

	Full Council 8 July 2019
	Report from the Assistant Chief Executive
Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-Key Decision
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
No. of Appendices:	Appendix 1: Committee Work Programme
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update Council with the 2019/2020 work programme for the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee, information about meetings, and other activities by the scrutiny committee since the Annual Meeting on 1 May 2019.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the report, including the Committee's work programme for 2019-2020.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee's work programme sets out the issues that the Committee will consider during the municipal year. It also states the Scrutiny Task Groups which it will set up to consider in-depth reviews. The Committee's work plan is set out in Appendix 1. A scrutiny committee work plan may change during the municipal year as new issues arise and items are

added. Council will be informed of any changes through a report of the scrutiny committee chair.

- 3.2 The work plan includes issues for consideration that may require the involvement or decisions by external partner organisations. As part of its remit set out in the constitution, the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee can scrutinise and make reports and recommendations to the authority on community safety partnership (the Safer Brent Partnership) crime and disorder issues.
- 3.3 Whilst a scrutiny committee can look at anything which affects the area or its inhabitants, subject to certain limitations, members will often find it difficult to effectively scrutinise a large number of items across its remit. The new statutory guidance on overview and scrutiny recommends that a committee concentrates on fewer significant topics so that it may review these effectively. As part of setting the work plans, Committee members were asked, in consultation with Cabinet members and officers, to prioritise the policy issues and decision-making items which they felt to be the most significant as part of the committee's work planning for 2019/2020.
- 3.4 There will have been one meeting of the Committee since the Annual Council Meeting, on 3 July 2019 at which the committee was due to consider crime and disorder issues, including the Safer Brent Partnership, the Met Police BCU reconfiguration and an update Knife Crime scrutiny inquiry from the Chair of the Task Group due to report on this issue. The Committee was also to establish a new Task Group to consider the issue of Air Quality in Brent.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

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

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 There are no equality implications.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 Non-executive members are involved in the scrutiny committee and task groups which are set up by the committee.

Report sign off:

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