

Overview and Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2022/23



This table sets out the draft Overview and Scrutiny Commission's Work Programme for 2022/23 following discussions at the topic workshop on 7 June 2022.

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: 13 July 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 12pm, 5 July 2022*)

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 2022/23	Verbal update with Q&A	Cllr Ross Garrod, Leader of the Council; Hannah Doody, Chief Executive	
Holding the executive to account	CHAS Proposals	Report	Louise Round, Managing Director, South London Legal Partnership	Confidential paper
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	Identify questions for the Borough Commander	Discussion	Cllr Ed Foley, Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Plan line of questioning for 7 September meeting
Standing item	Overview and Scrutiny Commission work programme 22/23	Report	Cllr Ed Foley Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Discuss and approve work programme and re-establishment of the FMTG

Meeting date: 7 September 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 29 August 2022*)

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 – VAWG Strategy	Report	Zoe Gallen, Domestic Abuse & VAWG Lead	Report to focus on safety of women and girls in Merton
Holding the executive to account	Public Space Protection Orders	Report	Kelly Marshall, Strategic Development Lead	
Scrutiny review	Scrutiny Annual Report 21/22	Report	Chair and Scrutiny Officer	Agree content before presentation at Council
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 9 November 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 1 November 2022*)

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 on 5 December
Holding the executive to account	Equality & Community Cohesion Strategy update	Report	Evereth Willis	Update on refresh of the strategy
Holding the executive to account	Council website	Report	Sean Cunniffe, Head of Customer Contact; Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services	Focus on resident experience, resident survey feedback (if available) and
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme

Meeting date: 18 January 2023 (**Deadline for papers: 5pm, 9 January 2023**)

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
Holding the executive to account	Merton as an employer	Report	Peter Little, Head of Organisational Development	Update on Workforce Strategy
Scrutiny of crime and disorder	Identify questions for the Borough Commander	Discussion	Cllr Peter Southgate	Plan line of questioning for meeting on 15 March
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 25 January 2023 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 17 January 2023*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Voluntary Sector	Report	John Dimmer, Head of PSP; Merton Connected	Report to include information on grants and infrastructure support, exposure for voluntary groups, publicity and signposting
Holding the executive to account	Merton as a service provider	Report	Roger Kershaw,	External review of contract procurement
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2022/23	Written report	Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme.

Meeting date: 15 March 2023 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 6 March 2023*)

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		Kiran Vagarwal, Community Safety Manager	Report to focus on ASB and designing out crime
Performance management	Planning the Commission's 2023/24 work programme	Report	Cllr Peter Southgate	To review 2022/23 and agree priorities for 2023/24

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