

# Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2014/15



This table sets out the Sustainable Communities Panel Work Programme for 2014/15; the items listed were agreed by the Panel at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014. This Work Programme will be considered at every meeting of the Panel to enable it to respond to issues of concern and incorporate reviews or to comment upon 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.

The Sustainable Communities Panel has specific responsibilities regarding Budget and Business Plan Scrutiny and Performance Monitoring for which Lead Members are appointed:

The Task Group Review for the 2014/15 work programme is to be determined.

## **Scrutiny Support**

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Meeting date –16<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/lead officer	Intended outcomes
<b>Panel have been invited to consider this item at the Commission meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 under their review of the councils approach to financial resilience.</b>	<del>Update on the Welfare Reform Act (including focus on implications for residents and food poverty)</del>	<del>Briefing Report</del>	<del>David Keppler</del>	<del>To provide an update on the welfare reform act, changes in legislation, how the council has responded and implications for Merton (including a focus on food poverty)</del>
Pre decision scrutiny	Inward Investment Strategy	Report	Chris Lee/James McGinlay	To comment on the councils draft inward investment strategy and make any recommendations to Cabinet.
Scrutiny Review	Economic Development Strategy	Report	Chris Lee/James McGinlay	To receive a progress update on delivery of the councils economic development strategy.
Scrutiny Review	Climate Change and Green Deal Task Group	Executive Response and Action Plan	Chris Lee	To provide a response and associated action plan from the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration on how the task groups recommendations will be taken forward.
Response	Attendance at Youth Parliament meeting 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	Presentation	Panel Members	Panel members to attend the next scheduled meeting of the Youth Parliament on 15 <sup>th</sup> September to provide a response on their topic suggestions and the panels work programme and opportunities to get involved.

Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Cllr	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary
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**Meeting date – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
**Special meeting of the Panel – Circle Merton Priory Homes**

<b>Scrutiny Category</b>	<b>Item/issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead member/lead officer</b>	<b>Intended outcomes</b>
Performance Monitoring	Monitoring of stock transfer to Merton Priory Homes (including street cleaning strategy/estate maintenance)	Report/Presentation	Steve Langley	To receive an update from MPH on delivery of the commitments within the housing stock transfer agreement.
Scrutiny Review	Update on Regeneration Proposals – CHMP	Report	Steve Langley	To provide members with a briefing on the outcomes of councils consideration of the regeneration proposals from CHMP and to identify any opportunities for further scrutiny by the Panel.

**Meeting date –11<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

<b>Scrutiny Category</b>	<b>Item/issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead member/lead officer</b>	<b>Intended outcomes</b>
Pre decision scrutiny	Budget/Business Plan	Report	Chris Lee/Simon Williams/Caroline Holland	To comment on the councils budget proposals at phase 1.
Pre decision scrutiny	20 Mph zones/road safety	Report	Chris Lee	To comment on the findings of the research undertaken by the E&R department on 20mph zones and make any recommendations on associated proposals for 20mph zones/limits in the borough.
Scrutiny Review	Housing Supply	Briefing Report	Steve Langley/Chris Lee	To provide an overview of the demand for housing in the borough and the councils response/proposals, with a view to determining where further scrutiny may be undertaken.
Performance Monitoring	Adult Skills and Employability Task Group	Report	James McGinlay/ Yvonne Tomlin Cllr Holmes (Member Champion)	To performance monitor delivery of the action plan resulting from the task groups review of adult skills and employability.
Information item	Community Toilet Scheme	Briefing note via email	Chris Lee	To provide members with information on the community toilet scheme and performance to date to determine if any further scrutiny is to be undertaken in this area.

Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Cllr	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary
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**Meeting date – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

<b>Scrutiny Category</b>	<b>Item/issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead member/lead officer</b>	<b>Intended outcomes</b>
Pre decision scrutiny	Budget and business plan scrutiny	Report	Chris Lee/Simon Williams/Caroline Holland	To comment on the budget and business plan proposals at phase 2 and make any recommendations to the Commission to consider and coordinate a response to Cabinet.
Scrutiny Review	Libraries/Arts/Green Spaces	Presentation by Cabinet Member	Cllr Nick Draper	To provide an overview on developments within the portfolio of Community and Culture by the Cabinet Member.
Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting (including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Cllr	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary

Work Programme 2014/15	Draft work programme	Schedule	Rebecca Redman	To identify any items for inclusion in the work programme or any necessary amendments to the schedule
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**Meeting date –25<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

<b>Scrutiny Category</b>	<b>Item/issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead member/lead officer</b>	<b>Intended outcomes</b>
Performance monitoring	Town Centre Parking and Parking at Neighbourhood Shopping Parades – Action Plans	Report	Paul Walshe	To enable members to undertake performance monitoring of delivery of the councils action plans on parking in town centres and at neighbourhood shopping parades.
Performance Monitoring	Town Centre Regeneration	Presentation	James McGinlay	To provide a progress update on delivery of the councils town centre regeneration programme.
Pre decision scrutiny	Cycling Provision	Report	Chris Lee	To make comments on the department’s proposals for improvements to cycling provision in the borough linked to the earlier mini Holland bid.
Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Cllr	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary

**Meeting date –18<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

<b>Scrutiny Category</b>	<b>Item/issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead member/ lead officer</b>	<b>Intended outcomes</b>
Scrutiny Review	Street Lighting	Report	Chris Lee	To provide a briefing to members on the councils approach to street lighting and possible technology that could be used, including the position of the councils street lighting contract.
Scrutiny Review	Parking and congestion outside schools	Report	Paul Walshe	To provide a briefing on measures and enforcement outside schools to enable the Panel to make any recommendations for improvement.
Scrutiny Review	Outlets in town centres (e.g., Betting Shops, Hairdressers, Fast Food) (licensing)	Report	Chris Lee	To consider the rights that the council has to discourage an increase in these types of outlets in town centres where not of benefit to residents or a negative impact is anticipated.
Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Cllr	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary
Scrutiny Review	Topic Suggestions 2014/15	Report	Rebecca Redman	To seek topic suggestions from the Panel to inform discussions about the Panels 2014/15 work programme.