

Overview and Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2021/22



This table sets out the draft Overview and Scrutiny Commission's Work Programme for 2021/22 following discussions at the topic workshop on 9 June 2021.

The work programme will be considered at every meeting of the Commission to enable it to respond to issues of concern or to request new pre-decision items ahead of their consideration by Cabinet/Council.

The work programme table shows items on a meeting by meeting basis, identifying the issue under review, the nature of the scrutiny (pre decision, policy development, issue specific, performance monitoring, partnership related) and the intended outcomes.

Scrutiny Support

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Meeting date: 14 July 2021 (*Deadline for papers: 12pm, 6 July 2021*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Questions to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive - priorities and challenges for 2021/22	Discussion	Cllr Mark Allison, Leader; Hannah Doody, Chief Executive	
Holding the executive to account	Recovery and Modernisation Programme	Presentation	Chris Lee, Director of E&R Frank Dick, Head of Recovery	
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	Identify questions for the Borough Commander	Discussion	Cllr Peter Southgate, Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Plan line of questioning for 8 September meeting
Performance management	Overview and Scrutiny Commission work programme 21/22	Report	Cllr Peter Southgate, Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Discuss and approve work programme and re-establishment of the FMTG

Meeting date: 8 September 2021 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 30 August 2021*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	BCU Commander – crime and policing in Merton	Report and in-depth discussion	BCU Commander	To hold BCU Commander to account on crime and disorder
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	Safer Merton Update	Report	Kiran Vagarwal, Community Safety Manager	Report to focus on domestic violence and gender based violence
Holding the executive to account	Council's Communications Service	Report or verbal update	Matt Burrows, Interim Head of Customer Experience & Communications	To review communications service; including complaint handling and digital access and inclusion for all
Holding the executive to account	Merton Council as an Employer	Report	Liz Hammond?	Review of Mental Health support for employees
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2021/22	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 10 November 2021 (***Deadline for papers:*** 5pm, 1 November 2021)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Business Plan - budget scrutiny (round one)	Report	Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services	To send comments to Cabinet budget meeting 6 December
Holding the executive to account	Equality and Community Cohesion Strategy	Report	Evereth Willis, Equality and Community Cohesion Officer	Progress report
Scrutiny Review	Universal Credit	Report and discussion Invite Mitcham Job Centre and CAB	David Keppler, Head of Revenues & Benefits	
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2021/22	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 19 January 2022 (**Deadline for papers:** 5pm, 10 January 2022)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Budget scrutiny	Business Plan Update – budget scrutiny (round two)	Report – common pack for Panels and Commission	Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services	To report to Cabinet (7 Feb) on budget scrutiny round 2
Budget scrutiny	Scrutiny of the Business Plan; comments and recommendations from the overview and scrutiny panels	Report	Cllr Peter Southgate Scrutiny Officer	To send comments and recommendations from the overview and scrutiny panels to Cabinet on 7 Feb
Holding the executive to account	Climate Change?			
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	Identify questions for the Borough Commander	Discussion	Cllr Peter Southgate	Plan line of questioning for meeting on 16 March
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2021/22	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

***Additional* Meeting date: 26 January 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 17 January 2022*) HOLD FOR EXTRA BUDGET INFO?**

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Budget scrutiny	Business Plan Update	Report	Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services	To report to Cabinet on any additional savings
Holding the executive to account	Voluntary sector- How can the community and volunteerism that developed in the pandemic be preserved and enhanced?	Report and discussion Invite CE of Merton Connected to speak at meeting	John Dimmer, Head of Policy, Strategy and Partnerships	Consider also how businesses and charities can be encouraged to continue supporting their communities
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2021/22	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 16 March 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 7 March 2022*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	BCU Commander – crime and policing in Merton	Report and in-depth discussion	BCU Commander	To hold BCU Commander to account on crime and disorder
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	Safer Merton Update		Kiran Vagarwal, Community Safety Manager	Report to focus on ASB and designing out crime
Holding the executive to account	Equality and Community Cohesion Strategy 2022-26	Report	Evereth Willis, Equality and Community Cohesion Officer	Comment on the refresh of the next plan, using learning from scrutinising Covid 19 and other items
Performance management	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report	Report	Cllr Peter Southgate	To approve and forward to Council
Performance management	Planning the Commission's 2022/23 work programme	Report	Cllr Peter Southgate	To review 2021/22 and agree priorities for 2022/23

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