

Public Accounts Select Committee		
Title	Select Committee work programme 2018-19	
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Class	Part 1 (open)	07 November 2018

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To advise Committee members of the work programme for the 2018-19 municipal year, and to agree the agenda items for the next meeting.

2. Summary

- 2.1 In July, the Committee drew up a draft work programme for the municipal year 2018-19.
- 2.2 The work programme can be reviewed at each Select Committee meeting to take account of changing priorities.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to:

- Note the work plan attached at **Appendix B** and discuss any issues arising from the programme;
- look at the items scheduled for the next meeting and clearly specify the information and analysis required, based on desired outcomes, so that officers are able to meet expectations;
- review all forthcoming key decisions, attached at **Appendix C**, and consider any items for further scrutiny.

4. Work programme

- 4.1 The work programme for 2018-19 was agreed at the 9 July 2018 meeting.
- 4.2 The Committee is asked to consider if any urgent issues have arisen that require scrutiny and if any existing items are no longer a priority and can be removed from the work programme. Before adding additional items, each item should be considered against agreed criteria. The flow chart attached at **Appendix A** may help Members decide if proposed additional items should be added to the work programme. 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).

4.3 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. It is expected that the new strategy will be approved at full Council in November 2018.

5. The next meeting

5.1. The following reports are scheduled for the meeting on 20 December 2018:

Agenda item	Review type	Link to corporate priority	Priority
Financial forecasts (capital programme)	Performance monitoring	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
Income generation	Performance monitoring	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	High
Asset management	Performance monitoring	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	Medium
Mid-year treasury management review	Performance monitoring	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	Medium

6. Financial implications

6.1. There are no financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There may be financial implications arising from some of the items on the work programme (especially reviews) and these will need to be considered when preparing those items/scoping those reviews.

7. Legal implications

7.1. 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.

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 Committee will need to give due consideration to this.

Background documents

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

Appendices

Appendix A – Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process
Appendix B – 2017-18 work plan
Appendix C – Key decision plan

Appendix A

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process

