

# Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 1 March 2023

7.00 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London  
SE1 2QH

## Supplemental Agenda No.1

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<b>Item No.</b> 6.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 1 March 2023	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Work Programme 2022-23	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		N/a	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Scrutiny	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the overview and scrutiny committee note the work programme as at 1 March 2023 attached as Appendix 1.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The terms of reference for the overview and scrutiny committee are:
  - a) to appoint commissions, agreeing the size, composition and terms of reference and to appoint chairs and vice chairs
  - b) to agree the annual work programme for OSC and the commissions
  - c) to consider requests from the cabinet and/or council assembly for scrutiny reviews
  - d) to exercise the right to call-in for reconsideration of executive decisions made but not yet implemented
  - e) to arrange for relevant functions in respect of health scrutiny to be exercised by an overview and scrutiny committee of another local authority where the council considers that another local authority would be better placed to undertake those relevant functions, and that local authority agrees to exercise those functions
  - f) if appropriate, to appoint a joint overview and scrutiny committee with two or more local authorities and arrange for the relevant functions of those authorities to be exercised by the joint committee
  - g) to periodically review overview and scrutiny procedures to ensure that the function is operating effectively
  - h) to report annually to all councillors on the previous year's scrutiny activity
  - i) to scrutinise matters in respect of:
    - the council's policy and budget framework
    - regeneration
    - human resources and the council's role as an employer and corporate practice generally
    - customer access issues, including digital strategy, information technology and communications

- the council's equalities and diversity programmes.
3. The work programme document lists those items which have been or are to be considered in line with the committee's terms of reference.

### KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Set out in Appendix 1 (Work Programme) are the issues the overview and scrutiny committee is due to consider in the 2022-23 municipal year.
5. The work programme is a standing item on the overview and scrutiny committee agenda and enables the committee to consider, monitor and plan issues for consideration at each meeting.

### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda and minutes	Southwark Council Website	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221
Link: <a href="http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=308">http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=308</a>		

### APPENDICES

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### AUDIT TRAIL

<b>Lead Officer</b>	Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny	
<b>Report Author</b>	Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny	
<b>Version</b>	Final	
<b>Dated</b>	28 February 2023	
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No	
<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments Included</b>
Director of Governance and Assurance	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance	No	No
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No	No
<b>Date final report sent to Scrutiny Team</b>	28 February 2023	

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2022/23

Meeting	Agenda items	Comment
<b>6 July 2022</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Chief Executive, Southwark Council</li> </ul>	Deferred due to ill health of chief executive.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Commission Work Programmes 2022-23</li> </ul>	Initial work programmes for OSC and Commissions agreed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central London Bus Review</li> </ul>	<p>The committee heard from TfL representatives and cabinet member.</p> <p>Item to also be added to the agenda for the next meeting.</p>
<b>12 October 2022</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Chief Executive, Southwark Council</li> </ul>	Introduction took place. No follow up required
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Delivery Plan 2022 - 2026</li> </ul>	Report presented – Further report to come November / January subject to when performance data becomes available.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Emergency – Performance against smart targets</li> </ul>	Report presented – Further report to come November / January subject to when performance data becomes available.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of Living Crisis</li> </ul>	Report presented – offer made by cabinet member to provide an update after the winter period.

Meeting	Agenda items	Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrutiny Review of Regeneration in the Borough of Southwark – Cabinet Response Item included on the agenda for information only.</li> </ul>	Cabinet response noted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthwatch Southwark Annual Report 2021/22</li> </ul> <p>Item to be included on agenda for information only.</p>	Report noted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Programme</li> </ul>	Reviewed at each meeting.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central London Bus Review</li> </ul>	Deferred to later date due to timing of TfL responses to consultations.
<b>5 December 2022</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost of Living Crisis – Further update</li> </ul>	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital Strategy &amp; Customer Access</li> </ul>	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for Southwark LGBTQ+ communities</li> </ul>	Received – Only property support aspect covered. Rest of information to be covered under the equality and diversity framework update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Programme</li> </ul>	Reviewed at each meeting.

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<b>11 January 2023</b>		
	Initial Budget Scrutiny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial discussion on budget including presentation on Provisional Local Government Settlement</li> </ul>	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing on HRA as part of budget setting process</li> </ul>	Received
	Other items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Delivery Plan – Update on Performance Q1 &amp; Q2</li> </ul>	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Terms of Reference.</li> </ul>	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Programme</li> </ul>	Reviewed at each meeting.
<b>23 January 2023</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual budget Scrutiny</li> </ul>	Cabinet members interviewed.
<b>24 January 2023</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Scrutiny – Formulation of OSC recommendations to cabinet</li> </ul>	Recommendations drafted.

Meeting	Agenda items	Comment
<b>1 March 2023</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abbey Field Estate – A Way Forward (Scrutiny Call-in)</li> </ul>	On agenda.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Programme</li> </ul>	Reviewed at each meeting.
<b>24 April 2023</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrutiny Improvement Review Report</li> </ul>	
	Other items to be confirmed	Scrutiny reviews should be concluded by this date.

#### Items requiring scheduling

Meeting (tbc)	Agenda items	Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equalities, Diversity &amp; Inclusion Framework</li> </ul>	<p>Southwark Equality Framework agreed by cabinet in July 2021. Noted but not discussed by OSC in July 2021.</p> <p>Director of Communities suggesting taking an item to OSC in early part of 2023 which will take account of Equality Audit of the organisation and more detailed action plan.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Workforce Strategy</li> </ul>	<p>Annual workforce report for 2022/23 to be reported to cabinet following the end of the financial year. Date for consideration by cabinet to be confirmed. May need to come in the new municipal year.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regeneration Scrutiny – focus on individual schemes Old Kent Road, viability benchmarking, etc</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central London Bus Review</li> </ul>	Agreed that item no longer required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet Member Interviews Cllr Kieron Williams, Leader of the Council</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Jasmine Ali, Children, Young People, Education and Refugees</p> <p>Cllr Evelyn Akoto, Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Cllr Stephanie Cryan, Communities, Equalities and Finance</p> <p>Cllr Dora Dixon-Fyle, Community Safety</p> <p>Cllr James McAsh, Climate, Emergency and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Cllr Darren Merrill, Council Homes and Homelessness</p> <p>Cllr Catherine Rose, Leisure, Parks, Streets and Clean Air</p> <p>Cllr Martin Seaton, Jobs, Business and Town Centres</p>	To be determined, as and when appropriate.



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## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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