

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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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
Holding the executive to account	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	
Holding the executive to account	Recovery and Modernisation Programme	Presentation	Chris Lee, Director of E&R Frank Dick, Head of Recovery	
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	Identify questions for the Borough Commander	Discussion	Cllr Peter Southgate, Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Plan line of questioning for 8 September meeting
Performance management	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~~)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	BCU Commander – crime and policing in Merton	Report and in-depth discussion	BCU Commander	To hold BCU Commander to account on crime and disorder
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	Safer Merton Update	Report	Kiran Vagarwal, Community Safety Manager	Report to focus on domestic violence and gender based violence
Holding the executive to account	Merton Council as an Employer	Report	Liz Hammond	Review of Mental Health support for employees
Setting the work programme	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
Holding the executive to account	Business Plan - budget scrutiny (round one)	Report	Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services	To send comments to Cabinet budget meeting 6 December
Holding the executive to account	Your Merton	Report	John Dimmer, Head of Policy, Strategy and Partnerships; Catherine Dunn; Rob Francis @ Traverse	
Holding the executive to account	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
Setting the work programme	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)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Budget scrutiny	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
Budget scrutiny	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
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	Identify questions for the Borough Commander	Discussion	Cllr Peter Southgate	Plan line of questioning for meeting on 16 March
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2021/22	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

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

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Pre decision scrutiny	CHAS proposals	Report	Louise Round, SLLP	
Holding the executive to account	Safer Merton update - Safety of women and girls in Merton	Report	Peter Clifton, Safer Merton	Update following the council motion on 21st April 2021 in relation to the safety of women and girls in Merton
Holding the executive to account	Hate Crime Strategy 2022-26	Report	Katy Saunders, Safer Merton	
Task Group report	Repurposing the High Streets	Report	Cllr Peter Southgate; Stella Akintan	
Setting the work programme	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**)

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Scrutiny of crime and disorder	BCU Commander – crime and policing in Merton	Report and in-depth discussion	BCU Commander	To hold BCU Commander to account on crime and disorder
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	Safer Merton Update		Kiran Vagarwal, Community Safety Manager	Report to focus on ASB and designing out crime
Scrutiny Review	Equality and Community Cohesion Strategy	Report	Evereth Willis, Equality and Community Cohesion Officer; John Dimmer; Chris Lee	Comment on the refresh of the next plan, using learning from Covid 19 and other items
Task Group report	Preventing Gambling Harms	Report	Cllr Joan Henry; Stella Akintan	
Performance management	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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