

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
	Challenge Session	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
	Challenge Session	Workpath and Business support	
	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
	Pre-Cabinet	PDSQs	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations
	Review	COVID-19 Update	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	Objective
Tuesday 1 December 2020	Spotlight	Care Homes (from COVID-19 report) + Impact of covid-19 on staff and care home residents throughout epidemic	Investigate progress/changes to policy & practice to avoid/minimise COVID mortality
	Review	Impact of covid-19 –local shielding pathways for vulnerable people	Review current shielding policy and practice
	Review	Adult Social Care (ASC) Winter Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key plan that will help us to deliver health and social care during winter despite Covid-19 and the usual pressures - NHS Winter Plan 	Review approach to winter planning in context of COVID-19
Monday 8 February 2021	Spotlight	BAME inequalities work programme (Public Health) and findings from Mayors Inequality commission focusing on health	Evaluate BAME programme and review Commission's work and progress
	Review	Impact of covid-19 – local test, trace and isolate programme	Review performance of programme
	Review	Impact of digital by default for GP and outpatient appointments	Review impact of work on affected cohorts
Thursday 29 April 2021	Spotlight	Health and social integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance and joint commissioning intentions - single CCG merger impact on council budgets and decisions? 	Review and evaluate integration across the borough, noting specific real examples of service user benefits/impacts
	Review	A report on children's health needs post covid-19	Review report and findings; Evaluate if further is needed

Housing & Regeneration Sub-Committee

Meeting	Type of Scrutiny	Item	Objective
Tuesday 3 November 2020	Spotlight	Homelessness – Customer Journey Post Covid –proposed changes to improve the customer journey	Review service user pathways & evaluate service landscape across partners
	Review	Homelessness Reduction Act 1 Year on – Action Plan and follow up	Review implementation of legislation, and impact in LBTH
	Review	Private Sector – Implications of Covid-19 and the evictions ban	Review impact of national policy changes
Wednesday 10 February 2021	Spotlight	Development of an Intermediate Housing Register – to reduce demand on rented accommodation	Investigate key aspects of demand reduction
	Review	Regeneration Update	Update on borough's

			progress regarding approach to regeneration
Thursday 15 April 2021	Challenge Session	Housing Management – Fire Safety – progress on fire safety/cladding situation given high numbers of high rise in the borough [NB further scoping needed to provide focus]	Review progress on implementation of safety measures
	Spotlight	Housing Management – Social Landlords Performance - areas of improvement for social landlords in the Borough	Review performance and issues re. social landlords
	Spotlight	Housing Management – THH Management Agreement update	Review management practices and policy of THH

Children’s & Education Sub-Committee

Meeting	Type of Scrutiny	Item	Objective
Tuesday 15 December 2020	Spotlight	National Voucher Scheme (from OSC COVID-19 review)	Review impact of national scheme in TH
	Review	Educational Impact of Covid 1	Review impact of school closure and periods of isolation on pupils
	Review	TH Safeguarding Partnership	Review partnership-working: strengths and weaknesses, and options to improve
Tuesday 9 February 2021	Review	Children’s Social Care & Early Help	Review the Early Help offer in TH
	Review	Early Years provision for two year olds	Review the Early Help offer in TH
	Spotlight	SEND	Evaluate the policy and practice of service offers to SEND children and young people
Tuesday 6 April 2021	Spotlight	Exploitation	Review the policy and operational issues addressing exploitation of children and YP in TH
	Review	Educational attainment for white working class boys	Review the inequalities and issues around this cohort
	Review	Housing for vulnerable children	Review housing issues for these children – noting crossover for Transitions and Adults

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
Dec 2020	Review	Liveable Streets – Review geography/selection of areas; funding; consultation Delivery of the council's Air Quality Action Plan and Net Zero Carbon Plan
January 2021 (OSC)	Challenge Session	ASB
Mar/Apr 2021	Spotlight	Domestic abuse – looking at the extent of Covid-19 and effectiveness of partners response AB: move/include in OSC work programme