



Public Accounts Select Committee

Report title: Committee work programme report

Date: 16 December 2019.

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1.

Ward(s) affected: Not applicable.

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Outline and recommendations

The Committee drew up a work programme at the beginning of the municipal year (May 2018). However, the work programme should be reviewed at each Committee meeting to take account of changing priorities.

The Committee is asked to:

- consider the work programme attached at appendix B and discuss any issues arising from the programme
- consider the items scheduled for the next meeting and specify the information the committee requires to achieve its desired outcomes
- review the forthcoming key decisions set out in appendix C and consider any items for further scrutiny

1. Summary

- 1.1. The Committee drew up a draft work programme at the beginning of the municipal year for submission to the Business Panel for consideration.
- 1.2. The Business Panel considered the proposed work programmes of each committee and agreed a co-ordinated overview and scrutiny work programme.
- 1.3. The work programme can, however, be reviewed at each Select Committee meeting to take account of changing priorities.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to:
 - consider the work programme attached at appendix B and discuss any issues arising from the programme
 - consider the items scheduled for the next meeting – and specify the information the committee requires to achieve its desired outcomes
 - review the forthcoming key decisions set out in appendix C and consider any items for further scrutiny

3. The work programme

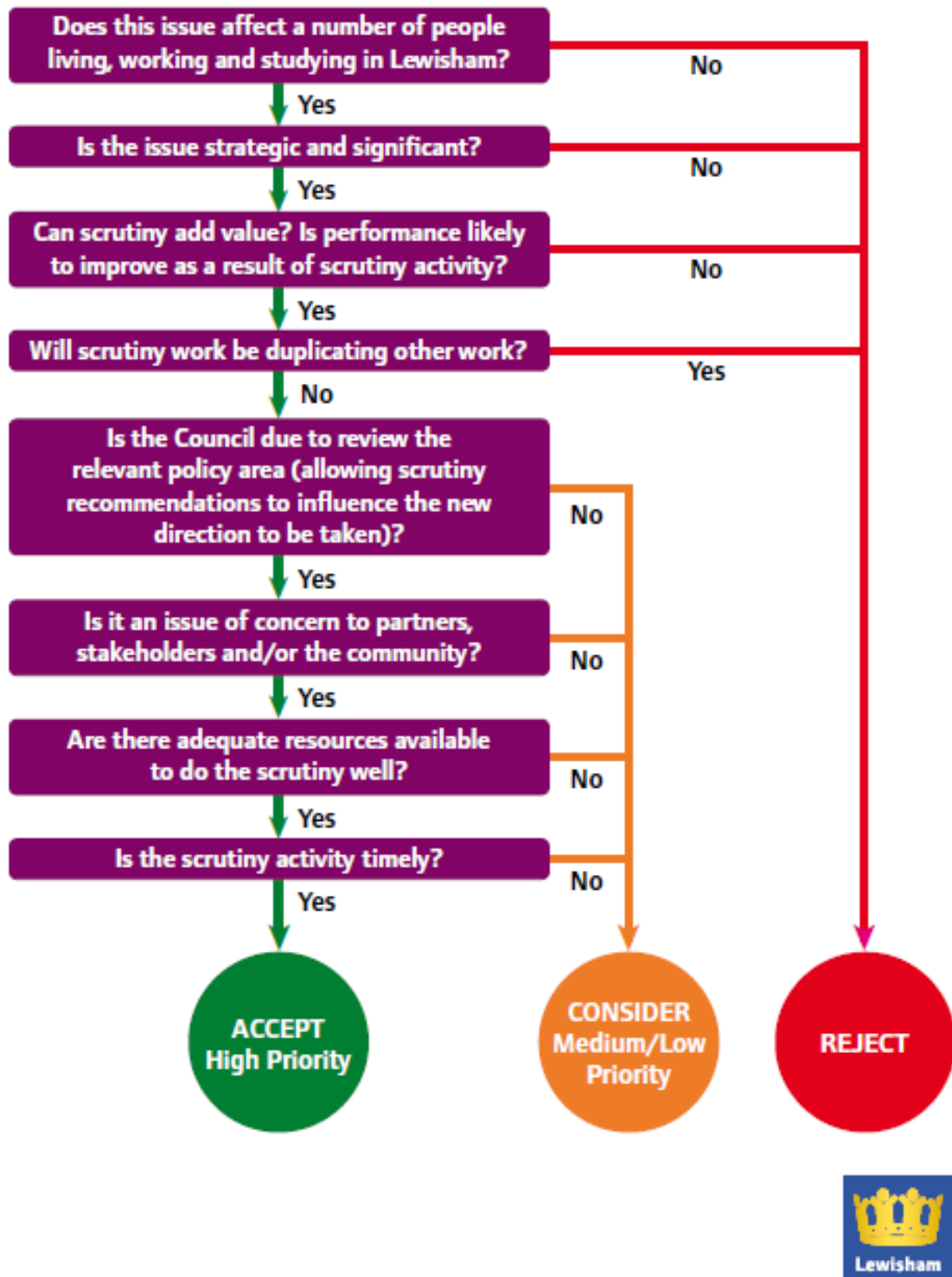
- 3.1. The work programme for 2019-20 was agreed at the meeting on 9 May 2019.
- 3.2. Members are asked to consider if any urgent issues have arisen that require scrutiny and if any items should be removed from the work programme.
- 3.3. Any additional items should be considered against the prioritisation process before being added to the work programme (see the flow chart below).

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Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process



- 3.4. The Committee’s work programme needs to be achievable in terms of the meeting time available. If the Committee agrees to add additional items, members will also need to consider which lower-priority items should be removed to create sufficient capacity.

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- 3.5. Items within the Committee's work programme should be linked to the priorities of the Council's Corporate Strategy.
- 3.6. The Council's Corporate Strategy for 2018-2022 was approved at full council in February 2019.
- 3.7. The strategic priorities of the [Corporate Strategy for 2018-2022](#) are:
- [Open Lewisham](#) - Lewisham is a welcoming place of safety for all, where we celebrate the diversity that strengthens us.
 - [Tackling the housing crisis](#) - Everyone has a decent home that is secure and affordable.
 - [Giving children and young people the best start in life](#) - Every child has access to an outstanding and inspiring education, and is given the support they need to keep them safe, well and able to achieve their full potential.
 - [Building an inclusive local economy](#) - Everyone can access high-quality job opportunities, with decent pay and security in our thriving and inclusive local economy.
 - [Delivering and defending: health, social care and support](#) - Ensuring everyone receives the health, mental health, social care and support services they need.
 - [Making Lewisham greener](#) - Everyone enjoys our green spaces, and benefits from a healthy environment as we work to protect and improve our local environment.
 - [Building safer communities](#) - Every resident feels safe and secure living here as we work together towards a borough free from the fear of crime.
- 3.8. The following item is scheduled for the next meeting.
- The 2020-21 draft Council budget

4. Financial implications

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Items on the Committee's work programme will have financial implications and these will need to be considered as part of the reports on those items.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1. 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.

6. Equalities implications

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. 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

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- 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.

6.3. 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.

7. Climate change and environmental implications

7.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Items on the Committee's work programme may have climate change and environmental implications and these will need to be considered as part of the reports on those items.

8. Crime and disorder implications

8.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Items on the Committee's work programme may have crime and disorder implications and these will need to be considered as part of the reports on those items.

9. Health and wellbeing implications

9.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Items on the Committee's work programme may have health and wellbeing implications and these will need to be considered as part of the reports on those items.

10. Report author and contact

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