

Sustainable Communities Work Programme 2020/21

This table sets out the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2020/21 that was agreed by the Commission at its meeting on 24 June 2020.

This slimmed down work programme has been designed so that it can be regularly reviewed and adjusted during the pandemic. It 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.

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Meeting date: 1 September 2020 (Deadline for papers: 12pm, 21 August 2020)

| Scrutiny category | Item/issue | How | Lead member and/or lead officer | Intended outcomes |
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| Holding the executive to account | Idverde | Written report | Representatives from Idverde will be invited to attend the session and answer member questions. Plus MIGSF and friends groups | Update on performance of the service |
| Holding the executive to account | Waste, recycling and street cleaning | Written update report: | John Bosley, Assistant Director, Public Space | To receive feedback on recommendations (plus |
| | | | Scott Edgell, Veolia | include fly tipping strategy update). |
| Holding the executive to account | Bishopsford Road Bridge | Brief update | Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration | |
| Holding the executive to account | Climate Strategy and Action Plan | Brief update | Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration | |
| Holding the executive to account | Covid-19 Transport Strategy | Brief update on Merton's Active & Healthy Travel Response to Covid-19. | Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration | Implementation update prior to November Council |
| Performance management | Performance monitoring | Basket of indicators plus verbal report | Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration | To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information |
| Setting the work programme | Work programme 2020/21 | Written report | Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer | To agree the work programme. |

Meeting date: 2 November 2020 (Deadline for papers: 12pm, 23 October 2020)

| Scrutiny category | Item/issue | How | Lead member and/or lead officer | Intended outcomes |
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| 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 |
| External scrutiny | Clarion Housing Group: repairs and maintenance | Verbal update, including feedback from the working group | Representatives from Clarion Housing Group will be invited to attend the session and answer member questions. | This session will be used to focus on repairs and maintenance work |
| Holding the executive to account | Housing Strategy | Written update report | Steve Langley, Head of Housing Needs and Strategy; James M | |
| Scrutiny reviews | Support for private renters | Written update report | Steve Langley, Head of Housing Needs and Strategy | |
| Performance management | Performance monitoring | Basket of indicators plus verbal report | Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration | To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information |
| Setting the work programme | Work programme 2020/21 | Written report | Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer | Standing item |

Meeting date: 19 January 2021 (Deadline for papers: 12pm, 11 January 2021)

| Scrutiny category | Item/issue | How | Lead member and/or lead officer | Intended outcomes |
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| Budget scrutiny | Budget and business planning (round 2) | Report | Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration. | To comment on the budget and business plan proposals at phase |
| | | | Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services | 2 and make any recommendations to the Commission |
| Holding the executive to account | Roadworks/Utilities programme | Written report | Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration | |
| Scrutiny review | Lorries/HGV's | Written report | Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration | Potential rapporteur review? |
| Scrutiny review | Sustainable Travel / Transport Strategy update | Written report | Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration | |
| Performance management | Performance monitoring | Basket of indicators plus verbal report | Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration | To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information |
| Setting the work programme | Work programme 2020/21 | Written report | Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer | Standing item |

Meeting date: 23 February 2021 (Deadline for papers: 12pm, 15 February 2021)

| Scrutiny category | Item/issue | How | Lead member and/or lead officer | Intended outcomes |
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| External scrutiny | Clarion Housing Group: regeneration | Presentation | Representatives from Clarion Housing Group will be invited to attend the session and answer member questions. | This session will be used to focus on Clarion's estates regeneration. |
| Holding the executive to account | Design Review Panel | Written report | Paul McGarry, Head of futureMerton | |
| Holding the executive to account | Morden Town centre redevelopment | Presentation | Paul McGarry, Head of futureMerton | Progress update |
| Performance management | Performance monitoring | Basket of indicators plus verbal report | Councillor Ben Butler Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration | To highlight any items of concern, make recommendations and/ or request additional information |
| Setting the work programme | Work programme 2020/21 | Written report | Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer | Standing item |

Meeting date: 29 March 2021 (Deadline for papers: 12pm, 19 March 2021)

| Scrutiny category | Item/issue | How | Lead member and/or lead officer | Intended outcomes |
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| Holding the executive to account | Idverde | Written report | Representatives from Idverde will be invited to attend the session and answer member questions | To review progress against recommendations. |
| Holding the executive to account | Merton Adult Education | Written report | Anthony Hopkins, Head of Library, Heritage and Adult Education Service | Update on performance of the service |
| Holding the executive to account | Libraries and heritage annual report | Written report | Anthony Hopkins, Head of Library, Heritage and Adult Education Service | Update on performance of the service |
| Holding the executive to account | GLL Leisure | Written report | Christine Parsloe, Leisure and Culture Development Manager | Review of Covid-19 effect on service |
| Performance management | Parking | Written report | Cathryn James | Update on implementation of charges |
| Performance management | Performance monitoring | Basket of indicators plus verbal report | Chris Lee | To highlight any items of concern |
| Setting the work programme | Topic suggestions 2021/22 | Written report | Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer | To seek suggestions from the Panel to inform discussions about the Panel's 2021/22 work programme |