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REPORT TO:	SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 9TH JUNE 2015
AGENDA ITEM:	8
SUBJECT:	INITIAL SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2015-16
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Director of Legal and Democratic Services
PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:	Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny

ORIGIN OF ITEM:	The Council's constitution requires the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to agree the scrutiny work programme for the municipal year.
PURPOSE:	To agree the scrutiny work programme for future meetings.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Scrutiny and Overview Committee has a constitutional responsibility to monitor the scrutiny programme each municipal year.

2. LOCAL ACTION MINI REVIEWS

There have been no new requests to undertake Local Action Mini Reviews by Members of the Council.

3. INITIAL SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2015-16

3.1 The Scrutiny Procedure Rules (extracted from the Constitution) state that:

"6.01 ...the Scrutiny and Overview Committee shall be responsible for setting its own work programme and the initial work programme of its Sub-Committees.

6.02 A balanced work programme should be developed including pre- and post-decision scrutiny, monitoring and external scrutiny. As far as reasonably practicable, there should be wide consultation on the work programme with Councillors, Chief Officers, external agencies and the wider community prior to its consideration by the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.”

3.2 An overview of the initial scrutiny work programme for all scrutiny committees 2015-16 is attached as **Appendix 1**.

3.3 The Scrutiny and Overview Committee work programme 2015-16 is attached as **Appendix 2**.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SCRUTINY & STRATEGIC OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

The Scrutiny and Overview Committee (SOC) is recommended to:

4.1 Agree, with any amendments, the scrutiny work programme overview for 2015-16 as set out in Appendix 1, Scrutiny Work Programme Overview 2015-16 (all committees)

4.2 Agree, with any amendments, the initial scrutiny work programme for the Scrutiny and Overview Committee 2015-16.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 Scrutiny Work Programme Scrutiny 2015-16 (all committees)

Appendix 2 Initial Work Programme for the Scrutiny and Overview Committee 2015-16

INITIAL SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

Items in italics to be confirmed

SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (SOC)	9 June 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Leader (post-election impact) • Work programme • Terms of reference 	8 September 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Finance and Treasury • <i>Overview of Council Contracts</i> • <i>FM procurement contract update</i> 	3 November 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Culture, Leisure and Sport • <i>Capital budgets</i> 	15 December 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Leader and CX • <i>Budget 2016/17 and performance</i> 	19 January 16 (change of date) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Economy and Jobs • <i>Night time economy (inc. policing and licensing)</i> 	22 March 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Communities, Safety & Justice • <i>Safer Croydon Partnership</i> • <i>Stronger Communities Partnership (update)</i> • <i>Scrutiny Annual report (draft)</i> 	12 April 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Topics for 2016/17</i> • <i>Digital inclusion</i> • <i>Financial inclusion</i> 	
HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE (HSCH)	23 June 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work programme - Terms of reference - Co-option Healthwatch rep - CCG 	15 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronic conditions • Transitions • Ambulance service 	22 September JOINT MEETING WITH CYP SUB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAMHS - Children affected by domestic violence 	10 November 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - QT: Homes, Regeneration & Planning - Homelessness/tenancy strategies - Adult safeguarding - Housing repairs 	8 December 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GP Performance - Immunisation - Professions allied to medicine 	26 January 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - QT: Families, Health & Social Care - Better Care Fund - Croydon Health Services NHS Trust - PH Annual Report (themes 2016) 	8 March 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SLAM (and CAMHS) - Immunisation - HWB (nb. sexual health) - Review of the Work Programme 	10 May 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Topics for 2016/17</i> - <i>Quality Accounts</i>
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SUB-COMMITTEE (CYP)	16 June 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School places • Estates strategy • Work programme • Terms of reference 	14 July 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children's Plan – focus on fostering and adoption (safeguarding) - Cabinet response report & action plan re. children's safeguarding recommendations 	22 September 15 JOINT MEETING WITH HEALTH SUB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAMHS - Children affected by domestic violence 	17 November 15 YOUNG PEOPLE 'S TAKEOVER MEETING	12 January 16 (change of date) -QT: Children, Young People & Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School standards and inclusion - <i>The Budget 2016/17</i> - Review of the Work Programme 	15 March 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safeguarding/ Council social care - Transition from children's social care to adult social care - The work of the Children's Safeguarding Board and its Annual Report - <i>Topics for 2016/17</i> 		
STREETS AND ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (S&E)	30 June 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work programme - Terms of reference - Scene setting from stakeholders re. Croydon Transport Vision 	29 September 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - QT: Transport & Environment - <i>Network Rail</i> 	24 November 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Planning policy reference housing, communities and neighbourhoods</i> 	2 February 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - QT: Green and Clean - <i>Village style street cleaning and waste collection</i> - <i>Street lighting PFI contract</i> 	1 March 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of the Work Programme - <i>Sustainability</i> - <i>Flood risk management</i> 	5 April 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Topics for 2016/17</i> - <i>Public realm design guide</i> 		

Council Meetings – Annual Council 21st May 2015

Full Council 13th July 2015, 19th October 2015, 7th December 2015, 29th February 2016 (*Council Tax*), 18th April 2016 (*Scrutiny Annual Report*)

Cabinet Meetings

22nd June 2015, 20th July 2015, 21st September 2015, 20th October 2015, 16th November 2015, 14th December 2015, 18th January 2016, 21st March 2016, 25th April 2016

LONG LIST OF TOPICS: For consideration for inclusion and scheduling in the work programme.

SOC

- Contracts – review Capita/ grounds maintenance contracts etc
- Stronger Communities Partnership – 12 months on (Spring 2016?)
- Criminal justice system (including the probation service following significant changes to this service)
- Police accountability
- Capital programmes – do we get value for money from them?
- Essential/ front line workers – the council's response to lack of workers (recruitment and retention)
- Effects/ impact of social isolation (*SOC or Health?*)
- Fairness Commission
- Economic Loan Fund (March 2016?)

CYP

- Youth employability
- Sports and physical activity
- Fostering and adoption
- The Youth offer in the borough
- The transition from children's social care to adult social care
- The impact of parenting on educational attainment and achievement

Health

- Long list of items have been scheduled within the Health work programme for 2015/16
- Further items which arise during the year may need to be accommodated

Streets

- Vision Zero Initiative – does it work? Take in information from around the world/ best practice
- Planning and the future – alleviating fears about change bringing a possible loss of familiar neighbourhoods
- Rat-running – what can we do?
- Public Realm Design Guide – sustainability and longevity vs aesthetics
- Sustainability (March 16)
- Network Rail inc. options for infrastructure improvements resulting from the Sussex Route Study and implications for Croydon
- Council housing – should the council be building more houses/ possible impact of differential land values (*Streets or Health?*)
- School Travel Plans – progress on getting schools involved and plans for the future (*Streets or CYP?*)

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<i>Meeting 1: 9 June 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon</i>			
Number	Item details and report authors	Lead Officer	Lines of Enquiry
1	Committee Membership, Chairing and Sub-Committees <i>Solomon Agutu</i>	<i>Julie Belvir, Director of Democratic and Legal Services</i>	To confirm the nominations of appointments to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and its Sub-Committees made at full Council on 21 st May 2015
2	Question Time: The Leader of the Council	Nathan Elvery	To consider the potential impact of the results of the recent General Election on Croydon.
3	The Initial Scrutiny work programme 2015-16 – <i>Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services & Scrutiny</i>	Julie Belvir	To agree an initial scrutiny work programme for 2015-16

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<i>Meeting 2: 8th September 2014, 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon</i>			
Number	Item details and report authors	Lead officer(s)	Lines of Enquiry
1	Councillor Simon Hall, Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury	Not applicable	Cabinet Member Question Time
2	<i>Overview of Council Contracts</i>	Sarah Ireland	
3	<i>FM procurement contract – update</i>	Richard Simpson	
4	Work Programme - Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services & Scrutiny	Julie Belvir	To review and make any adjustments to the remaining work programme.

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<i>Meeting 3: 3rd November 2015, 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon</i>			
Number	Item details and report authors	Lead Officer	Lines of Enquiry
1	Councillor Timothy Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport	Not applicable	Cabinet Member Question Time
2	<i>Capital Budgets</i>		
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4	Work Programme - Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services & Scrutiny	Julie Belvir	To review and make any adjustments to the remaining work programme.

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<i>Meeting 4: 15th December 2015, 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon</i>			
Number	Item details and report authors	Lead Officer	Lines of Enquiry
1	The Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive	Not applicable	Cabinet Member Question Time
2	Pre-decision scrutiny: The Council Budget Richard Simpson, Assistant Chief Executive Corporate Resources and s151 Officer	Nathan Elvery	To scrutinise the proposed 2016-17 Council Budget.
3	Work Programme - Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services & Scrutiny	Julie Belvir	To review and make any adjustments to the remaining work programme.

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<i>Meeting 5: 19th January 2016, 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon</i>			
Number	Item details and report authors	Lead Officer	Lines of Enquiry
1	Councillor Toni Letts, Cabinet Member Economy and Jobs	Not applicable	Cabinet Member Question Time
2	<i>Night time economy (including policing and licensing)</i>		
3	Work Programme - Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services & Scrutiny	Julie Belvir	To review and make any adjustments to the remaining work programme.

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<i>Meeting 6: 22nd March 2016, 6.30pm, Council Chamber</i>			
Number	Item details and report authors	Lead Officer	Lines of Enquiry
1	Councillor Mark Watson, Cabinet Member for Communities, Safety and Justice	Not applicable	Cabinet Member Question Time
2	<i>Safer Croydon Partnership (repeat offending and the criminal justice system)</i>		
3	<i>Stronger Communities Partnership (update)</i>		
4	Scrutiny Annual Report (draft) including a Review of the 2015-16 work programme - Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services & Scrutiny	Julie Belvir	

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<i>Meeting 7: 12th April 2016, 6.30pm, Council Chamber</i>			
Number	Item details and report authors	Lead Officer	Lines of Enquiry
1	<i>Digital inclusion</i>	Graham Cadle	
2	<i>Financial inclusion</i>	Mark Fowler	
3	Topics for 2016-17 - <i>Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services & Scrutiny</i>	Julie Belvir	To review the work programme for 2015/16 and to consider topics for inclusion on the 2016/17 work programme