

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 (**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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work programme - scrutiny review topics and agenda items. • Sustainable Freight scrutiny review – rolled over from previous year. • SNAP and tree management officer report
Outreach		<p>9 August: Tour of Lambeth Council weed free programme co organised by Southwark Nature and PAN</p> <p>12 September: Tour of Rouel Road Estate / Rouel Blue Garden Club and Bermondsey Trees (including Mike Mann estate manager)</p>
Meeting 2	Wednesday 20 September 2023	<p><i>Reducing pesticide and herbicide</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lambeth Council officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/streets-roads-transport/community-weeding-scheme ○ https://issuu.com/pan-uk/docs/greener_cities_-_a_guide_to_our_pavement_plants See page 18 for a discussion of Lambeth's program. • Pesticide Action Network

		<p>Air Quality particulates tyre and brake Dr Ian Mudway - Imperial Sustainable Tyre manufacturer ENSO Ltd</p> <p>Streets for Peoples Presentation by Cabinet lead and officer</p> <p>Southwark Land Commission Presentation by vice chair Cllr James McAsh based on report to cabinet</p> <p>Consider / note Cabinet responses scrutiny reviews conducted in 22/23 – due 12 September :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Climate Finance ii) Resident Participation Framework
Meeting 3	Monday 27 November 2023	<p>Dropped kerbs: loss of front gardens and public space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report by Highways incorporating planning and legal advice • Royal Horticultural Society (tbc) • Pavement channel providers • Ealing Council work (tbc) <p>Sustainable Freight :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TfL with particular reference to the London Freight Lab • Officers: Supporting nests and establishing gaps and available information on freight movement through the borough (tbc) including update on possible planning application for a cargo hub / distribution centre at Old Kent Road. • Port of London Authority – increasing river freight and Bankside project

		<p><i>Cabinet lead member interviews (tbc by commission and cabinet lead)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Rose • Cllr Dennis
Meeting 4	Monday 19 February 2024 – will move to January	<p>Officers update on meeting the requirements of the Environment Act including Biodiversity Net Gain, Local nature recovery and monitoring and reporting requirements (tbc)</p> <p>Officer update on pesticide strategy (to be discussed) 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</p> <p>Officer presentation and input to roundtable on supporting community food growing, gardening and rewilding and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community garden plan in development and • Community food growing initiative <p>Roundtable by community groups (tbc)</p> <p>Agree scrutiny report on Sustainable Freight</p>
Meeting 5	Tuesday 30 April 2024	<p>Topic: Waste, recycling, reducing fly-tipping and street cleaning : how can we use our resources better?</p> <p>Biodiversity scrutiny report</p>