

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2022/23



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Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Thursday 28 July	Strategic Performance	Strategic Plan 2022-26	To provide a robust critical friend challenge of the council's draft strategic plan 2022-26 and make recommendations on areas for improvement and further consideration	Mayor Lutfur Rahman
	OSC Work Programme	Draft OSC Work Programme	To review the OSC work programme for 2021/22	Cllr Musthak Ahmed
	Appointments	Co-optee appointments	To confirm appointments of scrutiny co-opted members	Cllr Musthak Ahmed
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed
Monday 12 September	OSC Work Programme	Draft OSC Work Programme	Agree scrutiny work programme	Cllr Musthak Ahmed
	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Strategic Performance & Delivery Reporting Q1 2022/23	To review the council's performance against the strategic goals and provide critical friend challenge to service delivery	Mayor Lutfur Rahman Will Tuckley Chief Executive
	Strategic Performance Monitoring	P3 Budget Monitoring Report	To monitor the council's financial performance to ensure it supports council priorities and provides residents with value for money	Cllr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Kevin Bartle Corporate Director, Resources
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed



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Monday 24 October	Spotlight	Waste Services	To review the performance of Waste Services and make recommendations for improvement.	Cllr Kabir Hussain Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency Dan Jones Head of Public Realm
	Spotlight	Customer Service Strategy	To review resident access to services and consider how the council ensures its services are accessible for those who find it difficult to access digital provision	Cllr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Raj Chand Director of Customer Services
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed
Monday 28 November	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Strategic Performance & Delivery Reporting Q2 2022/23	To review the council's performance against the strategic goals and provide critical friend challenge to service delivery	Mayor Lutfur Rahman Will Tuckley Chief Executive
	Strategic Performance Monitoring	P6 Budget Monitoring Report	To monitor the council's financial performance to ensure it supports council priorities and provides residents with value for money	Cllr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Kevin Bartle Corporate Director, Resources



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Monday 28 November	Budget	MTFS and Budget report (first version)	To provide critical friend challenge to the budget setting process in line with the Council's priorities	Cllr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living
	Budget	Fees and Charges report	To provide critical friend challenge and review the fees and charges 2022/23 is in line with the Council's priorities	Kevin Bartle Corporate Director, Resources
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed
Monday 12 Dec	Spotlight	Climate Emergency	To understand and review the plans in place to tackle the climate emergency	Cllr Kabir Hussain Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency Dan Jones Head of Public Realm
	Tracking Recommendations	Air Quality	To track the implementation of actions in response to the recommendations made in the scrutiny challenge session	Cllr Kabir Hussain Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency Dan Jones Head of Public Realm
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed
Monday 9 January	Budget & Policy Framework	Budget Scrutiny	To provide a critical friend challenge to the budget setting process in line with the Council's priorities	Cllr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Kevin Bartle Corporate Director, Resources



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23 January	Spotlight	Community Safety Spotlight with Cabinet Member and Borough Commander	To understand challenges and key areas of work undertaken to tackle community safety	Ohid Ahmed Cabinet Member for Safer Communities Marcus Barnett Borough Commander
	Tracking Recommendations	Swimming provision in the borough	To track the implementation of actions in response to the recommendations made in the scrutiny challenge session	Cllr Iqbal Hossain Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation James Thomas Corporate Director Children & Culture
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed
20 February	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Strategic Performance & Delivery Reporting Q3 2022/23	To review the council's performance against the strategic goals and provide critical friend challenge to service delivery	Mayor Lutfur Rahman Will Tuckley Chief Executive
	Strategic Performance Monitoring	P9 Budget Monitoring Report	To monitor the council's financial performance to ensure it supports council priorities and provides residents with value for money	Cllr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Kevin Bartle Corporate Director, Resources
	Spotlight	Recycling	To review the level of recycling in the borough and make recommendations on how this can be improved	Cllr Kabir Hussain Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency Dan Jones Head of Public Realm
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed



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27 March	Spotlight	Mayors Spotlight	To hold the Mayor to account and understand achievements, priorities and challenges.	Mayor Lutfur Rahman
	Tracking Recommendations	Parking scrutiny	To track the implementation of actions in response to the recommendations made in the scrutiny challenge session	Cllr Kabir Hussain Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency Dan Jones Head of Public Realm
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed
24 April	OSC Report	OSC Annual Report 2022/23	To review and approve the OSC annual report	Cllr Musthak Ahmed
	Spotlight	Street & Parks Cleanliness	To review the Council's actions and future plans to improve the cleanliness of parks and streets in the borough	Cllr Kabir Hussain Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency Dan Jones Head of Public Realm
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed



Children's & Education Sub-Committee



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
13 October	Youth Justice Spotlight	Youth Justice	To review the performance of the youth justice service, focusing specifically on drugs, grooming of young people, and county lines	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>James Thomas Corporate Director of Children & Culture</p> <p>Susannah Beasley-Murray Director of Supporting Families</p>
		HM Inspection of Probation report: Inspection of youth offending services in Tower Hamlets	To understand the findings from the inspection report and review the plans for improvement	
08 December	Education Spotlight	Education	To understand the plans in place to increase the educational attainment of pupils in the borough and how we are developing links with businesses to provide mentorship opportunities, increase social capital, and support children to access top universities	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>James Thomas Corporate Director of Children & Culture</p> <p>Steve Nyakatawa Director of Education</p>
		SEND Statement of Action	To review the council's progress against the statement of action in response to the SEND Inspection in 2021	



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09 Feb	Youth provision Spotlight	Youth provision	To review the performance of the current youth provision and consider how we can improve and increase provision, especially for girls.	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>James Thomas Corporate Director of Children & Culture</p> <p>Susannah Beasley-Murray Director of Supporting Families</p>
04 May	Social Care & Safeguarding spotlight	Social care	Hold a spotlight on the performance children's social care and consider the findings from the National Government Children Social Care Review and how the council's response	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>James Thomas Corporate Director of Children & Culture</p> <p>Susannah Beasley-Murray Director of Supporting Families</p>



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Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description
Scrutiny Challenge Session	Relationship and sex education	To understand the approach to delivering RSE in the borough
Scrutiny Challenge Session	Increasing women and girls access to sports provision	To review sports provision for women and girls in the borough and understand plans in place to increase access

*Note: Committee to choose 1 topic for a challenge session



Housing & Regeneration Sub-Committee



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
20 October	Strategic Performance	Social Landlords Performance Report	Review social landlords' performance report (including Tower Hamlet Homes)	
	Spotlight	Approach to regeneration	Examine the approach to regeneration and how this can be linked to assisting local business recovery and making the best use of available local labour, particularly from excluded communities	
15 December	Strategic Performance	Social Landlords Performance Report	Review social landlords' performance report (including Tower Hamlet Homes)	
	Spotlight	Housing Estate-based challenges	Reviewing key estate-based challenges on ASB and parking and recommendations on how to tackle these	
	Spotlight	Housing cost of living crisis	Reviewing approach and support to social housing energy efficiency (including RSL stock) in addressing housing cost of living crisis	
16 February	Strategic Performance	Social Landlords Performance Report	Review social landlords' performance report (including Tower Hamlet Homes)	
	Spotlight	Developing a new Local Plan	Reviewing planning and building control issue and how this can be used to influence priorities for developing a new Local Plan	
	Spotlight	Change in Private Sector Tenant rights	Reviewing the implications on the government's Renters Reform Bill that	
27 April	Strategic Performance	Social Landlords Performance Report	Review social landlords' performance report (including Tower Hamlet Homes)	
	Spotlight	Housing Strategy Refresh	Review the housing strategy refresh in light of the new administration's housing priorities	
	Spotlight	Approach & supporting homeless applications	Examine the council's approach to supporting homeless applicants	



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Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description
Scrutiny Challenge Session	Review proposals to bring Tower Hamlets Homes back 'in-house'	Review how the council will bring the organisation back "in-house" with a particular focus on resident consultation



Health & Adults Sub-Committee



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
18 October	Spotlight	Improving access to GP Services	Understanding why GP access (physical appointments) continues to be a barrier for patients and developing solutions for improvements to access	Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Denise Radley HAC Corporate Director Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning
	Scrutiny Review	Tackling Workforce shortages across the sector	To review pre-covid H&SC workforce strategy and understand what the issues are impacting recruitment and retention of H&SC staff.	tbc
6 December	Spotlight	Tackling Obesity	Assessing the effectiveness of current strategy and comms on tackling obesity in the borough and what more needs to be done	Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Denise Radley HAC Corporate Director Somen Banerjee Director of Public Health Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning
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14 February	Spotlight	Tackling BAME inequalities on access to Mental Health Services	Understanding why the BAME community face challenges in accessing mental health services and developing recommendations to address this	Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Denise Radley HAC Corporate Director Somen Banerjee Director of Public Health Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning
12 April	Spotlight	ICS delivery at a Place level	Review how the local approach to integrated health and social care system has improved services for residents	Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Denise Radley HAC Corporate Director Somen Banerjee Director of Public Health Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning
			Consider Social Care's parity and level of influence with NHS dominated structures	Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Denise Radley HAC Corporate Director Somen Banerjee Director of Public Health Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning



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Finance & Resources Scrutiny Lead



Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description
Scrutiny Review	Food Poverty	Develop an understanding of the impact of the cost of living crisis on residents and review whether the council has robust plans to tackle food poverty both in the short and long term.



Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Lead



Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description
Scrutiny Review	Women's Safety	Review the approach to ensuring women's safety in the borough and make recommendations on how this can be improved

