



Sustainable Communities Work Programme 2014/15

This table sets out the Sustainable Communities Panel Work Programme for 2014/15; the items listed were agreed by the Panel at its meeting on 24th June 2014. This Work Programme will be considered at every meeting of the Panel to enable it to respond to issues of concern and incorporate reviews or to comment upon 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.

The Sustainable Communities Panel has specific responsibilities regarding Budget and Business Plan Scrutiny and Performance Monitoring for which Lead Members are appointed:

The Performance Monitoring Lead for 2014/15 is Councillor
The Budget and Business Plan Lead for 2014/15 is Councillor

The Task Group Review for the 2014/15 work programme is Housing Supply.

Scrutiny Support

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For more information about overview and scrutiny at LB Merton, please visit www.merton.gov.uk/scrutiny

Meeting date –16th September 2014

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/lead officer	Intended outcomes
Pre decision scrutiny	Inward Investment Strategy	Report	Chris Lee/James McGinlay	To comment on the councils draft inward investment strategy and make any recommendations to Cabinet.
Scrutiny Review	Economic Development Strategy	Report	Chris Lee/James McGinlay	To receive a progress update on delivery of the councils economic development strategy.
Scrutiny Review	Climate Change and Green Deal Task Group	Executive Response and Action Plan	Chris Lee	To provide a response and associated action plan from the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration on how the task groups recommendations will be taken forward.
Response	Attendance at Youth Parliament meeting 15 th September 2014	Presentation	Panel Members	Panel members to attend the next scheduled meeting of the Youth Parliament on 15 th September to provide a response on their topic suggestions and the panels work programme and opportunities to get involved.
Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Cllr	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary

Meeting date – 29th September 2014**Special meeting of the Panel – Circle Merton Priory Homes**

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/lead officer	Intended outcomes

Performance Monitoring	Monitoring of stock transfer to Merton Priory Homes (including street cleaning strategy/estate maintenance)	Report/Presentation	Steve Langley	To receive an update from MPH on delivery of the commitments within the housing stock transfer agreement.
Scrutiny Review	Update on Regeneration Proposals – CHMP	Report	Steve Langley	To provide members with a briefing on the outcomes of councils consideration of the regeneration proposals from CHMP and to identify any opportunities for further scrutiny by the Panel.

Meeting date –11th November 2014

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/lead officer	Intended outcomes
Pre decision scrutiny	Budget/Business Plan	Report	Chris Lee/Simon Williams/Caroline Holland	To comment on the councils budget proposals at phase 1.
Pre decision scrutiny	20 Mph zones/road safety	Report	Chris Lee	To comment on the findings of the research undertaken by the E&R department on 20mph zones and make any recommendations on associated proposals for 20mph zones/limits in the borough.
Scrutiny Review	Morden Leisure Centre	Report	Chris Parsloe	To provide an update to the Panel on the development of Morden leisure Centre.
Scrutiny Review	Co-option	Report	Rebecca Redman	To discuss the possibility of co-opting members onto the Panel and task group.
Performance Monitoring	Adult Skills and Employability Task Group – Progress on implementation of action plan	Report	James McGinlay/Yvonne Tomlin Cllr Holmes (Member Champion)	To performance monitor delivery of the action plan resulting from the task groups review of adult skills and employability.

Information item	Community Toilet Scheme	Briefing note via email	Chris Lee	To provide members with information on the community toilet scheme and performance to date to determine if any further scrutiny is to be undertaken in this area.
Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Cllr	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary

Meeting date – 8th January 2015

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/lead officer	Intended outcomes
Pre decision scrutiny	Budget and business plan scrutiny	Report	Chris Lee/Simon Williams/Caroline Holland	To comment on the budget and business plan proposals at phase 2 and make any recommendations to the Commission to consider and coordinate a response to Cabinet.
Scrutiny Review	Housing Supply Task Group – Scoping Report	Scoping Report	Rebecca Redman	To agree the scope for the task group review of housing supply.

Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting (including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Update		To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary
Work Programme 2014/15	Work programme	Schedule	Rebecca Redman	To identify any items for inclusion in the work programme or any necessary amendments to the schedule

Meeting date –25th February 2015

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/lead officer	Intended outcomes
Performance monitoring	Town Centre Parking and Parking at Neighbourhood Shopping Parades – Action Plans	Report	Paul Walshe	To enable members to undertake performance monitoring of delivery of the councils action plans on parking in town centres and at neighbourhood shopping parades.
Performance Monitoring	Climate Change and Green Deal Task Group – Action Plan	Report	James McGinlay	To enable Members to undertake performance monitoring of the delivery of the action plan resulting from their task group review of Climate Change and the Green Deal
Performance Reporting	Town Centre Regeneration Update (including updates on developments re: developing cycling provision)	Presentation	James McGinlay	To provide a progress update on delivery of the councils town centre regeneration programme.
Performance Monitoring	Libraries	Presentation by Head of Libraries	Anthony Hopkins	To provide the annual report on libraries service and to inform members of proposed future development of the libraries service.

Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report		To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary
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Work Programme 2014/15	Work programme	Schedule	Rebecca Redman	To identify any items for inclusion in the work programme or any necessary amendments to the schedule
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Meeting date –18th March 2015

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/ lead officer	Intended outcomes
Scrutiny Review	Street Lighting	Report	Chris Lee	To provide a briefing to members on the councils approach to street lighting and possible technology that could be used, including the position of the councils street lighting contract.
Scrutiny Review	Arts and Green Spaces	Presentation by Cabinet Member and relevant Heads of Service	Cllr Nick Draper	To provide an overview on developments within the portfolio of Community and Culture by the Cabinet Member.
Scrutiny Review	Parking and congestion outside schools	Report	Paul Walshe	To provide a briefing on measures and enforcement outside schools to enable the Panel to make any recommendations for improvement.
Scrutiny Review	Outlets in town centres (e.g., Betting Shops, Hairdressers, Fast Food) (licensing)	Report	Chris Lee	To consider the rights that the council has to discourage an increase in these types of outlets in town centres where not of benefit to residents or a negative impact is anticipated.
Performance Monitoring	Performance of Circle Housing Merton Priory – Update	Report/Presentation	CHMP	To provide an update on progress following the special meeting of the Panel on 29 th September 2014.
Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Cllr	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary

Scrutiny Review	Topic Suggestions 2014/15	Report	Rebecca Redman	To seek topic suggestions from the Panel to inform discussions about the Panels 2014/15 work programme.
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