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REPORT TO:	SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 12 APRIL 2016
AGENDA ITEM:	9
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17
LEAD OFFICER:	Statutory Scrutiny Officer
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 consider a 'long list' of topics for the scrutiny work programme for meetings 2016/17.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 2.1 Note that the draft Scrutiny Work Programme attached as Appendix 1 to this report assumes that responsibility for 'housing' will be removed from the Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee and be allocated to the Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee at the full Council meeting on 18 April 2016 (as recommended by Scrutiny and Overview Committee at its meeting on 22 March 2016)
- 2.2 Agree, with any amendments, the topics for consideration at the first meeting of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and each Sub-Committee for the new municipal year 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 1

- 2.3 Make suggestions for topics to be added to the 'long list of topics' for the scrutiny work programme overview for all Scrutiny Committees 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report
- 2.4 Agree that the Chairs of Scrutiny agree an initial scrutiny work programme 2016/17 for consideration at the Scrutiny and Overview Committee meeting on 27 June 2016

3. INITIAL SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17

- 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 2016/17 and a 'long list' of potential topics is attached as **Appendix 1**.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 Draft at a Glance Scrutiny Work Programme Scrutiny 2016/17 (all committees)

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17¹ - as at 30 March 2016²

SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (SOC)	28 June 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Leader & CX • Work programme • Terms of reference 	6 September 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Finance and Treasury • Work programme 	1 November 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Culture, Leisure and Sport • Work programme 	13 December 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Leader and CX (performance and budget) • Budget 2017/18 and performance • Work programme 	10 January 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Economy and Jobs • Work programme 	7 March 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Communities, Safety & Justice • Work programme • Scrutiny Annual report (draft) 	11 April 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics for 2017/18
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE (HSC)	19 July 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work programme • Terms of reference • HealthWatch Co-option • HealthWatch Update • JHOSC update • Priorities for 2016/17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCG - CHS - SLaM - ?LAS 	27 September 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HealthWatch Co-option • HealthWatch Update • JHOSC update • Director of Public Health Annual Report • Work programme 	8 November 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work programme 	17 January 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Families, Health & Social Care • • Work programme 	21 March 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Work Programme 	16 May 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics for 2017/18 • Priorities for 2017/18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCG - CHS - SLaM - LAS • Quality Accounts 	
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE (CYP)	14 June 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home schooling • Exclusions mini review • School places • Work programme • Terms of reference 	13 September 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Work programme 	11 October 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Work programme 	6 December 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Work programme 	7 February 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Children, Young People & Learning • The Budget 2017/18 • Review of the Work Programme 	14 March 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council social care (children) • Topics for 2017/18 	
STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE (SEH)	7 June 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail services (inc. but not necessarily all): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performance - Rail franchises - Accessibility at stations - South London Metro Services • Work programme • Terms of reference 	20 September 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Transport & Environment • • Work programme 	22 November 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Homes, Regeneration & Planning • • Work programme 	31 January 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QT: Green and Clean • • Work programme 	28 February 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Review of the Work Programme 	28 March 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics for 2017/18 	

¹ This is an at a glance programme which assumes the recommendation by SOC on 22 March that responsibility for 'Housing' is moved from the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee to the Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee from May 2016.

² **KEY DATES** for noting ie: **5 May** London Mayoral elections; **23 May 2016** Annual Council; **23 June** Euro Referendum

Council Meetings – Annual Council 23 May 2016. Full Council meetings 18 July 2016, 17 October 2016, 5 December 2016, 30 January 2017, 27 February 2017 (council tax), 24 April 2017

Cabinet Meetings – 20 June 2016, 11 July 2016, 19 September 2016, 24 October 2016, 14 November 2016, 12 December 2016, 23 January 2017, 20 February 2017 (council tax), 20 March 2017, 2 May 2017

LONG LIST OF SCRUTINY TOPICS

For consideration for inclusion and scheduling in the work programme a (un-prioritised) long list of topics has been developed for Members to consider for inclusion on the work programme. Further ideas and lines of enquiry for each topic, are welcome.

NOTES:

1. **Cabinet Member Question Time** sessions will continue to be held in order to provide the only opportunity for scrutiny of the performance, opportunities, risks and threats (including funding) facing each portfolio
2. The **Fairness Commission** presented its final report on 27 January 2016. It highlighted 6 themes and made recommendations relating to each theme:
 - Vibrant, responsible and connected communities
 - A town centre that lifts the whole borough
 - Leaving no child behind
 - A connected borough where no one is left isolated
 - Finding homes for all
 - Supporting residents towards better times

These themes and recommendations may present opportunities for scrutiny reviews. Some topics on the long list reflect elements of the 6 themes and these are identified with an asterisk*

3. Following on from the successful **Young People's Takeover** meeting on 17 November (Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee), scrutiny is looking forward to developing other innovative ways of involving the community. It is suggested that if there is another 'takeover' style meeting, the topic chosen determines which Committee/ Sub-Committee is taken over.
4. Topics will also come from **Local Action Mini Reviews** – which enables ward Members to investigate and make recommendations on local issues or matters of local concern which merit action. Ward Members lead the process using the asset of community knowledge to help with research and the input of ideas.

SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Background/ details</u>	<u>Proposed timing</u>	<u>Source</u>
Fairness Commission	Review of the Fairness Commission themes and possible topics for the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and its Sub-Committees in 2016/17.	June 2016	Fairness Commission report, published 27 January 2016
Fairfield Halls*	Information on how the closure will be managed; information about the operating model and level of subsidy; monitoring the closure and re-opening		SOC meeting 9 November 2015
Royal Mail delivery services mini review update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year on year levels of complaints 2. Progress re town centre parcel collection point 	November 2016 (by letter from Royal Mail?)	SOC meeting 3 November 2015
Capital Budgets	Monitor the capital budget and policies that underpin capital decision making as part of the scrutiny work programme each year	November 2016	SOC meeting 3 November 2015
CIL '<i>Local Meaningful Proportion</i>' and s106	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SOC to be consulted about the allocation of the CIL '<i>Local Meaningful Proportion</i>' before a decision is made by the Cabinet Member 2. Provide Members with an update of the S106 summary 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When needed 2. November 2016 	SOC meeting 3 November 2015
Commercial Contract Management Hub	Review the effectiveness of the commercial contract management hub in approx. 1 year	September 2016	SOC meeting 9 June 2015

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Background/ details</u>	<u>Proposed timing</u>	<u>Source</u>
Safer Croydon Partnership	Crime and disorder and community safety	March 2017	Statutory requirement + any outcomes arising from the SOC meeting on 22 March 2016 (recommendations relating to Probation CRC, minor hate crime)
London Living Wage*	Impact, opportunities and threats - including how is the London Living Wage being adopted in the borough and how everyone can play a part in supporting Croydon become a London Living Wage town.		
Encouraging social enterprises and community projects*	<p>A review to examine the way social enterprises and other organisations are encouraged to develop and expand within Croydon generally and by the Council in particular and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify areas in which social enterprises may be able to function • Consider how the council works with social enterprises • Identify best practice from authorities which are utilising social enterprises • Develop sustained relationships with social enterprises within the borough with a view to increasing their participation in service delivery • Consider social value offered by social enterprises in addition to potential added value 		

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Background/ details</u>	<u>Proposed timing</u>	<u>Source</u>
Evening and Night Time Economy*	Pre-decision scrutiny of the Evening and Night Time Economy Strategy - including how it aims to design out crime at the development stage plus feedback relating to licensing issues (raised at SOC 22 March 2016)		Including outcomes from the SOC meetings held on 16 February and 22 March 2016

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Background/ details</u>	<u>Proposed timing</u>	<u>Source</u>
Revisit CAMHS	Not sure if Members will want to have a joint meeting with CYP as per 2015/16 and the subsequent update at the health meeting on 8 March 2016 from the commissioners perspective.		
The work of SLaM	Annual review of the work of SLaM, the organisation tends to report once a year with general update then at last meeting reporting their quality account Croydon doesn't appear to be included in SE London sector considerations for mental health.		
Croydon Health Services NHS Trust	The Trust appears once a year to give an overview of their services. It also appears when called in.		

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	The Trust contributes to aspects of individual reports from other organisations throughout the year. The Trust will appear at the quality account meeting at the end of the year		
CCG	The past two years the CCG has presented their operating plan at the start of the scrutiny calendar. This year the CCG have brought a number of items to committee in an unplanned way.		
Adult Safeguarding	The Adult Safeguarding Board has agreed to present findings and the work of the board to committee twice a year. Members can use this opportunity to influence at the mid-year point and to review at the end of year		
GP Performance	An opportunity for continuous monitoring of GP performance and variations.		
London Ambulance Service	Successful meeting in January 2016, however the committee wishes to continually monitor the service		
Allied Health Professionals	Interesting work AHP fill other health professional gaps, signposting advice and treatment, important role in keeping people well.		

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Background/ details</u>	<u>Proposed timing</u>	<u>Source</u>
Child safeguarding			Annual review
Apprenticeships (youth employability)*	The government's consultation on apprenticeship targets for public sector bodies sets out a 2.3 per cent target per year. In London this would equate to 4,674 apprenticeships being created per year. From April 2014 – March 2015 London boroughs recruited 1,050 apprentices. Meeting the 2.3 per cent target therefore represents a significant increase on the borough's current activity.		London Councils 'Key issues' e-newsletter, 3 February 2016
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	Review of funding needs (nb. gaps and pressures on the council) and the support and service requirements for this particularly vulnerable group – including the unique expertise Croydon has		SOC meeting 15 December 2015 re. Budget 2016/17 following in year cuts to UASC funding by the Home Office
Increasing sports and physical activity among children and young people including through increased adult volunteering	Sports, leisure and physical activity opportunities are delivered through a mixture of voluntary, public, private and charitable organisations. Review of how the Council brokers, develops and commissions the overall offer to ensure the best possible opportunities are available to meet the needs of Croydon's diverse communities – including by encouraging adult volunteering.		

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Background/ details</u>	<u>Proposed timing</u>	<u>Source</u>
Resident-based review of education attainment	How good are the schools our residents' children attend (inside and outside the borough)?		
Bullying in schools*	Bullying takes different shapes and forms, including physical and verbal assault; there is now a depressing increase in the incidents of cyber-bullying and trolling. Whatever shape it takes, it can have a hugely negative impact on the victim which can last for years. Review to assess good practice particularly with regard to cyber-bullying and in tackling bullying for protected groups.		

STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Background/ details</u>	<u>Proposed timing</u>	<u>Source</u>
Flooding	Flood management update	November 2016	Delayed from 2015/16 work programme
A23/ Fiveways	Review TfL proposals and progress towards improving the A23 and access to the town centre		
Quietways	Progress with Quietways including the use of Experimental Road Closure Orders and lessons learned from Norbury Avenue scheme		Streets & Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting 7 September 2015

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Background/ details</u>	<u>Proposed timing</u>	<u>Source</u>
Metropolitan town centre*	Including review of the new BID (scheduled for October 2016) its scope and remit and the impact of the redevelopment of the town centre (Westfield Hammerson)		
District centres	Revisit the 2005 District Centre Scrutiny Review with a view to seeing what has changed, what needs to be done and what a successful district centre in 2016 might look like		
Recycling and Waste collections	From purpose-built flats/ flat conversions under permitted development/ HMOs - including issues relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of appropriate bins • Frequency of collections • Turnover of residents 		
Walking Strategy			Suggested by Councillor Kathy Bee at Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub Committee meeting
Vision Zero and Safer Transport Team	Including road safety including road fatalities/ injuries in Croydon – mitigating measures		Recommendation from Scrutiny and Overview Committee at its meeting on 22 March 2016
Gatwick Airport expansion	Gatwick Airport is set to expand whether or not it is awarded a second runway. This expansion presents opportunities (and threats?) for Croydon.		Touched on at a number of Streets and Environment Committee meetings in 2015/16

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Background/ details</u>	<u>Proposed timing</u>	<u>Source</u>
Achieving affordable home targets in the borough*	Review of barriers and opportunities to fulfil affordable homes targets – including a focus on accommodation for young people		Follow-up from the CYP (Takeover) meeting, 17 November 2015
Landlords Licensing Scheme*	Monitor the Selective Landlords Licensing Scheme at least 6 months after the implementation of the scheme (1 October 2015)		SSOC meeting 26 March 2015
Housing repairs	The Committee has been keen to monitor the housing repairs contract		
Homelessness Strategy	2-years on from first consideration at Health, Social Care and Housing Committee as a pre-decision item.	September 2016?	
Tenancy Strategy	2-years on from first consideration at Health, Social Care and Housing Committee as a pre-decision item.	September 2016?	