

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2023/24

Meeting	Agenda items	Comment
4 July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSC and Commission Work Programmes 2023-24 	Initial work programmes agreed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwark Council CfGS Scrutiny Improvement Review and Action Plan 	Use of call-in guidance noted, and agreement given to start review of call-in procedure. Rest of decisions relating to scrutiny improvement review deferred to the October meeting.
	Safer Southwark Communities – Motion referred from Council Assembly and agreed by Cabinet	Agreed that the Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Commission would undertake the scrutiny actions arising.
4 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada Estate Quality Homes Investment Programme (QHIP) 	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping Education Strong 	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwark Council CfGS Scrutiny Improvement Review and Action Plan 	Received – CfGS recommendations approved
	Scrutiny Arrangements 2023/24 [Amendment]	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Programme 	Received

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29 November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devon Mansions Major Works 	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada Estate Major Works – Update 	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutiny improvement Review Action Plan – Update 	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Chair of Housing, Community Safety and Community Engagement Scrutiny Commission 	Councillor Sam Foster appointed as chair
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Programme 	Received
11 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and Resources Strategy – 2023/24 – Implementation 	On agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and Resources Strategy – 2024/25 	On agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Revenue Account – Indicative Rent and Charges report 2024-5 	On agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Delivery Plan Performance Monitoring 	On agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Programme 	On agenda (reviewed at each meeting)

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10 January 2024		
	Initial Budget Scrutiny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial discussion on budget including presentation on Provisional Local Government Settlement 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Plan Performance Monitoring 	Tbc
	Other agenda items to be scheduled	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme 	Reviewed at each meeting.
22 January 2024		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual budget Scrutiny 	Daytime meeting
23 January 2024		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Scrutiny – Formulation of OSC recommendations to cabinet 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresh of Southwark Stands Together and Southwark Equality Framework – Pre decision scrutiny 	
	Other agenda items to be scheduled	

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28 February 2024		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Budget Refresh 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny improvement Review Action Plan – Update 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme 	Reviewed at each meeting.
	Other agenda items to be scheduled	
April 2024 – Date to be confirmed		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In house Leisure Service (management of transition, quality of day to day management, overall financial health of service) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny improvement Review Action Plan – Update 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme 	Reviewed at each meeting.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other agenda items to be scheduled 	

Items requiring scheduling

Meeting (tbc)	Agenda items	Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Workforce Strategy 	Not received in 2022/23. Date for consideration by cabinet to be confirmed.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regeneration Scrutiny – focus on individual schemes Old Kent Road, viability benchmarking, etc 	Not considered during 2022/23 Municipal year.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abbeyfield Estate – A Way Forward (Maydew House) Scrutiny review to establish procedures that will prevent a similar situation occurring in the future. 	Arising from call-in – April 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving Customer Services for Council Housing Repairs 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the Mayor’s Budget and Operations of the Mayor’s Office 	Arising from budget scrutiny process
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploration of how the council could use the voluntary sector as a commissioned service to deliver the work that the council has committed to around: 	Arising from budget scrutiny process

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections Act – Increase in communication costs and workload of Electoral Services • Managing the constitutional and governance changes arising from emerging and new legislation e.g. Health & Social Care Act 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Bulky Waste Charges – update on impact 	Arising from budget scrutiny process
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bids to alleviate excessive inflationary pressures in the Voluntary Sector 	Arising from budget scrutiny process
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary Accommodation Budget (including housing allocation and use of temporary accommodation) 	Arising from budget scrutiny process
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal council complaints and legal action (how many received/resolved, repeat problems, and cost of legal settlements) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Management (assessing value, quality and efficiency, underperforming contractors) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabinet Member Interviews <p>Cllr Kieron Williams, Leader of the Council</p> <p>Cllr Jasmine Ali, Children, Education and Refugees</p> <p>Cllr Evelyn Akoto, Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Cllr Stephanie Cryan, Homes, Communities, and Finance</p> <p>Cllr Helen Dennis, New Homes and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Cllr Dora Dixon-Fyle, Community Safety</p> <p>Cllr James McAsh, Climate Emergency, Clean Air and Streets</p> <p>Cllr Catherine Rose, Neighbourhoods, Leisure and Parks</p> <p>Cllr Martin Seaton, Jobs, Skills and Business</p>	To be determined (as and when appropriate).
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