

Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission

Monday 22 February 2021
6.30 pm

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Eleanor Kelly

Chief Executive

Date: 14 February 2021



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Order of Business

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	PART A OPEN BUSINESS	
1.	APOLOGIES	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT	
	In special circumstances, an item of business may be added to an agenda within five clear working days of the meeting.	
3.	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS	
	Members to declare any interests and dispensations in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.	
4.	MINUTES	
	To approve as correct records the Minutes of the meetings held on 26 October 2020 and 27 January 2021.	

5. REVIEW OF APPROACH TO EQUALITY AND ADOPTION OF THE EQUALITY FRAMEWORK

To receive an overview from Councillor Alice Macdonald, Cabinet Member for Equalities and Communities on the review of approach to equality and adoption of the Equality Framework which is due to be considered by Cabinet on 9 March 2021.

The cabinet member for equalities and communities has also been asked to provide:

- A written overview of the main council equalities initiatives, including Southwark's Equalities Framework; Southwark's Equalities and Diversity Charter; the refreshes to Southwark's approach to equalities impact assessments and community impact assessments.
- An update on plans for better understanding racial disparities in the Council and beyond.
- How the council is addressing the many equalities related issues arising due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

6. EDUCATION AND LOCAL ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2020-21

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To note the education and local economy scrutiny commission work programme as at 22 February 2021.

DISCUSSION OF ANY OTHER OPEN ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING

Date: 14 February 2021

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 22 February 2021	Meeting Name: Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission
Report title:		Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2020-21	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		N/a	
From:		Head of Overview and Scrutiny (Acting)	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the education and local economy scrutiny commission note the work programme as at 22 February 2021 attached as Appendix 1.
2. That the education and local economy scrutiny commission consider the addition of new items or allocation of previously identified items to specific meeting dates of the commission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. The general terms of reference of the scrutiny commissions are set out in the council's constitution (overview and scrutiny procedure rules - paragraph 5). The constitution states that:

Within their terms of reference, all scrutiny committees/commissions will:

- a) review and scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the council's functions
- b) review and scrutinise the decisions made by and performance of the cabinet and council officers both in relation to individual decisions and over time in areas covered by its terms of reference
- c) review and scrutinise the performance of the council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas
- d) question members of the cabinet and officers about their decisions and performance, whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects and about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area

- e) assist council assembly and the cabinet in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues
 - f) make reports and recommendations to the cabinet and or council assembly arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process
 - g) consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants
 - h) liaise with other external organisations operating in the area, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working
 - i) review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the scrutiny committee and local people about their activities and performance
 - j) conduct research and consultation on the analysis of policy issues and possible options
 - k) question and gather evidence from any other person (with their consent)
 - l) consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the scrutiny process and in the development of policy options
 - m) conclude inquiries promptly and normally within six months
4. The work programme document lists those items which have been or are to be considered in line with the commission's terms of reference.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5. Set out in Appendix 1 (Work Programme) are the issues the education and local economy scrutiny commission is due to consider in 2020-21 some items of which have been rolled over from the 2019-20 municipal year.
- 6. The work programme is a standing item on the education and local economy scrutiny commission agenda and enables the commission to consider, monitor and plan issues for consideration at each meeting.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission agenda and minutes	Southwark Council Website	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221
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APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Work Programme 2020-21

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Everton Roberts, Head of Overview and Scrutiny (Acting)	
Report Author	Everton Roberts, Head of Overview and Scrutiny (Acting)	
Version	Final	
Dated	12 February 2021	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments Included
Director of Law and Governance	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Scrutiny Team		12 February 2021

APPENDIX 1

Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2020-21

Item	Meeting date						Commentary
	20 July 2020	26 Oct 2020	27 Jan 2021	22 Feb 2021	17 Mar 2021	20 Apr 2021 (date subject to change)	
Items for future consideration – either allocated (✓) or to be allocated							
Revitalisation of High Streets and Town Centres – Scrutiny Review	-	✓	✓	-	✓		<p>17 Mar mtg – Cabinet Member and Head of Economy due to provide update on implementation of Action Plan</p> <p>-----</p> <p>27 Jan mtg Nick Plumb – Power to Change Ben Stephenson – High Street expert</p> <p>-----</p> <p>26 Oct mtg – Briefing from Cabinet Member for Jobs, Partnerships and Skills and Strategy and Partnerships Manager on the action plan for revitalisation of high streets and town centres.</p> <p>Comments also received from newly co-opted member, Nicole Gordon around impact on businesses</p>

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	20 July 2020	26 Oct 2020	27 Jan 2021	22 Feb 2021	17 Mar 2021	20 Apr 2021 (date subject to change)	
Children Returning to School (Council Activity) / Children's experiences and education through Covid	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	<p>27 Jan mtg Anima Youth – further experiences of children/young people -----</p> <p>26 Oct mtg - Update received from deputy leader and cabinet member for children, young people and schools on children returning to school.</p> <p>The commission also heard from two headteachers, a representative on behalf of youth council and two Southwark Young Advisors on experiences and impact of Covid 19 on education and mental health -----</p> <p>20 Jul mtg – Briefing from cabinet member for children, schools and adult care and director of education on council activity in respect of children returning to schools.</p>
Annual Interview with Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools	-	-	-	-	✓	-	To be scheduled for 17 March meeting.

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Annual Interview with Cabinet Member for Jobs, Partnerships and Skills	-	-	-	-	✓		To be scheduled for 17 March meeting.
Interview with Cabinet Member for Equalities and Communities	-	-	-	✓	-	-	On agenda – see item 5.
Pre-scrutiny of Southwark's Equalities Framework	-	-	-	✓	-	-	On agenda – see item 5. Pre scrutiny of the Equalities Framework ahead of consideration by Cabinet in March 2021. Note: overview and scrutiny committee agreed that scrutiny of this matter form part of this commissions work programme for this year.
Education: Exclusions and Alternative Provision	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	17 Mar mtg - Cabinet Member/ officer update to be received on progress in relation to implementation of scrutiny recommendations ----- 26 Oct mtg - Cabinet response to the scrutiny commission recommendations noted -----

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							20 July mtg - Final version of scrutiny report noted.
Resilience for the Business Community – Council Activity	✓	-	-	-	-	-	20 Jul 2020 mtg – Briefing from Cabinet Member for Jobs, Business and Innovation, and Strategy and Partnership Manager on council activity in supporting the resilience for the business community
Procurement: Accessibility and Social Value	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	<p>17 Mar mtg - Update from cabinet member and officers on accessibility and social value (Request for update to be made)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>27 Jan mtg Commission noted the Cabinet response to the scrutiny commission recommendations -considered by cabinet on 8 December 2020</p> <p>-----</p> <p>20 Jul 2020 mtg – Final version of scrutiny report noted</p>

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Update on Fairer Future Procurement Framework			✓		✓		<p>17 Mar mtg – Request to be made for cabinet member and officers to come to commission to talk about Fairer Futures Framework</p> <p>-----</p> <p>27 Jan mtg – The Commission noted the report to cabinet (19 Jan meeting) updating on Fairer Future Procurement Framework</p>
Race Disparity in Southwark: Conducting a Race Disparity Audit for Discrete Parts of the Council as a precursor to a more in-depth exercise	-	-	-	-	-	-	Identified as a topic of interest in the September 2019-20 work programme report.
Youth Provision in Southwark: Looking at the Council's Plans to Refresh Youth Provision across the Borough	-	-	-	-	-	-	<p>Identified as a topic of interest in the September 2019-20 work programme report.</p> <p>Note: Cabinet considered a report on Strategic Review of Youth Services 2020 and agreed a new vision at its meeting on 8 December 2020.</p>

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Care Leavers Provision and Support: Looking at the Council's work to support care leavers via a dedicated trust and other pre-existing channels	-	-	-	-	-	-	Identified as a topic of interest in the September 2019-20 work programme report.
Rogue Landlords: Council's use of new powers to discourage bad landlord practices	-	-	-	-	-	-	Identified as a topic of interest in the September 2019-20 work programme report.
Work Programme	✓	✓	✓	✓		-	<p>On agenda - Opportunity to review at each meeting.</p> <p>Suggestions for areas of scrutiny raised at previous meetings:</p> <p>Jul meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School attendance • Responding to Brexit challenges • Council's relationship with big tech companies • Invitation to City Hall to speak to commission

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	20 July 2020	26 Oct 2020	27 Jan 2021	22 Feb 2021	17 Mar 2021	20 Apr 2021 (date subject to change)	
							<p>October meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special educational Needs and vision for people with disability • Funding and provision of special educational needs • Role of Council in partnership working – bringing people together and making connections (education and businesses) • Care leavers provision for higher education • Equalities and Diversity Programme • Follow up on school exclusions work

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MUNICIPAL YEAR 2020-21

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