

Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel		
Title	Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees - Update	
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Class	Part 1 (open)	1 October 2019

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, is reviewing the structure of scrutiny at Lewisham. Scrutiny Members will be consulted on the resultant proposals shortly.
- 1.2 A schedule of consultation has been planned to provide all members with the opportunity to review the three initial options identified and share their views:

Drop-In sessions

- Wednesday 2 October, between 5.30pm – 7pm
- Wednesday 23 October, between 11am – 1pm
- Tuesday 29 October, between 6-7pm

Scrutiny Roundtables

- Thursday 10 October, 7-9pm
- Friday 18 October, 11am – 1pm

Councillor Sheikh, Campbell or Brown will be available to members at each of these times, along with one of the officers leading on supporting this work to answer questions and take note of comments and suggestions.

- 1.3 After the consultation period the views expressed will be considered alongside the learning gathered to date and a final proposal will be recommended to the Working Group in December 2019 before submission to Full Council for approval and introduction to the Council constitution from the AGM in 2020. Officers will provide financial and legal implications in relation to the proposed structure to inform decision making.

2. Budget cuts

- 2.1 The September round of Select Committee meetings started on 3 September. The Select Committees are considering budget cuts in this cycle. The Public Accounts Select Committee met on 24 September, considered referrals from other Select Committees on the budget, and made its own referral to Mayor and Cabinet, appending any other scrutiny referrals received.

3. In-depth reviews

3.1 Those Select Committees that are carrying out in-depth reviews are collating evidence. Recent activities include:

- Visit to Manor House Gardens; Hither Green Crematorium; Blackheath; Deptford Park and Deptford Park Community Orchard; Brookmill nature reserve and Luxmore Gardens (8 August 2019) – **Sustainable Development Select Committee** (parks management review)
- Meeting with the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham’s Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Core Services, and officers, to discuss commercialisation (2 September 2019) – **Public Accounts Select Committee** (income generation and commercialisation review)
- Workshop with the Brockley RB3 leaseholder engagement panel to gather their views on resident engagement (5 September 2019) – **Housing Select Committee** (resident engagement review)
- Visit to Achilles Street “Bring it to the Table” (8 September 2019) – **Housing Select Committee** (resident engagement review)
- Meeting with Metro Charity regarding their contribution to evidence gathering (17 September 2019) – **Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee** (equalities review)
- Meeting with the Head of Regeneration at LB Hackney (19 September 2019) – **Housing Select Committee** (resident engagement review)
- Visit to the Forest Estate TRA to gather their views on resident engagement (19 September 2019) – **Housing Select Committee** (resident engagement review)

3.2 The Committee Chairs may wish to provide their own oral updates on Select Committee work.

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