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| <p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>24 July 2023</p> |  <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p> |
| <p>Report of: Sharon Godman, Director of Strategy, Improvement and Transformation</p> | <p>Classification: Unrestricted</p> |
| <p>Draft Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme 2023-24</p> | |

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| Wards affected | All Wards |

Executive Summary

This report sets out the draft 2023-24 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee;
- Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee; and
- Children & Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

This report also describes the work programmes for the Scrutiny Leads:

- Resources & Finance; and
- Environment & Community Safety

The draft work programme has been informed by the members workshop session held on Saturday 17th July 2023 and involved co-opted members across all scrutiny committees.

Strategy and Policy officers also held initial discussion with the DLT's and gathered intelligence from a range of sources including council performance reports, annual complaints data and horizon scanning on key national, regional and local issues that scrutiny may want to engage.

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the draft Scrutiny Work Programme 2023-24
2. Provide any further thoughts or comments on the draft Scrutiny Work Programme 2023-24

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), its three sub-committees, and two Scrutiny Leads set out focus areas that scrutiny members have identified as important to scrutinise over this municipal year.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The scrutiny work programme is delivered on ad hoc basis. This is not recommended as it is unfocused and is not an efficient use of members and officers time and will not have an impact on improving outcomes for residents.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 For 2023/24, the scrutiny function is undertaken by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and three scrutiny sub-committees (Health & Adults, Housing & Regeneration, and Children's & Education). There is also a dedicated Scrutiny Lead for Resources & Finance and Environment & Community Safety

Developing the work programme

- 3.2 Members of the OSC and Co-opted Members across the scrutiny committees held a workshop on the 17 June 2023 to discuss the work programme for 2023-24. This was a joint workshop across all Scrutiny committees to develop a co-ordinated approach to delivering Scrutiny in 2023/24.

OSC Work Programme Workshop

- 3.3 To identify areas of focus for the committee, the workshop considered:
 - Scrutiny values;
 - Prioritisation methods and tools;

- Council priorities, performance information and horizon scan information;
- How to engage residents and partners more effectively;
- Priorities and outcomes the committees wish to achieve.

3.4 Following the workshop, initial discussion were held with the Scrutiny leads to consider the draft O&S work programme 2023-24 for their respective areas.

Next Steps

3.5 Strategy and Policy officers will take the draft O&S work programme 2023-24 to:

- Scrutiny leads for further discussions and consider any resident feedback on scrutiny topics;
- Discuss the WP at Sub-committees' and seek any further comments and feedback;
- Discuss with Corporate Directors / Divisional Directors and seek further comments and feedback;
- Discuss with DLTs and seek any further feedback and incorporating and reflecting any key timelines; and
- Prepare the O&S Work Programme 2023-24 for OSC to agree at the September's meeting.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Public Sector Equality Duty (as set out in the Equality Act 2010) aims to embed equality considerations into the day-to-day work of public bodies, so that they tackle discrimination and inequality and contribute to making society fairer.

4.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and scrutiny sub-committee work programmes include key equality considerations of the Strategic Plan, including reducing inequality, promoting community cohesion and enabling community engagement. Identifying and prioritising issues, which are important to local residents, will play an important role in developing the work programme to drive service improvement.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

Appendices

- **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023-24**

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- These must be sent to Democratic Services with the report
- State NONE if none.

Officer contact details for documents:

Or state N/A