



Sustainable Communities Work Programme 2021/22

This table sets out the draft Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel's Work Programme for 2021/22 following discussions at the topic workshop on 7 June 2021.

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: 24 June 2021 (**Deadline for papers:** 12pm, 16 June 2021)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Clarion Housing: Repairs and Maintenance		Representatives from Clarion will be invited to attend the session and answer member questions.	Update on performance of the service
Holding the executive to account	Housing: Accommodation and Eviction Ban		Steve Langley, Head of Housing Needs	
Holding the executive to account	Actions Log	.	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 2021/22	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 2 September 2021 (~~**Deadline for papers:** 5pm, 23 August 2021~~)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Actions log Performance Monitoring* Work programme	Reports and verbal updates *Include update on Public Space indicators	Chair, Panel and Scrutiny Officer	To highlight any items of concern and monitor progress
Holding the executive to account	Clarion performance update	Verbal update	Representatives from Clarion will be invited to attend the session; Steve Langley	Monitor progress of recommendations
Holding the executive to account	Support to deliver Clarion's estate regeneration programme including the Stock Transfer Agreement		James McGinlay, Assistant Director for Sustainable Communities	Update prior to Cabinet
Holding the executive to account	Housing: Accommodation and Eviction Ban	Report	Steve Langley, Head of Housing Needs	Carried over from 24 June meeting
Holding the executive to account	Flooding issues	Report	Tom Sly, Flood Management Officer	Requested by Chair

Meeting date: 1 November 2021 (~~**Deadline for papers:** 5pm, 21 October 2020~~)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Actions log Performance Monitoring Work programme	Reports and verbal updates	Chair, Panel and Scrutiny Officer	To highlight any items of concern and monitor progress
Holding the executive to account	Clarion performance update	Verbal update	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
Scrutiny review	Waste and Recycling: How can Merton's residents be encouraged to increase the proportion of waste recycled	Written report including details of the variation of recycling at the lowest level of analysis e.g. route? What are the opportunities to reset the conversation on waste e.g. providing each house or collection route a carbon score they are collectively owners for	John Bosley, AD Public Spaces	What are the three actions ward Cllrs could do to support the council's fly tipping strategy, to encourage residents to recycle and how can the department enable them to do so?

Meeting date: 18 January 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 7 January 2022*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Actions log Performance Monitoring Work programme	Reports and verbal updates	Chair, Panel and Scrutiny Officer	To highlight any items of concern and monitor progress
Holding the executive to account	Housing and Environmental Health	Verbal update	Elliot Brunton, John Morgan	Understanding the issues, the flow of complaints received and the threshold before the EH team inspect
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
Call in	School Streets - Aragon	Report	Paul McGarry	
Holding the executive to account	Allotments	Written report including how they are allocated and managed.	Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration; John Bosley	How can our boroughs allotments be best utilised to promote thriving ecology and healthy living?

Meeting date: 22 February 2022 (**Deadline for papers: 5pm, 11 February 2022**)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Actions log Performance Monitoring Work programme	Reports and verbal updates	Chair, Panel and Scrutiny Officer	To highlight any items of concern and monitor progress
Holding the executive to account	Clarion performance update	Verbal update	Representatives from Clarion will be invited to attend the session;	Monitor progress of recommendations
Holding the executive to account	Design Review Panel	Written report	Paul McGarry, Head of futureMerton	
Holding the executive to account	Planning enforcement	Written report	Cabinet member, James McGinlay, Lesley Barakchizadeh	As requested by November council
Scrutiny review	Smart Cities What are the collective opportunities from all departments scrutinised by the panel to use data to embrace the top three opportunities in smart cities agenda, and what available funding sources are available to support?	Report including a short list of opportunities to use the data to improve services	Paul McGarry, Head of <i>futureMerton</i>	The sensors, datasets etc from the borough feeding into a central point, and operationalised visual management and made available to councillors?

Meeting date: 8 March 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 28 February 2022*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Actions log Performance Monitoring	Reports and verbal updates	Chair, Panel and Scrutiny Officer	To highlight any items of concern and monitor progress
Holding the executive to account	Clarion performance update	Verbal update	Representatives from Clarion will be invited to attend the session; Steve Langley	Monitor progress of recommendations
External scrutiny	Clarion Housing Group: regeneration	Presentation	Representatives from Clarion Housing Group will be invited to attend	This session will be used to focus on Clarion's estates regeneration.
Holding the executive to account	Panel review How can the sustainable communities' panel continue to add value to the departments, officers and cabinet members it scrutinises?	Written report		Prioritised list of improvements and a timetable/plan for their implementation
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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