



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)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
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
Fly tipping strategy and Action Plan review		John Bosley Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Green Spaces and Climate	
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
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*)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Cabinet Member Priorities	Verbal update with Q&A	Cabinet Member for Transport	To understand current priorities in relation to Panel work programme
Climate Change and Net Zero progress	Report	Dominique Hill; Amy Mallet	Receive update on the Climate Change action plan and the Council's Net Zero progress
Active Travel: Cycling infrastructure and facilities in the borough, including cycle lanes and storage spaces/hangars.	Report	Louisa Green; Paul McGarry, Head of FutureMerton Cabinet Member for Transport	
School Streets – Lessons learned review	Report	Mitra Dubet; 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 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
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*)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Clarion: Repairs and Maintenance	Written report	Representatives from Clarion will be invited to attend the session	Monitor progress of recommendations
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
Clarion Housing: Estate Regeneration – including climate elements of building	Written report		
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
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*)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
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
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.
Idverde	Focus on sustainability and best practice.	John Bosley, Andrew Kauffman	
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
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*)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Air Quality	Tracking poor air quality hotspots & HGV traffic and pollution hotspots in the borough	Jason Andrews Cabinet Member	Consider nature-based solutions
Flooding issues	Report	Tom Sly, Flood Management Officer	Thames Water independent review on flooding events in the borough
Housing: Support for renters / Housing enforcement	Report	Elliot Brunton, Head of Housing and Strategy	Include any updates from Panels Feb 2022 recommendations
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
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*)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Disability Access	Written report		Include accessibility at stations
Council Retrofitting Plans	Written report	Dominique Hill; Amy Mallet	
Planning enforcement	Written report	Cabinet member, James McGinlay, Lesley Barakchizadeh	Invite Officers to report back on the backlog of cases
Performance Monitoring	Basket of indicators plus verbal report	Adrian Ash, Director of Environment and Regeneration	
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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