

Scrutiny & Overview Committee Work Programme

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Meeting Date	Item	Scope
06/09/2022	Budget Monitoring – Month 2,3&4	To review the monthly budget monitoring reports with a view to highlighting any areas of concern for further scrutiny.
	Crime & Disorder Strategic Assessment	To use the Crime & Disorder Strategic Assessment to provide challenge to the Community Safety Partnership on its performance.
18/10/2022	Cabinet Budget Consultation report	To review the Cabinet Budget consultation report and use the information provided to give initial feedback on the early budget proposals and set out the budget scrutiny process.
	Croydon Renewal Plan	For consultation on the updated Croydon Renewal Plan
	Annual Complaints Report	To review the Annual Complaints Report and provide challenge based on the information provided.
06/12/22	TBC	Potentially a budget scrutiny item will be added to this meeting.
10/01/2023	Budget – Deep Dive	To challenge in depth two to three high risk budget areas ahead of the 2023-24 budget being set.

14/02/23	Final Budget Scrutiny Session	To sign-off the Scrutiny report on the Budget Scrutiny process which will be submitted to the Budget Council meeting.
28/03/23	Town Centre Masterplan	The Scrutiny & Overview Committee would like the opportunity to conduct pre-scrutiny on this report prior to its consideration by the Executive Mayor at Cabinet.
	Climate Change	The Scrutiny & Overview Committee would like the opportunity to conduct pre-scrutiny on this report prior to its consideration by the Executive Mayor at Cabinet.

Standing Items:

Work Programme Item	Notes
Monthly Budget Monitoring Reports	To be included on each agenda as available to ensure the Committee is aware of the progress made with delivering the 2022-23 budget.

Items of Interest

The following items haven't been scheduled into the work programme, but are highlighted as potential items of interest to be scheduled during the year ahead.

Work Programme Item	Notes
People Strategy	<p>The Scrutiny & Overview Committee would like the opportunity to conduct pre-scrutiny on this report prior to its consideration by the Executive Mayor at Cabinet, once it has been scheduled.</p> <p>The basis for the Committee's interest in this report is to seek further reassurance on the progress towards changing the culture of the Council.</p>

Borough of Culture 2023	Given the profile of Croydon being awarded the London Borough of Culture in 2023, the Committee is keen to review the preparations for this, particularly given both the financial challenges of the Council and concerns about staff capacity.
Cost of Living Crisis	At its meeting on 21 July, the Committee identified a number of areas related to the cost of living crisis that it would like to do a deep dive on over the course of the year. These include the Council's relationship with the community and voluntary sector, digital exclusion and the impact of rising fuel and food costs. These items will be scheduled where possible throughout the year.
New Telephony System (Digital Strategy)	To review the performance of the new telephony system.

Health & Social Care Sub-Committee

The below table sets out the working version of the Health & Social Care Sub-Committee work programme. The items have been scheduled following discussion with officers and may be subject to change depending on any new emerging priorities taking precedent.

Meeting Date	Item	Scope
20/09/22	ASC Budget	Standing Item tracking progress with the delivery of 2022/23 Budget (To review by exception).
	Accessing Healthcare in Borough	To review with partners capacity within the capacity within the healthcare system in the borough.
	New Health Scrutiny guidance	Information item on the recent Health Scrutiny Guidance
08/11/22	ASC Budget	Standing Item tracking progress with the delivery of 2022/23 Budget (To review by exception).
	Croydon Safeguarding Adults Board – Annual Report	Using the CSAB Annual Report as a starting point, to seek reassurance on the performance of the board.
	Redesign of Sexual & Reproductive Health Services	To provide input into the commissioning process for the community based sexual and reproductive health services in Croydon.
	Menopausal Services	An initial scoping report on the services delivering menopausal support in the borough

24/01/23	Budget Deep Dive	To review in-depth two high risk budget areas as part of the scrutiny of the 2023-24 budget setting process.
07/03/23	ASC Budget	Standing Item tracking progress with the delivery of 2022/23 Budget (To review by exception).
	Review of Mental Health Services	To be planned with the input of SLaM and council officers responsible for commissioning mental health services. To cover areas including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of restraint • Older people Mental health • Mental health transitions

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Community Service	To arrange an initial training session for Members on the Integrated Care Partnerships
Integrated Care Partnerships	
Immunisation	To be scheduled. To possibly look at:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What's the current level of take-up for the various vaccines?</i> - <i>How does that compare with other areas?</i> - <i>Is Croydon learning from high performing areas</i> - <i>What are we going to do differently this year to improve take-up?</i>

Dental Provisions in the borough

An update on the commissioning process will be sought, before a decision is taken on next steps.

Needs further consideration to identify what further benefit the Committee can deliver beyond the Healthwatch report.

Children & Young People Sub-Committee

The below table sets out the working version of the Children & Young People Sub-Committee work programme. The items have been scheduled following discussion with officers and may be subject to change depending on any new emerging priorities taking precedent.

Meeting Date	Item	Scope
13/09/22	Croydon Safeguarding Children Board - Annual Report 2021-22	To consider whether there are any recommendations or concerns it may wish to submit to the Cabinet during its consideration of the Annual Report. Give consideration as to whether the Annual Report provides sufficient reassurance on the performance and effectiveness of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board.
	Children's Centre Contract	To review and conduct the post-decision scrutiny of the Children's Centre Contract.
01/11/22	Police representation and Multi-Agency Working	To review the Youth Safety Strategy and Police Partnership working alongside the and use of stop and search.
	Antenatal and Health Visiting	To review shortfalls in the number of health visitors, antenatal and postnatal visits.
17/01/23	Budget Deep Dive	To review in-depth high risk budget areas as part of the scrutiny of the 2023-24 budget setting process.
	Education Estates Strategy	To consider whether there are any considerations or concerns it may wish to submit to the Cabinet during its consideration of the Strategy.

28/02/23	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	To look at targets for waiting times for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services alongside the monitoring framework.
	Exclusions (Provisional)	To look at the use of Behavioural Isolation Units, Pupil Referral Units and Off-siting. To look at progress made against adopting the recommendations made by the Task and Finish Group.
18/04/23	Elective Home Education	To look at Elective Home Education in the borough and to review the number of children who have not returned to schools following the pandemic. To review how many families follow the curriculum and framework, the number of children completing exams and other data.
	Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (Provisional)	To review the number of UASC in the borough alongside central government funding and the performance of the National Transfer Scheme. To look at the impact of the war in Ukraine on additional numbers of UASC.

Standing Items:

Early Help, Children Social Care & Education Performance Dashboards - review and consider whether there are any areas of concern that may need to be scheduled for further scrutiny at a future meeting.

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Unallocated Items	Notes
Recruitment and Retention (S&O Committee to review People Strategy in September 2022)	<p>To review Staff Caseloads, AYSE Caseload Sharing and the number of supervisions carried out.</p> <p>To receive a breakdown of vacancies and caseloads by individual teams and to look at London Councils best practise for recruitment and retention.</p> <p>To undertake direct engagement with social workers</p> <p>To look at how feedback from exit interviews can be incorporated into retention strategies</p>
Apprenticeships & Youth Unemployment	To look at the offer of available apprenticeships in the borough and data on youth unemployment.
OFSTED Reports	To review any OFSTED reports as and when they are available.
Delivery of Early Years Strategy	To review the delivery and implementation plan of the Early Years Strategy
SEND Strategy	To review the renewal of the SEND Strategy
Surplus Schools Places	To review the Surplus Schools Places report

Streets, Environment & Homes

The below table sets out the working version of the Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee work programme. The items have been scheduled following discussion with officers and may be subject to change depending on any new emerging priorities taking precedent.

Meeting Date	Item	Scope
27/09/22	Future of Healthy Neighbourhoods (including School Streets, Vision Zero, Cycling and Walking Strategy Update)	To cross reference relevant Climate Commission and Climate Citizen's Assembly recommendations and TfL scoring with the Council's delivery of Healthy Neighbourhoods alongside an update on School Streets, Vision Zero, and Cycling and Walking Strategies.
	Housing Needs Transformation Plan	To receive an update on the development of the Housing Needs Transformation Plan alongside the pressures of delivering in-year savings
15/11/22	Review of refuse and recycling and street cleansing contract	To review the performance of the refuse and recycling and street cleansing contract. Additionally, to review the Council's management of the contract.
	Environmental Enforcement	To review the performance of Environmental Enforcement in the borough.
31/01/23	Budget Deep Dive – Housing and SCRER	To review in-depth high risk budget areas as part of the scrutiny of the 2023-24 budget setting process.
	HRA Business Plan (and update on commissioning of	To review the development of the HRA Business Plan and any updates that have been made to the Plan in this year.

	new responsive repairs contract)	
14/03/23	Train Services and Operators	To receive an update from relevant representatives (TfL, Govia, Network Rail) and engage in discussion on key aspects of their operations.
	Local Plan Review	To consider the work done on the Council's review of the Local Plan.

Standing Items:

Budget Dashboards for Housing and SCRER - Standing Item tracking progress with the delivery of 2022/23 Budget (To review by exception).

Update on the Housing Improvement Plan

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Environment Bill Responsibilities	To review the additional responsibilities that will fall upon the Council following the adoption of the Environment Bill
Biodiversity Strategy	To review the upcoming Biodiversity Strategy once written.
Implications of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill	To review the possible implications of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

Purley Pool Options Appraisal	To look at the options that have been appraised for the reopening of Purley Pool
Brick by Brick Wind-down	To review progress on the wind-down of Brick by Brick with Director of Commercial Investment, an Officer from Board, and the Financial Director of BXB.
Graffiti Removal Service	To review the progress on the Mayor's pledge to reinstate a dedicated Graffiti Removal Service.
Review of the Waste Contract	To review the progress on the review of the Waste Contract.
Environmental Enforcement	To review the Environmental Enforcement service.
Flood Risk and Planning	To review the Council's flood planning and risk assessments