


LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	WARDS: All
REPORT TITLE: Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2023/24 and Action Tracker	
REPORT OF: Executive Director Supporting Communities	
FOR SUBMISSION TO: Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee	DATE: 10 th July 2023
<p>SUMMARY OF REPORT This paper provides an update on the work programme for the Committee for the year 2023/24 and tracks actions from previous meetings.</p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION: No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report</p> <p>CONTACT OFFICER: Emma Haigh Head of Strategy Supporting Communities 5 Pancras Square London N1C 4AG Telephone: 020 7974 8832 Email: emma.haigh@camden.gov.uk</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>The Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and identify any issues or areas for consideration within the proposed work programme for 2023/24 and to note the actions taken arising from previous meetings.</p>	
<p>SIGNED:</p> <p></p> <p>Gillian Marston, Executive Director Supporting Communities</p> <p>DATE: 26 June 2023</p>	

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report provides an outline of the proposed 2022/23 work programme for the Committee at Appendix A. It also presents an update on progress in following up on actions from previous meetings.

2. Terms of reference

- 2.1 The Committee has the following terms of reference:

1. To scrutinise the Council's cultural and environmental policies and the provision, planning, financing, management and performance of services relating to culture, environment, regeneration, community safety, parking strategy and operations, and the voluntary sector provided by the Supporting Communities and Corporate Services Directorates and other service providers.
2. To be the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee.

3. General information about planning the work programme

- 3.1 The work programme should be informed by the corporate priorities of the Council, the priorities of the relevant portfolio holders, and issues raised by our communities.
- 3.2 The Joint Chairs of Scrutiny have been working with the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), members of the Cabinet, other scrutiny committee members and senior officers to review the Council's scrutiny function and develop options for the future improvement of scrutiny. The Joint Chairs of Scrutiny have proposed that the following prioritisation criteria be considered as a good practice approach to supporting the ruthless prioritisation of individual scrutiny committee agenda items:
- Will improve outcomes for residents and local communities and/or value for money;
 - Is of significant relevance to residents and local communities;
 - Will contribute to the understanding and/or delivery of agreed strategic priorities;
 - Will help develop a shared understanding of a problem, its challenges, opportunities and possible solutions;
 - Will promote wider engagement with local residents, communities and the local voluntary and community sector (VCS);
 - Will increase collaborative working, sharing of information, networking and engaging across stakeholders.
- 3.3 The Committee covers a wide range of services as seen in the terms of reference. The structure chart at Appendix C identifies the key senior officers who hold these services within their divisions.
- 3.4 A provisional work programme is available at Appendix A. Further changes can be made as the Committee considers appropriate. The Committee is asked to

review the contents of the work programme and provide their views on what the Committee may wish to discuss during the 2022/23 municipal year. There may also be matters that emerge during the year that warrant amendments to the programme.

- 3.5 The Committee is also invited to consider what, if any, forthcoming key Cabinet decisions it wishes to look at in advance of those decisions being taken. Forward Plan items under the Committee's remit are set out at Appendix B.
- 3.6 An action tracker, which updates on progress in following up the Committee's actions, is at Appendix D.

4 Scrutiny Panels

- 4.1 The Committee can form scrutiny panels to look at more specific areas under its remit. These are task-and-finish panels and should be established with clear terms of reference and target date to report back to the main Committee.
- 4.2 The Committee is constitutionally limited to one panel at a time, and co-ordination of Panels should be agreed by the Joint Chairs of Scrutiny Committee to ensure effective use and co-ordination of resources across all scrutiny committees.

5 Legal comments of the Borough Solicitor

- 5.1 There are no legal comments arising from this report.

6 Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services

- 6.1 There are no finance comments arising from this report.

REPORT ENDS

Appendix A: Culture and Environment Work Programme 2023/24

Meeting date and theme	Item
Monday 10 th July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to sport for Young People• Libraries• Primrose Hill• Corporate Performance report Q4

Upcoming meetings

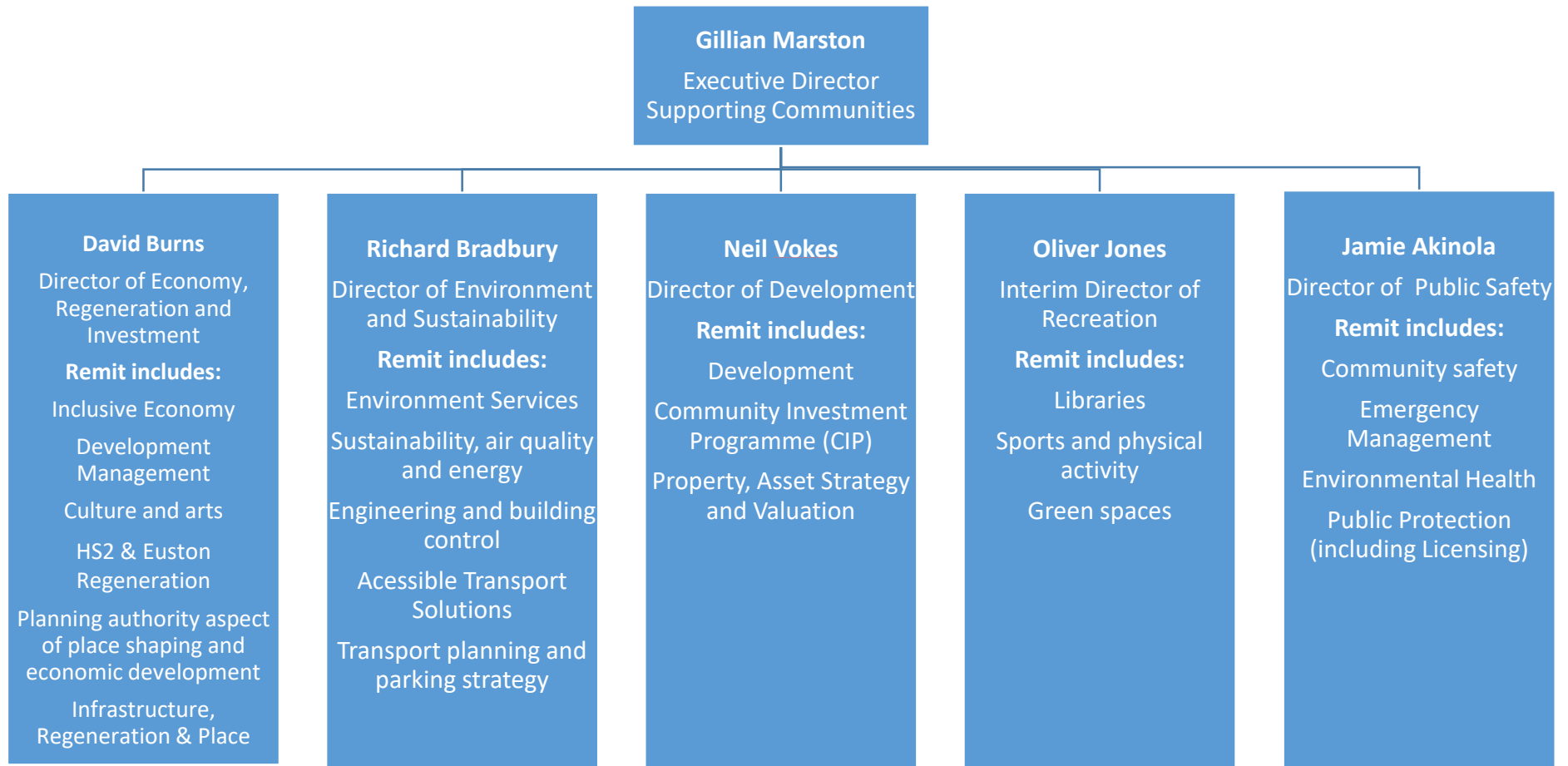
Meeting date and theme	Item
Monday 11 th September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culture• Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden• Report of the circular economy scrutiny panel
Monday 13 th November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual report of the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities• Evening and Night-time Economy Strategy• Environment services contract• Tree Strategy update• Use of pesticides
Thursday 14 th December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual report of the Cabinet Member for Voluntary Sector, Equalities and Cohesion• Climate Resilience Plan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NLWA Joint Waste Strategy • Dockless Bike Hire Parking Management
Monday 22 nd January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report of the Cabinet Member for New Homes, Jobs and Community Investment • Met Police Turnaround Plan • Violence Against Women and Girls Update
Monday 26 th February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Cabinet Adviser on Safety for Women and Girls • Safer Cleaner Enforcement • Climate Action Plan Annual Review • Transport Strategy delivery update

Appendix B: Forward Plan items under the Committee's remit (1 July 2023 – 31 October 2023)

Item	Summary	Decision-making body	Indicative decision date
Creating a Camden Community Wealth Fund	To consider the creation of Camden Community Wealth Fund, including purpose and mandate, management and governance arrangements, participation principles, and budget for capitalisation and operation.	Cabinet	12 July 2023
Update of the Council's Medium Term Financial Position	To consider an update on the Council's Medium Term Financial position including the provisional revenue outturn for 2022/23 including use of reserves, the provisional capital outturn, and an update of the capital programme.	Cabinet	12 July 2023
Update on work to tackle the Cost of Living Crisis	To update on the Cost of Living Members Group to oversee the Council's work to tackle the cost of living crisis and make a decision on the use of the Family Crisis Fund for 2023/2024.	Cabinet	12 July 2023
Freight and Servicing Action Plan	To consider the draft Freight and Servicing Action Plan for the freight and servicing sectors, which identifies how these sectors contribute to transport challenges and how these will be addressed.	Cabinet	28 February 2024

Appendix C: Supporting Communities structure related to Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee*



* NB: This is not the full top level Supporting Communities structure chart

Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Action Tracker 2022/23

ACTION	OFFICER / ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE	COMPLETED
November 2022			
<p><u>Delancey Street Weight Restriction Deputation</u></p> <p>To look into providing a progress report on the Council building up relationships and working with the concrete companies using the Kings Cross Plants to limit the environmental impacts their vehicles were having as they drove through Camden Centre.</p>	<p>Principal Transport Planner / Strategic Lead Transport Planning</p>		
<p><u>Deputation</u></p> <p>To bring a report back to the Committee in six – twelve months on the Council’s approach to Powered two-wheel vehicles.</p>	<p>Director of Environment and Sustainability/ Senior Policy Officer</p>		
January 2023			

February 2023

BELSIZE BURST FLOOD REPORT

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Thames Water agreed to provide an update on the cause of the burst when the metallurgical report became available and an update on the settlement of insurance claims at a later date.

London Water
Director Thames
Water, and
London Water
System Planning
Manager Thames
Water

Thames Water agreed to share with the Committee an update on the 9km Distribution mains work programme.

London Water
Director Thames
Water, and
London Water
System Planning
Manager Thames
Water

The State of the Borough Report

To provide the data which justified the information presented on page 232 of the agenda that there was not much fly tipping occurring in the borough.

Strategic and
Evidence Lead

March 2023

Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for New Homes, Jobs and Community Investment

a link to the CIP annual report and investment in new homes on the Council website could be circulated to members.

Cabinet Member for New Homes, Jobs and Community Investment

Promoting Green Space and Biodiversity in Camden

(1) A report on the issues with Pesticides and the Council's approach to be considered at a future C+E meeting possibly July 2023.

(2) To raise the issue of keeping Hampstead Cemetery open with the Islington and Camden Cemetery Service Board and report back to the Committee.

Director of Recreation

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(1) This has been added to the November 2023 meeting because the EU report is only due in July.

May 2023

Primrose Hill Park Deputation

The Director of Public Safety agreed to find out from Royal Parks the number of on-the-spot fines they had issued for crime and anti-social behaviour.

To invite Royal Parks to the Committee's next meeting on 10th July to respond to the issues raised in the deputation, and in particular to provide

- The outcome of the consultation/survey on closing the park
- How Royal Parks can/should effectively communicate the reporting process of incidents/crimes occurring in the park/surrounding area
- To provide a plan of action in dealing with the issues raised

Director of Public Safety/ Royal Parks

Director of Public Safety/ Royal Parks

<p><u>Dockless Bike Hire Parking Management</u></p> <p>The operating companies (Lime and Human Forest) should looking into installing an application navigation feature which would re-route bikes to the nearest parking bay and also setting up no go zones in the borough. So that If an attempt to cycle into a no-go zone is made the bike would automatically shut down.</p> <p>That a report on the Dockless Bike Hire Parking Management be brought back to Committee in 6 months' time.</p>	<p>Lime Operator/Head of Transport Strategy and Projects</p> <p>Lime Operator/Head of Transport Strategy and Projects</p>		
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