

# Overview and Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2021/22



This table sets out the draft Overview and Scrutiny Commission's Work Programme for 2021/22 following discussions at the topic workshop on 9 June 2021.

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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## Scrutiny Support

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**Meeting date:** 14 July 2021 (**Deadline for papers:** 12pm, 6 July 2021)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
<b>Holding the executive to account</b>	Questions to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive - priorities and challenges for 2021/22	Discussion	Cllr Mark Allison, Leader; Hannah Doody, Chief Executive	
<b>Holding the executive to account</b>	Recovery and Modernisation Programme	Presentation	Chris Lee, Director of E&R Frank Dick, Head of Recovery	
<b>Scrutiny of crime and disorder</b>	Identify questions for the Borough Commander	Discussion	Cllr Peter Southgate, Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Plan line of questioning for 8 September meeting
<b>Performance management</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Commission work programme 21/22	Report	Cllr Peter Southgate, Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Discuss and approve work programme and re-establishment of the FMTG

**Meeting date:** 8 September 2021 (~~**Deadline for papers:** 5pm, 31 August 2021~~)

<b>Scrutiny category</b>	<b>Item/issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead member and/or lead officer</b>	<b>Intended outcomes</b>
<b>Scrutiny of crime and disorder</b>	BCU Commander – crime and policing in Merton	Report and in-depth discussion	BCU Commander	To hold BCU Commander to account on crime and disorder
<b>Scrutiny of crime and disorder</b>	Safer Merton Update	Report	Kiran Vagarwal, Community Safety Manager	Report to focus on domestic violence and gender based violence
<b>Holding the executive to account</b>	Merton Council as an Employer	Report	Liz Hammond	Review of Mental Health support for employees
<b>Setting the work programme</b>	Work programme 2021/22	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

**Meeting date:** 10 November 2021 (**Deadline for papers:** 5pm, 1 November 2021)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
<b>Holding the executive to account</b>	Business Plan - budget scrutiny (round one)	Report	Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services	To send comments to Cabinet budget meeting 6 December
<b>Holding the executive to account</b>	Your Merton	Report	John Dimmer, Head of Policy, Strategy and Partnerships; Catherine Dunn; Rob Francis @ Traverse	
<b>Holding the executive to account</b>	Council's Communications Service	Report	Matt Burrows, Interim Head of Customer Experience & Communications	Update on communications service; including communication priorities, complaint handling, resident satisfaction levels & Your Merton work
<b>Setting the work programme</b>	Work programme 2021/22	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme

**Meeting date:** 19 January 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 10 January 2022*)

<b>Scrutiny category</b>	<b>Item/issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead member and/or lead officer</b>	<b>Intended outcomes</b>
<b>Budget scrutiny</b>	Business Plan Update – budget scrutiny (round two)	Report – common pack for Panels and Commission	Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services	To report to Cabinet (7 Feb) on budget scrutiny round 2
<b>Budget scrutiny</b>	Scrutiny of the Business Plan; comments and recommendations from the overview and scrutiny panels	Report	Cllr Peter Southgate Scrutiny Officer	To send comments and recommendations from the overview and scrutiny panels to Cabinet on 7 Feb
<b>Scrutiny of crime and disorder</b>	Identify questions for the Borough Commander	Discussion	Cllr Peter Southgate	Plan line of questioning for meeting on 16 March
<b>Setting the work programme</b>	Work programme 2021/22	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

**\*Special\* Meeting date:** 16 February 2022 (**Deadline for papers:** 5pm, 7 February 2022)

<b>Scrutiny category</b>	<b>Item/issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead member and/or lead officer</b>	<b>Intended outcomes</b>
<b>Pre decision scrutiny</b>	CHAS proposals	Report	Louise Round, SLLP	
<b>Holding the executive to account</b>	Equality and Community Cohesion Strategy	Report	Evereth Willis, Equality and Community Cohesion Officer;	Comment on the refresh of the next plan, using learning from Covid 19 and other items
<b>Holding the executive to account</b>	Voluntary sector- How can the community and volunteerism that developed in the pandemic be preserved and enhanced?	Report and discussion  Invite CE of Merton Connected to speak at meeting	John Dimmer, Head of Policy, Strategy and Partnerships	Consider also how businesses and charities can be encouraged to continue supporting their communities
<b>Setting the work programme</b>	Work programme 2021/22	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 16 March 2022 (**Deadline for papers: 5pm, 7 March 2022**)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
<b>Scrutiny of crime and disorder</b>	BCU Commander – crime and policing in Merton	Report and in-depth discussion	BCU Commander	To hold BCU Commander to account on crime and disorder
<b>Scrutiny of crime and disorder</b>	Safer Merton Update		Kiran Vagarwal, Community Safety Manager	Report to focus on ASB and designing out crime
<b>Scrutiny Review</b>	Universal Credit	Report and discussion Invite Mitcham Job Centre and CAB	David Keppler, Head of Revenues & Benefits	
<b>Performance management</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report	Report	Cllr Peter Southgate	To approve and forward to Council
<b>Performance management</b>	Planning the Commission's 2022/23 work programme	Report	Cllr Peter Southgate	To review 2021/22 and agree priorities for 2022/23

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