

<b>Item No.</b> 9.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 11 December 2023	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Work Programme 2023-24	
<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 11 December 2023 attached as Appendix 1.
2. That the overview and scrutiny committee consider the addition of new items or allocation of previously identified items to specific meeting dates of the committee.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. 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.
4. The work programme document lists items which have been or are to be considered in line with the committee’s terms of reference.

**KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

5. Set out in Appendix 1 (Work Programme) are the issues the overview and scrutiny committee has identified for consideration in the 2023-24 municipal year.
6. 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?Committeeld=308">http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=308</a>		

**APPENDICES**

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023-24

## AUDIT TRAIL

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