

Scrutiny Work Programme - 2020/21

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting	Type of Scrutiny	Item	Objective
Monday 26 October 2020	Spotlight	Waste Service	To review performance of waste service since being brought in-house
	Planning	Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21, Appointments, Excellence/Action Plan	To review and approve the OSC work programme for 2018/19
	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Budget Monitoring Report 2020-21 (Period 5)	To monitor the Council's finances to ensure these align with Council priorities and provide residents with value for money
	Review	COVID-19 Update	To receive latest developments re. impacts, council and partners' response and future planning
	Pre-Cabinet	PDSQs	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations
Monday 23 November 2020	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Council delivery and performance report Q2 2020/21	To review the Council's performance against the strategic goals and provide critical friend challenge to service delivery
	Review	COVID-19 Update	To receive latest developments re. impacts, council and partners' response and future planning
	Spotlight	Improving Resident Engagement	To review current engagement (processes/practices and results) to improve resident participation
	Pre-Cabinet	PDSQs	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations
Monday 14 December 2020	Review	COVID-19 Update	To receive latest developments re. impacts, council and partners' response and future planning
	Spotlight	Draft Budget	To provide critical friend challenge to the budget setting process in line with the Council's priorities
	Spotlight	Town Hall – impact on assets/LBTH estate; financing, capacity	To review to delivery of the Town Hall development in the context of COVID-19 impacts
	Pre-Cabinet	PDSQs	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations
Monday 11 January 2021	Budget Meeting	Revised MTFS, latest Outturn and quarterly-monitor	To provide critical friend challenge to the budget setting process in line with the Council's priorities
Monday 25 January 2021	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Budget Monitoring Report 2020-21 (Period 8)	To monitor the Council's finances to ensure these align with Council priorities and provide residents with value for money

	Review	COVID-19 Update	To receive latest developments re. impacts, council and partners' response and future planning
	Spotlight	ASB	Reviewing the effectiveness of partnership response to ASB and the quality of service residents and victims of ASB receive
	Spotlight	Borough Commander	To consider the BCU's views and issues for TH
	Pre-Cabinet	PDSQs	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations
<i>Monday 1 February 2020</i>	<i>Reserve Budget Meeting</i>		
Monday 1 March 2021	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Council delivery and performance report Q3 2020/21	To review the Council's performance against the strategic goals and provide critical friend challenge to service delivery
	Review	COVID-19 Update	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations
	Spotlight	Improving Resident Engagement	To review current engagement (processes/practices and results) to improve resident participation
	Pre-Cabinet	PDSQs	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations
Monday 22 March 2021	Spotlight	Council's Strategic Plan – review of achievement of outcomes	To hold the Mayor to account on progress of delivery on council priorities
	Review	COVID-19 Update	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations
	Spotlight	Domestic abuse	looking at the extent of Covid-19 and effectiveness of partners response
	Pre-Cabinet	PDSQs	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations
Monday 26 April 2021	Review	COVID-19 Update	To receive latest developments re. impacts, council and partners' response and future planning
	Spotlight	Mayor	Mayor's priorities
	Pre-Cabinet	PDSQs	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations
	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Budget Monitoring Report 2020-21 (Year-end)	To monitor the Council's finances to ensure these align with Council priorities and provide residents with value for money

N.B. OSC Chair-led spotlight session – Place based decision making – in calendar, but not meeting:

- Employment Support – As per above but with jobs and skills focus – the Council's response in supporting those into employment either displaced by the pandemic
- Review support arrangements with respect to need across LBTH

- Tackling Poverty – Pandemic Impact and next steps –focus on the Council’s ongoing response to tackling poverty - link into next steps arising from the poverty commission in reshaping our current approach; Review the council’s response to understand improvements

Health & Adults Sub-Committee

Meeting	Type of Scrutiny	Item	Desired Outcomes
1 Dec 2020	Spotlight	HASC work programme 2020-21	To agree the work programme for the remainder of 2020-21 (3 meetings)
	Spotlight	Adults Learning Disability Challenge session report – 10 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign off report and recommendations (report related to 2019-20 work programme and delayed due to covid-19) • Recommendation to review adults LD provision in light of covid 19 in the new year
	Spotlight	Winter Plans	Integrated presentation on the ASC Winter Plan and CCG Winter Plan (for noting)
	Spotlight	Report on local test, trace and isolate programme [OSC recommendation]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on effectiveness and performance of local test, trace and isolate programme as part of the ongoing response to the pandemic (Public Health) [OSC recommendation] • How we maintain and resource local shielding pathways for vulnerable people during winter and potential 2nd wave of covid 19.
8 Feb 2021	Spotlight	BAME Inequalities Work Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is PHE recommendations and local analysis addressing matters related to BAME inequalities? (Public Health) • How can findings from Mayor’s Inequality commission focusing on health (Lead Commissioner) support BAME inequalities work?
	Spotlight	State of care homes in TH in the pandemic	Impact of covid-19 on staff and care home residents throughout epidemic
	Deep dive	ASC Savings Programme	Approach to be agreed.
	Spotlight	Primary Care Networks	To review the current situation and how the network is supporting integrated model of care (scope tba)
29 April 2021	Deep dive	Development of Adults Learning Disabilities Action Plan 2020-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In light of covid 19, are we meeting the needs of adults LD population? • How can the sub-committee support the development of the new LD Action Plan (5 year)
	Spotlight	Health and social care integration – joint commissioning proposals	To review the current proposals for commissioning integration and provide any recommendations going forward (scope tba)

Housing & Regeneration Sub-Committee

Meeting Date	Method	Item	Comment
3 November	Challenge Session	Homeless Reduction Act (HRA) – One Year On	Draft report of the scrutiny challenge session (held on the 2nd March 2020) and an action plan to be presented to committee for approval.
	Spotlight	Housing Options Service Delivery (Customer journey, Allocations scheme policy update and Intermediate Housing Register of Interest)	A presentation on the Housing Options Service focussing on the customer journey (in light of Covid-19) , including an update of the implementation of the changes to the Allocations Scheme and the introduction of an Intermediate Housing Register of Interest.
	Policy Framework Scrutiny	Social Landlords Performance Report	This item was deferred due to Covid-19 and this report will catch up on outstanding performance reports. The report will provide an update on the work of the Benchmarking group who are in the process of revising a new set of qualitative and quantitative KPI data. A PRP will be invited to attend the meeting to discuss aspects of their performance, starting with a request to Clarion to attend the November meeting.
10 February	Spotlight	Comprehensive Regeneration Update	A presentation covering all aspects of the Council's approach to regeneration, containing an outline of all current regeneration schemes.
	Spotlight	Leaseholder Service Improvement Plan (THH)	An update on the implementation of actions in the THH Leaseholder Service Improvement Plan following the presentation on service charges to the committee in January 2019.
	Spotlight	Housing Companies Update	A presentation providing an update on the Council's two housing companies – Seahorse and Mulberry Homes.
	Policy Framework Scrutiny	Social Landlords Performance Report	The first report in the new format with the second PRP (proposed: One Housing Group) invited to attend.
15 April	Spotlight/ Scrutiny Review	Employment Support – Covid-19 Response	A presentation on the Council's response in supporting residents into employment who have been displaced by the Covid-19 pandemic, focussing on jobs and skills.
	Spotlight	Fire Safety Progress Report	Following on from the 2017 scrutiny review of fire safety, this item will update members on the Council's work in remediating ACM cladding from the Borough's high-rise blocks. Progress on the MHCLG's External Wall Survey and an update on legislation will also be provided.
	Policy Framework Scrutiny	Social Landlords Performance Report	The end-of-year report on PRP performance alongside the third invited PRP (to be selected after consultation with all Council members) in attendance.

Children's & Education Sub-Committee

Meeting	Type of Scrutiny	Item	Objective
Tuesday 15 December 2020	Review	Impact of Covid-19	Review impact of COVID on portfolio issues
	Review	TH Safeguarding Partnership	Review partnership-working: strengths and weaknesses, and options to improve
	Spotlight	Food provision for vulnerable families	Investigate the impact of COVID-19 on families' abilities to access food
Tuesday 9 February 2021	Review	Impact of Covid-19	Review impact of COVID on portfolio issues
	Review	Early Years Provision for 2 Year Olds	Review the provision across the borough
	Spotlight	Educational attainment of white working-class boys	Review the inequalities and issues around this cohort
Tuesday 6 April 2021	Review	SEND Update	Evaluate the policy and practice of service offers to SEND children and young people
	Review	Impact of Covid-19	Review impact of COVID on portfolio issues
	Review	Children's Social Care and Early Help	Review the provision, issues and the Early Help offer in TH
	Spotlight	Regional Adoption Agency	Review issues around TH placements in a regional setting/process

Finance and Resources – Scrutiny Lead

Timing	Type	Item
December 2020	Spotlight	Council Tax Reduction Scheme [NB. scope required to provide focus]
December (OSC)	Spotlight	Draft Budget
January 2021 (OSC)	Budget Meeting	Revised MTFs, latest Outturn and quarterly-monitor

Community Safety and Environment – Scrutiny Lead

Timing	Type	Item
October (OSC)	Spotlight	Waste Service - review performance of waste service since being brought in-house
January 2021 (OSC)	Spotlight	ASB
Feb 2020	Challenge Session	Liveable Streets – Review geography/selection of areas; funding; consultation Delivery of the council's Air Quality Action Plan and Net Zero Carbon Plan
Mar 2021	Spotlight	Domestic abuse – looking at the extent of Covid-19 and effectiveness of partners response