



Sustainable Communities Work Programme 2022/23

This table sets out the draft Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel'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 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: ~~29 June 2022 (Deadline for papers: 5pm, 22 June 2022)~~

| Item/issue | How | Lead member and/or lead officer | Intended outcomes |
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| Cabinet Member Priorities | Verbal update with Q&A | Cabinet Members for: Housing and Sustainable Development, Local Environment, Green Spaces and Climate | To understand current priorities in relation to Panel work programme |
| Fly tipping strategy and Action Plan review | | John Bosley Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Green Spaces and Climate | |
| Performance monitoring | Basket of indicators plus verbal report | AD for Public Space, AD for Sustainable Communities | To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information |
| Work programme 2022/23 | Written report | Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer | To agree the work programme. |

Meeting date: 1 September 2022 (~~Deadline for papers: 5pm, 23 August 2022~~)

| Item/issue | How | Lead member and/or lead officer | Intended outcomes |
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| Cabinet Member Priorities | Verbal update with Q&A | Cabinet Member for Transport | To understand current priorities in relation to Panel work programme |
| Climate Change and Net Zero progress | Report | Dominique Hill; Amy Mallet | Receive update on the Climate Change action plan and the Council's Net Zero progress |
| Active Travel: Cycling infrastructure and facilities in the borough, including cycle lanes and storage spaces/hangars. | Report | Louisa Green; Paul McGarry, Head of FutureMerton Cabinet Member for Transport | |
| School Streets – Lessons learned review | Report | Mitra Dubet; Paul McGarry, Head of FutureMerton | The panel RESOLVED in January to request officers produce a lessons learned paper on the implementation of school streets. |
| Performance monitoring | Basket of indicators plus verbal report | Adrian Ash, Director of Environment and Regeneration | To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information |
| Work programme 2022/23 | Written report | Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer | To agree the work programme. |

Meeting date: 3 November 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 25 October 2022*)

| Item/issue | How | Lead member and/or lead officer | Intended outcomes |
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| Clarion: Repairs and Maintenance | Written report | Representatives from Clarion will be invited to attend the session | Monitor progress of recommendations |
| Cllr Natasha Irons – Brief update re; Waste and recycling | Verbal update | Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Green spaces, and Climate Change | |
| Clarion Housing: Estate Regeneration – including climate elements of building | Written report | | |
| Performance monitoring | Basket of indicators plus verbal report | Adrian Ash, Director of Environment and Regeneration | To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information |
| Work programme 2022/23 | Written report | Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer | To agree the work programme. |

Meeting date: 19 January 2023 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 10 January 2023*)

| Item/issue | How | Lead member and/or lead officer | Intended outcomes |
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| 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 |
| Tree Strategy development | Written report to include Nature based solutions to pollution – pocket parks, hedgerows; Polluted hotspots in borough where hedgerows and tress could mitigate. | John Bosley; Cabinet Member | Consider hotspots from session on air quality - Request recommend hotspots get hedgerows. Polluted hotspots in borough where hedgerows and tress could mitigate. |
| Idverde | Focus on sustainability and best practice. | John Bosley, Andrew Kauffman | |
| Performance monitoring | Basket of indicators plus verbal report | Adrian Ash, Director of Environment and Regeneration | To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information |
| Work programme 2022/23 | Written report | Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer | To agree the work programme. |

Meeting date: 23 February 2023 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 14 February 2023*)

| Item/issue | How | Lead member and/or lead officer | Intended outcomes |
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| Air Quality | Tracking poor air quality hotspots & HGV traffic and pollution hotspots in the borough | Jason Andrews Cabinet Member | Consider nature-based solutions |
| Flooding issues | Report | Tom Sly, Flood Management Officer | Thames Water independent review on flooding events in the borough |
| Housing: Support for renters / Housing enforcement | Report | Elliot Brunton, Head of Housing and Strategy | Include any updates from Panels Feb 2022 recommendations |
| Performance monitoring | Basket of indicators plus verbal report | Adrian Ash, Director of Environment and Regeneration | To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information |
| Work programme 2022/23 | Written report | Rosie McKeever, Scrutiny Officer | To agree the work programme. |

Meeting date: 8 March 2023 (*Deadline for papers: 5pm, 27 February 2023*)

| Item/issue | How | Lead member and/or lead officer | Intended outcomes |
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| Disability Access | Written report | | Include accessibility at stations |
| Council Retrofitting Plans | Written report | Dominique Hill; Amy Mallet | |
| Planning enforcement | Written report | Cabinet member, James McGinlay, Lesley Barakchizadeh | Invite Officers to report back on the backlog of cases |
| Performance Monitoring | Basket of indicators plus verbal report | Adrian Ash, Director of Environment and Regeneration | |
| 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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