



## Healthier Communities Select Committee

### Report title: Select Committee work programme report

**Date:** 25 February 2021

**Key decision:** No.

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** Not applicable

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### Outline and recommendations

To advise members of the completed work programme for 2020/21 and to propose draft priority themes for the committee's work programme for 2021/22.

The Committee is asked to:

- note the completed work programme attached at **appendix A**
- review the issues covered over the course of 2020/21
- review forthcoming key decisions set out in **appendix B**
- consider priority themes for the 2021/22 work programme

### Timeline of decision-making

HCSC Work Programme 2020/21 – draft agreed on 23 September 2020

HCSC Work Programme 2020/21 – agreed by Business Panel 29 September 2020

HCSC work programme 2020/21 reviewed at committee meetings on 23 September 2020; 11 November 2020; 13 January 2021; and 25 February 2021.

## 1. Summary

- 1.1. Each select committee is required to agree a work programme for submission to the Business Panel at the beginning of the municipal year. As this is the last meeting of the Healthier Communities Select Committee in 2020/21 members are being asked to put forward suggestions for the 2021/22 work programme. Please note, however, that the 2021/22 work programme will not be formally agreed until the first meeting of 2021/22.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to:
  - note the completed work programme attached at **appendix A**
  - review the issues covered over the course of 2020/21
  - review forthcoming key decisions set out in **appendix B**
  - consider priority themes for the 2021/22 work programme

## 3. The Work Programme

- 3.1. **Issues covered over the course of 2020/21:** Due to the pandemic and the demand that this has placed on the council, each Select Committee has only met four, instead of five, times this year. In addition, during the latter part of the municipal year, select committees were asked to only consider business critical and/or urgent items. This has had an impact on the volume of work select committees have been able to complete this year. The completed work programme attached at appendix A.
- 3.2. Key issues covered by the Healthier Communities Select Committee this year have included: budget cuts relevant to the remit of the committee; leisure centres; Lewisham health system recovery; health inequalities; pathology services; and adult social care.
- 3.3. **Timetable for setting the 2021/22 Work Programme:** Five committee meetings will be scheduled for the 2021/22 municipal year. A draft work programme will be put forward at the first meeting of the municipal year, taking into account key local issues and the committee's previous work.
- 3.4. At this meeting members are asked to review the committee's work over 2020/21 and consider suggestions/priority themes for 2021/22. Forthcoming key decisions are set out in appendix B. Work programme suggestions should be considered against the committee's terms of reference (see section 4) and the prioritisation chart set out below, and be achievable in terms of the meeting time available.
- 3.5. The Committee should give consideration to issues of local importance and decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet. Items within the work programme should also be linked to the priorities of the Council's Corporate Strategy for 2018-2022:

***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.

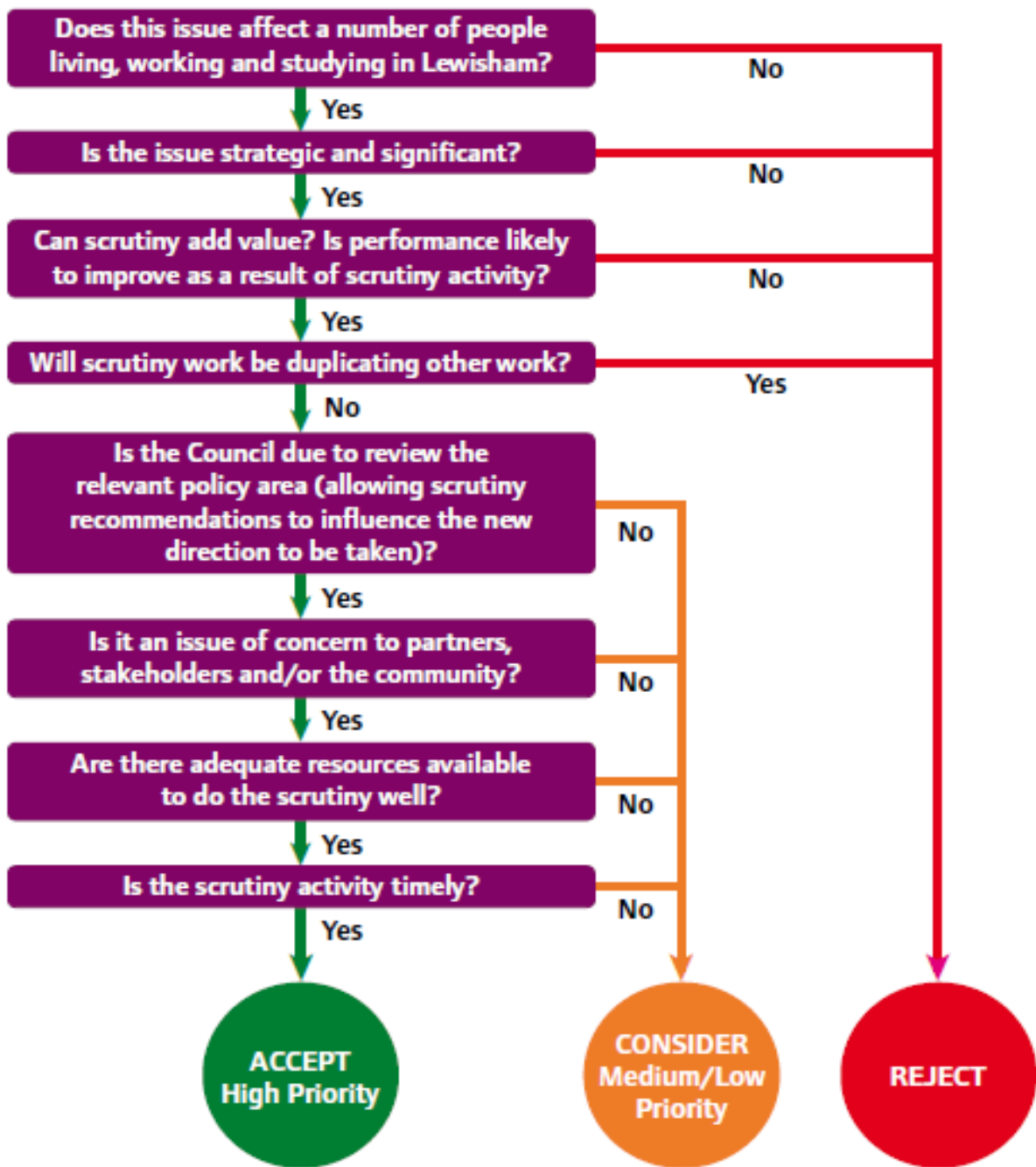
***Building safer communities*** - Every resident feels safe and secure living here as we work together towards a borough free from the fear of crime.

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## Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process



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## 4. Healthier Communities Select Committee terms of reference

- 4.1. The Council's constitution sets out the Committee's powers as defined by the terms of reference (set out below). The Committee should familiarise itself with the terms of reference and consider its remit when selecting items for scrutiny.
- 4.2. The Committee is also required to review proposals for substantial changes in services and decide whether or not consultation is required in the instance that those changes will have a significant impact on local people.

### Healthier Communities Select Committee terms of reference:

(a) To fulfill all of the Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to the provision of service by and performance of health bodies providing services for local people. These functions shall include all powers in relation to health matters given to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee by any legislation but in particular the NHS Act 2006 as amended, the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Care Act 2014 and regulations made under that legislation, and any other legislation in force from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, however, decisions to refer matters to the Secretary of State in circumstances where a health body proposes significant development or significant variation of service may only be made by full Council.

(b) To review and scrutinise the decisions and actions of the Health and Wellbeing Board and to make reports and recommendations to the Council and/or Mayor and Cabinet.

(c) To review and scrutinise in accordance with regulations made under Section 244 NHS Act 2006 matters relating to the health service in the area and to make reports and recommendations on such matters in accordance with those regulations

(d) Require the attendance of representatives of relevant health bodies at meetings of the select committee to address it, answer questions and listen to the comments of local people on matters of local concern.

(e) With the exception of matters pertaining to the Council's duty in relation to special educational needs, to fulfill all of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to social services provided for those 19 years old or older including but not limited to services provided under the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, Children Act 2004, National Assistance Act 1948, Mental Health Act 1983, NHS and Community Care Act 1990, NHS Act 2006, Health and Social Care Act 2012 and any other relevant legislation in place from time to time.

(f) To fulfill all of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to the lifelong learning of those 19 years or over (excluding schools and school related services).

(g) To receive referrals from the Healthwatch and consider whether to make any report/recommendation in relation to such referral (unless the referral relates solely to health services for those aged under 19 years of age, in which case the referral from the Healthwatch should be referred to the Children and Young People Select Committee .

(h) To review and scrutinise the Council's public health functions.

(i) Without limiting the remit of this Select Committee, its terms of reference shall include Overview and Scrutiny functions in relation to: people with learning difficulties; people with physical disabilities; mental health services; the provision of health services by those other than the Council; provision for elderly people; the use of Section 75 NHS Act 2006 flexibilities to provide services in partnership with health organisations; lifelong learning of those aged 19 years or more (excluding schools and school related services); Community Education Lewisham; other matters relating to Health and Adult Care and Lifelong Learning for those aged 19 years or over.

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(j) Without limiting the remit of the Select Committee, to hold the Executive to account for its performance in relation to the delivery of Council objectives in the provision of adult services and health and lifelong learning.

**NB** In the event of there being overlap between the terms of reference of this select committee and those of the Children and Young People Select Committee, the Business Panel shall determine the Select Committee which shall deal with the matter in question.

## **5. Financial implications**

5.1. 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

## **6. Legal implications**

6.1. 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.

## **7. Equalities implications**

7.1. 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.

7.2. 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.

7.3. 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.

## **8. Climate change and environmental implications**

8.1. 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 implications and these will need to be considered as part of the reports on those items.

## **9. Crime and disorder implications**

9.1. 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.

## **10. Health and wellbeing implications**

10.1. 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

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## **11. Report author and contact**

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