Environment and Community Engagement Scrutiny Commission dates and work-plan 2023/34

Proposed reviews and topics:

- Review: Biodiversity Appendix A
- Review: Sustainable Freight Appendix B
- Joint review with the Environment and Community Engagement Scrutiny Commission: Environmental Health with reference to Streets for People and Air Quality (*Tbc working title and scope in development*)
- Topic: Waste, recycling, reducing fly-tipping and street cleaning: how can we use our resources better? (to coincide with cabinet member interview)

Standing item – cabinet member interviews (tbc):

- Councillor Catherine Rose: Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Leisure and Parks
- Councillor James McAsh: Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, Clean Air and Streets
- Councillor Helen Dennis: Cabinet Member for New Homes and Sustainable Development

Dates and work-plan

Environment and Community Engagement Scrutiny Commission	Date	Item			
Meeting 1	Monday 10 July 2023	 Work programme - scrutiny review topics and agenda items. Sustainable Freight scrutiny review – rolled over from previous year. SNAP and tree management officer report 			
Outreach		9 August: Tour of Lambeth Council weed free programme co organised by Southwark Nature and PAN			
		12 September: Tour of Rouel Road Estate / Rouel Blue Garden Club and Bermondsey Trees (including Mike Mann estate manager)			
Meeting 2	Wednesday 20 September 2023	Reducing pesticide and herbicide			
		 Lambeth Council officer https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/streets-roads-transport/community-weeding-scheme https://issuu.com/pan-uk/docs/greener_citiesa_guide_to_our_pavement_plants See page 18 for a discussion of Lambeth's program. 			
		Pesticide Action Network			

		Air Quality particulates tyre and brake Sustainable Tyre manufacturer ENSO Ltd Streets for Peoples Presentation by Cabinet lead and officer Southwark Land Commission Presentation by vice chair Cllr James McAsh based on report to cabinet Consider / note Cabinet responses scrutiny reviews conducted in 22/23 – due 12 September:
		i)Climate Finance ii) Resident Participation Framework
Meeting 3	Monday 27 November 2023	Air Quality particulates tyre and brake Dr lan Mudway
		Vehicle Footway Crossover:
		 Royal Horticultural Society report - background info Pavement channel providers
		 Sustainable Freight: TfL with particular reference to the London Freight Lab and strategic plans 20 Officer report and update on highway transport plans in development including planed Freight Strategy 2024, EV plan presentation (note part of formal action point re cabinet member letter and formal submission to consultation) Freight service October 23 cabinet paper provided as a written update

		Cross River Partnership		
Joint meeting	January tbc	Environmental Health review – walking and cycling and Streets for People with reference to health inequalities		
Meeting 4	27 February tbc	Officers update on meeting the requirements of the Environment Act including Biodiversity Net Gain, Local nature recovery and monitoring and reporting requirements		
		Officer (Chris Page) update on pesticide strategy with reference to plans to review the current approach to the use of pesticides in the public realm to better protect residents, wildlife and promote biodiversity		
		Officer presentation and input to roundtable on supporting community food growing, gardening and rewilding and in particular: • Community garden plan in development and • Community food growing initiative		
		De-paving report Southwark Nature Volunteers		
		Roundtable by community groups		
		Agree scrutiny report on Sustainable Freight		
		Port of London briefing as background		
Meeting 5	Tuesday 30 April 2024 Move forward to after May to avoid GLA elections.	Topic: Waste, recycling, reducing fly-tipping and street cleaning: how can we use our resources better?		
	ologiono.	Biodiversity scrutiny report		