

# Scrutiny work programme

**2016-18**

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## Introduction

This document sets out a work programme for scrutiny covering the period 2016-18. All councils must put in place at least one scrutiny committee (often called the Overview and Scrutiny Committee) and have a 'designated' officer in place to oversee support and advise on the validity or otherwise of processes and procedures relating to the call-in of executive decision making.

The purpose of this plan is to:

- set out clear priorities and objectives for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its sub-committees for the period 2016-18,
- identify the resources to be attached to delivery of these objectives from the core scrutiny support function and any wider support from within the Council (and/or externally if appropriate),
- act as a document upon which the progress of objectives can be tracked, reviewed and re-prioritised as appropriate, especially in the light of new or different demands emerging.

Further, the plan assumes a number of "core work programme" tasks, which accord with the statutory responsibilities of the scrutiny function within local authorities, alongside activities that form part of the council's local democracy arrangements. These are:

- To act as a check and balance on executive decision making through operation of the call-in procedure
- To be able to receive NHS/Healthwatch referrals as part of the statutory scrutiny of health functions
- To scrutinise the crime and disorder plan (or its equivalent) annually
- To receive any councillor call for action
- To call the cabinet member(s) to account through an annual interview on progress and delivery against council plan priorities and other objectives pertaining to the delivery of their role(s)

Resources will be allocated to these "core work programme" tasks alongside the support work attached to normal administration of council committees.

## Annual review

The work programme will be subject to annual review and be kept "live" throughout the year to accommodate new or shifting demands. Further, an annual report on delivery of the plan will be produced, published and presented to Council Assembly.

Overview and scrutiny committee work plan 2016-18

Date	Topic	Supporting Council Plan theme (if applicable)	Stakeholders	Outcome
7 September 2016 - COMPLETE	Peak time travel – getting to work and education in Southwark	Strong local economy	Val Shawcross, Deputy mayor  Ian Wingfield (Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Realm)  Mark Williams (Cabinet Member for Regeneration and New Homes)	Gathering evidence for report
	Briefing on bulky waste and street cleaning	Cleaner, greener, safer	Director of environment	Spot check session
	Committee work plans		Scrutiny members	Headlines agreed – scoping continues

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10 October 2016	Call-in: Aylesbury CPO		Cabinet Member (Regeneration and New Homes) Director of Regeneration	Holding to account session
	2 <sup>nd</sup> session on peak time travel	Strong local economy	O&SC members	Draw together survey and material from session 1 ,determine next steps & check timing of mayor's transport strategy
	Committee work plans			
14 November 2016	Cabinet member interview (Cllr Ian Wingfield – road safety to be included in themes)			Holding to account session
	Update on council home building programme	Quality, affordable homes	Director of Assets  Cabinet Member (Regeneration and New Homes)	Spot check session
	Context paper for education scrutiny review (cross-ref to area based review)	Strong local economy	(potential) Briefing and discussion with Leader/cabinet members/relevant officers	Scoping document drafted and shared

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12 December 2016	Cabinet member interview (Cllr Fiona Colley)			Holding to account session
	Prepare for budget scrutiny			
	session on peak time travel	Strong local economy		Draft report?
30 January 2017	Budget scrutiny		Cabinet and chief officers	Recommendations to council assembly
14 March 2017	Cabinet member interview (Business, employment and culture)		Cllr Johnson Situ	Holding to account session
	Further education scrutiny review	Strong local economy	Lewisham Southwark College / Other FE providers / GLA and or DfE representatives (eg FE Commissioner's office)?	Evidence session Follow up with report / conclusions
	Air quality action plan	Healthy, active lives	Director of environment	Spot check session-discussion about further work

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19 April 2017	Cabinet member interview (Leader)		Cllr Peter John	Holding to account session
	Agreeing final reports and annual report			
	Gather ideas and agree spot light reviews for 2017/18 municipal year			
2017-18 – proposed items	Scrutiny review on youth justice Scrutiny review on cultural strategy value for money			TBC
	New round of cabinet member interviews			

Education & children's committee work plan 2016-18

Date	Topic	Supporting Council Plan theme (if applicable)	Stakeholders	Outcome
4 October 2016	Sexual health and relationship awareness (SGTO, young people, Commissioners & Healthwatch)	Healthy, active lives		
	Receive officer report on Review of the Local Offer for Care Leavers	Best start in life		
29 November 2016	Bullying			
	Mental Health	Best start in life; strong local economy; healthy, active lives		
	Review of the Local Offer for Care Leavers	Best start in life		
	Child and Adolescence Mental Health Services and children in crisis	Best start in life		Report on care of children and young people in mental health crisis and the provision of local acute beds in particular?

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27 February 2017	Local Offer for Special Education Needs	Best start in life		Report
	Domestic Abuse	Cleaner, greener, safer		Report
	Impact of Public Health Services on children at risk	Healthy, active lives / Best start in life		Report
	Report back on visit and focus group on Care Leaver Local Offer review	Best start in life		
	Academies and the Council	Best start in life		“Scrutiny in a day” (day to be confirmed)  Report
3 April 2017	Independent chair of adult and children’s safeguarding board interview		Michael O’Connor (Safeguarding Board Chair)	Holding to account
	Care Leavers draft report	Best start in life		Report
To be determined	Cabinet member (Children and Schools) interview		CLlr Vikki Mills	Holding to account
Proposed topics 2017-18				

Healthier communities committee work plan 2016-18

Date	Topic	Supporting Council Plan theme (if applicable)	Stakeholders	Outcome
14 September - CANCELLED				
18 January 2017	CQC review of GP surgeries		NHS England CQC CCG Healthwatch LMC Regeneration Department & cabinet lead	Report?
	Cabinet member interviews		Cllr Maisie Anderson	Holding to account

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	New Public Health Director interview		Director of Public Health	Holding to account?
	Cabinet member interviews – Cllr John, Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board		Leader	Holding to account
11 April 2017	Cabinet member (Adult Care and Financial Inclusion) interview		Cllr Richard Livingstone	Holding to account
	Independent Vulnerable Adult		Michael O'Connor	Holding to account

	Safeguarding interview		(Safeguarding Board Chair)	
	Quality Accounts and other statutory reports			
2017-18 proposed items				

Housing & community safety committee work plan 2016-18

Date	Topic	Supporting Council Plan theme (if applicable)	Stakeholders	Outcome
12 September 2016 - COMPLETE	Thames water refund Water pressure - Bermondsey/Rotherhithe			
17 October 2016	How agencies work together on ASB and night time economy	Strong local economy / Cleaner, greener, safer	Regulatory services C&AS (Community Safety)	Spot check and/or report?
5 December 2016	Borough commander interview (TBC)		Borough commander (Simon Messinger) C&A (Community safety) Emergency planning & resilience	Holding to account

	Council's relationship with TRAs	Quality, affordable homes	Deputy Leader Strategic Director, Housing & Modernisation	
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7 February 2017	Fire commander interview (TBC)		Fire commander  Emergency planning & resilience	Holding to account
	Cabinet member interview (portfolio lead TBD)			Holding to account
27 March 2017	Council's relationship with other TRAs (issues for social tenants in mixed developments)	Revitalised neighbourhoods		Spot check / review?
	Cabinet member interview (portfolio lead TBD)			Holding to account
2017-18 proposed items				

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