Older People & Intergenerational Projects
- Health & Wellbeing

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- looking for activities that will appeal and support new and existing schemes young people. These could include those that are Art, Music, Drama and Sports based. We are also keen to open up the criteria to include ideas around exciting intergenerational projects.
- Making Forest Hill more attractive - looking for proposals that will help to keep Forest Hill streets clean and appealing. This could include the planting of trees and flowers or a proposal that would increase street art or improve an area.
- Community events – looking for proposals around events that include celebrations, e.g Christmas or events that engage residents and local groups offering education and relevant information to the Forest Hill area, as well as being fun.
- Supporting local Traders – looking for proposals that could support and promote Forest Hill as a vibrant town centre and the Kirkdale area for local businesses.

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 children and young people.
- Better access to training and employment for all inhabitants of the ward.
- Promoting and improving community cohesion.

New Cross

- Unemployment and skills development
- Activities for older people and tackling social isolation
- Housing developments and the built environment
- Health, wellbeing and community safety

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
- health and wellbeing
- vibrant high street
- clean and green
- crime and anti-social behaviour.

Telegraph Hill

- Unemployment and skills development
- Activities for older people
- Neighbourliness and tackling social isolation.
- Community safety, wellbeing and tackling anti-social behaviour.

Whitefoot

- Children, young people and youth work.
- Older people and transport.
- Creative arts (e.g. participatory art projects like storytelling, theatre, etc.)
- Healthy living, including fitness, wellbeing and mental health.
- Improved use in parks, play areas and green spaces

Appendix D – Further information about areas of the Council scrutinised by the Sustainable Development Select Committee

Resources and Regeneration

The Resources and Regeneration Directorate has two principal functions. Its regulatory function helps the Council meet its statutory requirements and corporate priorities through a range of professional and administrative support services, as well as support to the democratic and political process. It acts as an enabler, facilitating service delivery through a framework and structure of support, advice and guidance. In addition, the Directorate is committed to regenerating the borough, renewing the physical fabric of the borough, enhancing the overall economic well-being of Lewisham and working in partnership with others to create sustainable communities. Resources and Regeneration Directorate has six divisions providing a range of professional and administrative services. The following divisions are of particular relevance to the work of the Sustainable Development Select Committee:

Regeneration and Place – is committed to the optimisation of assets, working in partnership with others to regenerate the borough and create sustainable communities by:

- enabling and supporting the regeneration of Lewisham and helping to strengthen the local economy
- actively supporting the creation of safe, attractive, sustainable places and communities for the benefit of local people
- connecting people to economic, leisure and learning opportunities
- providing high quality, best practice stewardship of the Council's property asset
- delivering effective, value for money 'back office' functions which support the delivery of council and directorate priorities

Head of Regeneration and Place – Vacant

Service Group Managers – Regeneration and Place

- Property, Asset Strategy & Estates - Freddie Murray
- Commercial & Investment Delivery – Katherine Nidd
- Capital Programme Delivery - Kplom Lotsu
- Highways & Transport - Simon Moss

The Building Control function now sits in the Regeneration & Place division. The Building Control service operates on a trading account and competes with a multitude of private sector operators (Approved Inspectors) to provide approvals under Building Regulations.

- Civil / Structural Engineering Manager - Thiru Moolan

Planning - The planning system guides the future development and use of land in the long term public interest. This is achieved through a positive and proactive approach to shaping, considering, determining and delivering development

proposals. It is led by the Planning Service, working closely with those proposing developments and other stakeholders.

Head of Planning - Viv Evans (whilst Emma Talbot is on maternity leave)

Service Group Managers – Planning

- Strategic Planning (including Planning Policy, Design and Conservation and Section 106 & CIL) - David Syme
- Development Management (including Planning Enforcement) - Richard McEllistrum
- Land Charges - Alison Bradshaw

Customer Services

The Committee is also responsible for the scrutiny of some of the activities of these divisions in Customer Services:

Environment - The Division operates services from Wearside Service Centre and Hither Green Crematorium. It is split into six service groups as follows:

- Waste Management/ Waste collection services
- Street Cleansing
- Green Scene (includes Pest Control, Environment & Community Development and Parks and Open Spaces)
- Fleet Services
- Bereavement Services
- Markets

Head of Environment - Nigel Tyrell

Service Group Managers – Environment

- Waste Management/ Waste collection services - Michael Bryan
- Trade Waste - Pat Hollands
- Markets - Pat Hollands
- Street Cleansing and Clean Streets Enforcement - Gerry McAnaney
- Green Scene (includes Pest Control, Environment & Community Development and Parks and Open Spaces) - John Thompson
- Passenger & Fleet Services (including Door2Door) - Noel Everest
- Bereavement Services - Alison Beck

Public Services

The Public Services division is based in Laurence House with the Register office in Lewisham High Street. Public Services provide access to a wide range of fundamental customer services across the Council and are the front door to many services that our residents, citizens and customers may require. The Division comprises of eight service groups: Customer Service Centre, Revenues, Benefits, Emergency Planning, Parking, Business Support, Directorate Casework and

Independent Adjudicator. Public Services operates services from all Council Buildings. It is split into eight service groups as follows:

- Customer Service Centre (Telephony, Face to Face and Registration)
- Revenues (Council Tax, Business Rates, Debtors and Cashiers)
- Benefits (Housing Benefit, Council Tax Rebates and Concessionary Awards)
- Emergency Planning (Emergency Planning and Business Continuity)
- Parking
- Business Support
- Directorate Casework Team
- Independent Adjudicator

Head of Public Services - Ralph Wilkinson

Service Group Managers – Public Services:

- Customer Services Centre (Telephony, Face to Face and Registration) - Mark Ferris
- Revenues (Council Tax, Business Rates, Debtors and Cashiers) - Lorraine Richards
- Benefits (Housing Benefit, Council Tax Rebates and Concessionary Awards) - Mick Lear
- Emergency Planning (Emergency Planning and Business Continuity) - Jim Cook
- Parking - Jim Cook

Appendix E – 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 F

How to carry out an in-depth review

