

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2023/24

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

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| 29 November 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devon Mansions Major Works | Received |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada Estate Major Works – Update | Received |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny improvement Review Action Plan – Update | Received |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Chair of Housing, Community Safety and Community Engagement Scrutiny Commission | Councillor Sam Foster appointed as chair |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme | Received |
| 11 December 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and Resources Strategy – 2023/24 – Implementation | Received. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and Resources Strategy – 2024/25 | Received. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Revenue Account – Indicative Rent and Charges report 2024-25 | Received. Request for final report to be presented to OSC ahead of approval by cabinet. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Delivery Plan Performance Monitoring | Received |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme | On agenda (reviewed at each meeting) |

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| 10 January 2024 | | |
| | Initial Budget Scrutiny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial discussion on budget including presentation on Provisional Local Government Settlement | Received |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Revenue Account – Rent and Charges report 2024-25 | Received |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme | Reviewed at each meeting. |
| 22 January 2024 | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual budget Scrutiny | |
| 23 January 2024 | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Scrutiny – Formulation of OSC recommendations to cabinet | Recommendations submitted to Cabinet |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresh of Southwark Stands Together and Southwark Equality Framework – Pre decision scrutiny | To be considered at a later meeting (July 2024) |

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| 4 March 2024 | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Programme Refresh | On agenda |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Revenue Account Budget | On agenda |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devon Mansions Major Works – Update | On agenda |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada Estate Major Works – Update | On agenda |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme | Reviewed at each meeting. |
| 27 March 2024 (Moved from April 2024) | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In house Leisure Service (management of transition, quality of day to day management, overall financial health of service) | Matter received by Audit, Governance and Standards Committee on 5 February 2024. Proposed that item is removed from work programme |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Plan Performance Monitoring | Tbc |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny improvement Review Action Plan – Update | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme | Reviewed at each meeting. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other agenda items to be scheduled | |

Items requiring scheduling

| Meeting (tbc) | Agenda items | Comment |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Workforce Strategy | Information relating to workforce strategy likely to be available from July 2024 onwards. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Action Plan Performance Monitoring | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresh of Southwark Stands Together and Southwark Equality Framework – Pre decision scrutiny | Now proposed for July 2024 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regeneration Scrutiny – focus on individual schemes Old Kent Road, viability benchmarking, etc | Not considered during 2022/23 Municipal year. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abbeyfield Estate – A Way Forward (Maydew House) Scrutiny review to establish procedures that will prevent a similar situation occurring in the future. | Arising from call-in – April 2023 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving Customer Services for Council Housing Repairs | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the Mayor’s Budget and Operations of the Mayor’s Office | Arising from budget scrutiny process |

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

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