

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE - 16 JANUARY 2024
REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY MANAGER
SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report is an update on the work programme and scrutiny activities, setting out reports for upcoming meetings.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Select committee members are recommended to:

- 2.1 Discuss the Select Committee's work programme for the municipal year as set out in Appendix 1.

3 WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

- 3.1 Environment Select Committee has a discrete service-based remit to scrutinise the delivery, outputs and performance of Council services, the development of departmental policy, strategy and projects, and review improved outcomes and satisfaction for residents and service users. The select committee also has a role in reviewing external issues of concern which affect the borough and are of concern to its residents. This external role includes, but is not limited to, scrutinising flooding-related issues and flood risk management.
- 3.2 The Select Committee develops an annual work programme which defines the areas of focus for members and their priorities for the municipal year. This focusing of work should help members to maximise their effectiveness and influence and have a defined impact, making a tangible difference to the services of the Council.¹ While each Select Committee has its own work programme, it is also part of a single work programme for the scrutiny function which is agreed and co-ordinated by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The work programme in Appendix 1 is based on the priorities and issues identified by members of the select committee for meetings in 2023/2024.
- 3.3 The Select Committee keeps its work programme under review and makes adjustments as required if priority issues emerge during the municipal year. The updated work programme is still expected to balance holding the Leadership Team to account through pre-decision scrutiny and post-decision review of outcomes and objectives as well as policy development. This monitoring of the work programme can include adding items based on Key Decisions set out in the Leadership Team's Forward Plan of decision-making.

¹ Overview and Scrutiny Statutory Guidance for Councils (DCLG, 2019) paras 47 and 48

- 3.4 On 2 February 2023 the select committee had an update on the Customer and Resident-Focused Environmental Services Transformation (CREST) Programme presented by the accountable Lead Members, Director of Environment and Communities and the programme lead. It is proposed to bring a further report setting out the progress on CREST back to select committee on 19 March 2024.
- 3.5 The select committee also will consider an additional report at the meeting on 19 March 2024 on road safety in the borough. This report will be based on the data which the Council receives from Transport for London (TfL) on all road collisions that result in a personal injury and that are reported to the Metropolitan Police. This will be the last meeting of the 2023/2024 municipal year.
- 3.6 The select committee is also committed to organising visits related to the priorities in its work programme. A visit to review the work of the North Kensington Energy Co-operative has been organised for the end of January 2024. This is based on the select committee's review of the Council commitment to become a net zero borough by 2040.

FOR DISCUSSION

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Background papers used in the preparation of this report: None other than previously published documents.

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APPENDIX 1

Environment Select Committee 2023/2024

Date of Meeting	Item	Outcomes	Source of Item	Lead Member/ Officers
22 June 2023	Response to Recommendations of Flood Risk Management Working Group	Reviewing responses to recommendations by Leadership Team and Thames Water	Select Committee 25 April 2023	<p>Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning, Place and Environment</p> <p>James Latham, Principal Flood and Water Management Officer</p> <p>Alex Nickson, Head of London Flood Response, Thames Water</p> <p>Graeme Kasselmann, Waste Water Planning System Lead, Thames Water</p> <p>Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning, Place and Environment</p>
	Overview of Waste, Recycling and Enforcement Services 2022/2023	Update on key priorities in the remit of the select committee	Annual Work Programme	<p>Matt Lawrence, Head of Waste Recycling and Street Enforcement</p> <p>Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning, Place and Environment</p>
	Select Committee Work Programme Report	Select Committee to agree priorities for municipal year.	Annual Work Programme	<p>James Diamond, Scrutiny and Policy Officer</p> <p>Jacqui Hird, Scrutiny Manager</p>

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16 October 2023	Air Quality Update	Reviewing data in Air Quality Annual Status Report to Greater London Authority	Annual Work Programme	Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning Place and Environment Andrew Burton, Director of Transport and Regulatory Services Tim Davis, Head of Environmental Health Services Rebecca Brown, Pollution Regulatory Team Manager
	Notting Hill Carnival Environmental Impact	Review outcomes for waste management, littering, graffiti removal following the Notting Hill Carnival and parking provision management.	Annual Work Programme	Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning Place and Environment Terry Oliver, Director of Cleaner Greener Cultural Services Matt Lawrence, Head of Waste Recycling and Street Enforcement Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning Place and Environment
	Work Programme Report	Select Committee to review the work programme.	Annual Work Programme	James Diamond, Scrutiny and Policy Officer Jacqui Hird, Scrutiny Manager

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4 December 2023	Update on Recommendations Select Committee Net Zero Report	Reviewing the implementation of agreed recommendations in 'Carbon Net Zero 2030 The Essential Step to Carbon Zero'	Select committee 11 October 2022	Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning Place and Environment Terry Oliver, Director of Cleaner Greener Cultural Services
	Environmental Services Budget	Scrutiny of Budget and resources.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning Place and Environment Sue Harris, Executive Director, Environment and Communities
	Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	Scrutinise policy development of new strategy being developed with the Risk Management Authorities	Annual Work Programme	Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning Place and Environment James Latham, Principal Flood and Water Management Officer
	Work Programme Report	To review the work programme	Annual Work Programme	Jacqui Hird, Scrutiny Manager

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16 January 2024	Biodiversity Net Gain and Planning Policy	Biodiversity net gain requirements and development of a new Supplementary Planning Document	Select Committee 2 February 2023	Cllr Emma Will, Lead Member for Culture, Leisure and Community Safety Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning Place and Environment Alice Laughton, Ecology Service Manager Jonathan Wade, Head of Spatial Planning

	Planning and Construction Traffic Management Plans (CTMPs).	Review outcomes management of construction vehicle traffic.	Annual Work Programme	Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning Place and Environment Amanda Reid, Director for Planning and Place
	Market Allocation policy	Scrutinise development of new policy.	Annual Work Programme	Cllr Kim Taylor-Smith, Deputy Leader, Employment, Culture and Economy Terry Oliver, Director of Cleaner Greener Cultural Services
	Opera Holland Park Update	Update on Opera Holland Park	Select Committee 11 October 2022	Cllr Kim Taylor-Smith, Deputy Leader, Employment, Culture and Economy Terry Oliver, Director of Cleaner Greener Cultural Services
	Select Committee Work Programme Report	Select Committee to review the work programme	Annual Work Programme	James Diamond, Scrutiny and Policy Officer

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19 March 2024	Customer and Resident-Focused	To review progress with the programme.	Environment Select Committee	Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning Place and Environment

	Environmental Services Transformation (CREST)			Beau Stanford-Francis Executive Director, Environment and Neighbourhoods
	Road Safety in the Borough	To review data and outcomes for road safety.	Environment Select Committee	Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning Place and Environment Andrew Burton, Interim Director of Transport and Regulatory Services
	Select Committee Work Programme Report	Select Committee to review the work programme	Annual Work Programme	James Diamond, Scrutiny and Policy Officer Jacqui Hird, Scrutiny Manager