

# Overview and Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2022/23



This table sets out the draft Overview and Scrutiny Commission'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 Commission to enable it to respond to issues of concern or to request new pre-decision items ahead of their consideration by Cabinet/Council.

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**Meeting date:** 13 July 2022 (**Deadline for papers:** 12pm, 5 July 2022)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Questions to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive - priorities and challenges for 2022/23	Verbal update with Q&A	Cllr Ross Garrod, Leader of the Council; Hannah Doody, Chief Executive	
CHAS Proposals	Report	Louise Round, Managing Director, South London Legal Partnership	Confidential paper
Identify questions for the Borough Commander	Discussion	Cllr Ed Foley, Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Plan line of questioning for 7 September meeting
Overview and Scrutiny Commission work programme 22/23	Report	Cllr Ed Foley Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Discuss and approve work programme and re-establishment of the FMTG

**Meeting date:** 7 September 2022 (~~Deadline for papers: 5pm, 29 August 2022~~)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
BCU Commander – crime and policing in Merton	Report and in-depth discussion	BCU Commander	To hold BCU Commander to account on crime and disorder
Safer Merton – VAWG Strategy	Report	Zoe Gallen, Domestic Abuse & VAWG Lead	Report to focus on safety of women and girls in Merton
Public Space Protection Orders	Report	Kelly Marshall, Strategic Development Lead	
Scrutiny Annual Report 21/22	Report	Cllr Ed Foley Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Agree content before presentation at Council
Member Survey	Report	Cllr Ed Foley Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	
OSC Working Group (CHAS)	Report	Louise Round, Managing Director, South London Legal Partnership	Feedback from the group on their findings and recommendations
Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

**Meeting date:** 9 November 2022 (**Deadline for papers:** 5pm, 1 November 2022)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Business Plan - budget update	Report	Roger Kershaw	
Council website	Report	Sean Cunniffe, Head of Customer Contact;	Focus on resident experience, resident survey feedback (if available)
Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme

**Meeting date:** 25 January 2023 (**Deadline for papers:** 5pm, 17 January 2023)

<b>Item/issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead member and/or lead officer</b>	<b>Intended outcomes</b>
Business Plan Update – budget scrutiny	Report – common pack for Panels and Commission	Roger Kershaw	To report to Cabinet (20 Feb) on budget scrutiny
Scrutiny of the Business Plan; comments and recommendations from the overview and scrutiny panels	Report	Cllr Ed Foley Scrutiny Officer	To send comments and recommendations from the overview and scrutiny panels to Cabinet on 20 Feb
Community Engagement Model	Report	Kris Witherington, Engagement and Consultation Manager	Pre-decision scrutiny
Identify questions for the Borough Commander	Discussion	Cllr Ed Foley Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Plan line of questioning for meeting on 15 March
Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

**Meeting date:** 15 March 2023 (**Deadline for papers:** 5pm, 6 March 2023)

Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
BCU Commander – crime and policing in Merton	Report and in-depth discussion	BCU Commander	To hold BCU Commander to account on crime and disorder
Safer Merton Update			Report to focus on ASB and designing out crime
Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) strategy	Report	Evereth Willis	Update on refresh of the strategy
Planning the Commission's 2023/24 work programme	Report	Cllr Ed Foley Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	To review 2022/23 and agree priorities for 2023/24

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**Carry over to next year**

Merton as an employer / People and Culture Plan	Report	Peter Little, Head of Organisational Development	Update on Workforce Strategy (renamed as People & Culture)
Voluntary Sector <i>Delay until Merton Connected have a Chief Exec.</i>	Report	John Dimmer, Head of PSP; Merton Connected	Grants and infrastructure support, exposure for voluntary groups, publicity, and signposting
Merton as a service provider	Report	Roger Kershaw,	External review of contract procurement