

### Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2023/24

Meeting	Agenda items	Comment
<b>4 July 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OSC and Commission Work Programmes 2023-24</li> </ul>	Initial work programmes agreed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southwark Council CfGS Scrutiny Improvement Review and Action Plan</li> </ul>	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.
<b>4 October 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canada Estate Quality Homes Investment Programme (QHIP)</li> </ul>	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keeping Education Strong</li> </ul>	Received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southwark Council CfGS Scrutiny Improvement Review and Action Plan</li> </ul>	Received – CfGS recommendations approved.
	Scrutiny Arrangements 2023/24 [Amendment]	Change to commission portfolios agreed.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Programme</li> </ul>	Received

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<b>29 November 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devon Mansions Major Works</li> </ul>	On agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canada Estate Major Works – Update</li> </ul>	On agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny improvement Review Action Plan – Update</li> </ul>	On agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment of Chair of Housing, Community Safety and Community Engagement Scrutiny Commission</li> </ul>	On agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Programme</li> </ul>	On agenda (reviewed at each meeting)
<b>11 December 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy and Resources Strategy – 2023/24 – Implementation</li> </ul>	Discussion around implementation of 2023-24 budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy and Resources Strategy – 2024/25</li> </ul>	<p>Light touch discussion due to time, also in light of discussion to take place at 10 January OSC.</p> <p>Opportunity to discuss expectations around 2024/25 budget process</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Revenue Account – Indicative Rent and Charges report 2024-5</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Delivery Plan Performance Monitoring</li> </ul>	

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

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

## Items requiring scheduling

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

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cabinet Member Interviews</li></ul> <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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