

Committee	Date	Classification	Report No.	Agenda Item No.
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Report of: Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) Originating Officer(s): Sarah Barr, Senior Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer, Chief Executive's Directorate		Title: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2011-12 Ward(s) affected: All		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2011-12.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to -

- 2.1. Agree the work programme for the 2011-2012 municipal year set out in Appendix A.
- 2.2 Note that the work programme may be amended throughout the year if required.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for the 2011-12 municipal year is attached at Appendix A. This sets out the pieces of work which will be undertaken by the Committee throughout the year, in addition to the monthly Committee meetings. Reports and findings from this work will be considered at the monthly committee meetings.
- 3.2 In addition to this work the Committee will also consider reports for pre-decision scrutiny, regular monitoring reports and Budget and Policy Framework Items, as set out in the Council's Constitution.

- 3.3 For each piece of work, the work programme shows the Scrutiny Lead, the methodology that will be used and the proposed timescale for the piece of work.
- 3.4 This work programme was developed at a workshop for all Overview and Scrutiny Committee members. Each member was able to list all the issues that they would like the Committee to consider throughout the year and these were then prioritised by the Committee.
- 3.5 Given the significant savings that the Council has to find, the top priority for the Committee was scrutiny of the budget and the budget setting process. This is reflected in the proposed pre-budget directorate scrutiny sessions.
- 3.6 Given the constantly changing political and financial climate which all local authorities are working in, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may decide to undertake additional pieces of work throughout the year. If there are significant changes an updated work programme will be agreed by the Committee later in the year.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This report describes the Overview and Scrutiny work programme in 2011-12.
- 4.2 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)

- 5.1 Rule 8 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, contained in the Council's Constitution, provides that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be responsible for agreeing the overview and scrutiny work programme for the year. The recommendations in the report are consistent with that rule.
- 5.2 The activities included in the work programme appear consistent with the functions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.
- 5.3 In determining the work programme, the Committee should have due regard to the Council's public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. The Council is required to have due regard, when exercising its functions, to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

6.1 There are no implications for One Tower Hamlets arising directly from this report. However many of the pieces of work proposed will be considering issues of inequality, community cohesion and community leadership.

7. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

7.1 There are no implications in relation to Sustainable Action for a Greener Environment arising directly from this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no risk management implications arising directly from this report.

9. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2011-12

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 97)

LIST OF “BACKGROUND PAPERS” USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Background papers	Name and telephone number of and address where open to inspection
None	N/A

APPENDIX A: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2011-12

DIRECTORATE & LEAD	TOPIC	METHODOLOGY	TIMESCALE
ALL DIRECTORATES (One Tower Hamlets) Lead: Cllr Ann Jackson	Scrutiny of the budget setting process Review of Equality Impact Assessments Progress against first round of savings	Pre-Budget Directorate Scrutiny Sessions	October - March
	Public Consultation	Review	September - December
ADULTS HEALTH AND WELLBEING Lead: Cllr Rachael Saunders	Transformation of Adult Social Care – views of service users	Survey of service users and public event. Led by Health Scrutiny Panel.	August - November
	Ongoing changes in health sector – views of service users	Stakeholder and public engagement in local areas. Led by Health Scrutiny Panel and THINK.	October
CHILDREN SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES Lead: Cllr Amy Whitelock	Children’s Centres – Impact of new model	Review	March - May
	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)	To be addressed through Health Scrutiny Panel.	October

COMMUNITIES LOCALITIES AND CULTURE Lead: Cllr Zenith Rahman	Street Cleaning	Review/Challenge Session	March - May
	Cultural Activities	Scrutiny lead to investigate with officers and present findings to committee	March - May
DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL Lead: Cllr Helal Uddin	Changes in national housing policy including affordable rents and the local response	Engagement with Tower Hamlets Housing Forum	September - October
	Housing and lettings policy for those with high mental and physical health needs	Review	March - May
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S Lead: Cllr Tim Archer	East End Life Costs	Scrutiny lead to investigate with officers and present findings to committee	August - September
RESOURCES Lead: Cllr Sirajul Islam	Asset Management	Review	March – May
	Workforce to Reflect the Community	Scrutiny lead to investigate with officers and present findings to committee	September - November