



Sustainable Communities Work Programme 2022/23

This table sets out the draft Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel's Work Programme for 2022/23 following discussions at the topic workshop on 7 June 2022.

The work programme will be considered at every meeting of the Panel 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.

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Meeting date: 29 June 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 22 June 2022*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Cabinet Member Priorities	Verbal update with Q&A	Cabinet Members for: Housing and Sustainable Development, Local Environment, Green Spaces and Climate	To understand current priorities in relation to Panel work programme
Holding the executive to account	Fly tipping strategy and Action Plan review		John Bosley Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Green Spaces and Climate	
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators plus verbal report	AD for Public Space, AD for Sustainable Communities	To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 1 September 2022 (**Deadline for papers: 5pm, 23 August 2022**)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Cabinet Member Priorities	Verbal update with Q&A	Cabinet Member for Transport	To understand current priorities in relation to Panel work programme
Holding the executive to account	Climate Change and Net Zero progress	Report	Tara Butler; Dominique Hill	Receive update on the Climate Change action plan and the Council's Net Zero progress
Holding the executive to account	Active Travel: Cycling infrastructure and facilities in the borough, including cycle lanes and storage spaces/hangars.	Report	Paul McGarry, Head of FutureMerton Cabinet Member for Transport	
Holding the executive to account	School Streets – Lessons learned review	Report	Paul McGarry, Head of FutureMerton	The panel RESOLVED in January to request officers produce a lessons learned paper on the implementation of school streets.
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators plus verbal report	Adrian Ash, Director of Environment and Regeneration	To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 3 November 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 25 October 2022*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Clarion: Repairs and Maintenance	Written report	Representatives from Clarion will be invited to attend the session	Monitor progress of recommendations
Budget scrutiny	Budget/business plan scrutiny (round 1)	Written report	Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services	To discuss and refer any comments to the O&S Commission
Holding the executive to account	Clarion Housing: Estate Regeneration – including climate elements of building	Written report		
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators plus verbal report	Adrian Ash, Director of Environment and Regeneration	To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 19 January 2023 (**Deadline for papers: 5pm, 10 January 2023**)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Budget scrutiny	Budget and business planning (round 2)	Report	Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services	To comment on the budget and business plan proposals at phase 2 and make any recommendations to the Commission
Holding the executive to account	Tree Strategy development	Written report to include Nature based solutions to pollution – pocket parks, hedgerows; Polluted hotspots in borough where hedgerows and tress could mitigate.	John Bosley; Cabinet Member	Consider hotspots from session on air quality - Request recommend hotspots get hedgerows. Polluted hotspots in borough where hedgerows and tress could mitigate.
Holding the executive to account	Idverde	Focus on sustainability and best practice.	John Bosley, Andrew Kauffman	
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators plus verbal report	Adrian Ash, Director of Environment and Regeneration	To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 23 February 2023 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 14 February 2023*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Air Quality	Tracking poor air quality hotspots & HGV traffic and pollution hotspots in the borough	Jason Andrews Cabinet Member	Consider nature-based solutions
Holding the executive to account	Flooding issues	Report	Tom Sly, Flood Management Officer	Thames Water independent review on flooding events in the borough
Holding the executive to account	Housing: Support for renters		Elliot Brunton, Head of Housing and Strategy	
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators plus verbal report	Adrian Ash, Director of Environment and Regeneration	To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 8 March 2023 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 27 February 2023*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Disability Access	Written report		Include accessibility at stations
Holding the executive to account	Council Retrofitting Plans	Written report		
Holding the executive to account	Planning enforcement	Written report	Cabinet member, James McGinlay, Lesley Barakchizadeh	Invite Officers to report back on the backlog of cases
Standing item	Performance Monitoring	Basket of indicators plus verbal report	Adrian Ash, Director of Environment and Regeneration	
Setting the work programme	Topic suggestions 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To seek suggestions from the Panel to inform discussions about the Panel's 2022/23 work programme

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