

	Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee 13 July 2021
	Report from Assiant Chief Executive
Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2021-2022	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	N/A
No. of Appendices:	One: Appendix 1 – The Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2021-2022
Background Papers:	N/A
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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report presents the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Work Plan for 2021/22.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Work Plan (set out in Appendix 1) be agreed.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Brent Council scrutiny committees are required by Brent Council's constitution to produce an annual work programme, which is agreed by Full Council. The work programme sets out the issues that the scrutiny committees will consider during the year, including any in-depth scrutiny inquiries (or scrutiny task groups). The Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Work Plan is set out in Appendix 1.

- 3.2 Brent Council has two overview and scrutiny committees - the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3. The remit of the scrutiny committees are set out in the Council Constitution under the Terms of Reference for Scrutiny committees. The remit of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee is:
'corporate policy, partnerships and resources; budget; customer services; commercial services; planning policy; environmental policy; public realm; employment and skills; it; recycling; regeneration; transport and highways; community safety; property; emergency planning and business continuity.'
- 3.4. The committee is also the council's statutory Crime and Disorder Committee and as such may review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Safer Brent Partnership¹.
- 3.5. The scrutiny committees ordinarily meet six times a year throughout the year. The number of topics identified were therefore limited to the number that can usefully be considered within the committee meeting time available across the year.
- 3.6. The work plan for each committee is considered and agreed by the respective committees and also agreed by Full Council, as the annual scrutiny work programme 2021-2022, in accordance with the Brent Council Constitution².

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report. The procedure for scrutinising the council's budget is set out in the constitution.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Legal implications are addressed in the body of the report.

6.0 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 Members of the scrutiny committees have been involved.

¹ The committee is the "crime and disorder committee" for the purposes of section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

² The Brent Council Constitution - Table 6 *List of Functions That May Only Be Exercised by Full Council* <http://democracy.brent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=584&MId=5976&Ver=4>

Report sign off:

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