



**Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny  
Committee**  
5 July 2023

**Report from the Corporate Director  
of Communities and Regeneration**

**Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023-2024**

<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	Non-key
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
<b>No. of Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1: Draft Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
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**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To update the committee on the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for 2023/24.

**2.0 Recommendation(s)**

2.1 That:

The committee discuss and agree the contents of the report and the 2023/24 Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme, set out in Appendix 1.

### **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's work programme outlines the policy areas and council decisions that the committee plans to review during the 2023/24 municipal year according to its remit. The remit of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is set out in the Council Constitution under the Terms of Reference for Scrutiny Committees which includes:

*Adult social care; Safeguarding; Children's services; Cultural services; Education; Health; Housing; Public Health and Wellbeing.*

- 3.2 Reports presented to this committee are based on Cabinet decisions, annual safeguarding board reports, and strategies and policies from the council and its partners.
- 3.3 To ensure that scrutiny is effective, members of the committee prioritised items for inclusion in its work programme at its annual work planning meeting. This process ensured that items included in the committee's work programme were a strategic priority as set out in the council's 2023-27 Borough Plan; of concern for a significant number of the borough's residents; a significant cabinet decision or part of a forthcoming policy review or a new strategy being developed by the Cabinet. This method of prioritisation is considered best practice by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) and enables a scrutiny committee to develop a work plan that is coherent and flexible.<sup>1</sup>
- 3.4 There is scope for the committee's work programme to change during the municipal year. This is so that the committee can be flexible and review emerging issues as they arise and as the Cabinet's Forward Plan is updated. The committee's work programme should be viewed as a living document that will adapt according to the committee's needs. Sometimes it may also be necessary to move items from a particular committee date for practical reasons, in these cases the work programme will be updated accordingly and will be presented to the committee at its next meeting.
- 3.5 As set out under Part 4 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is also responsible for scrutinising relevant NHS bodies or health service providers. This role gives the committee power to review the provision and operation of health services in Brent and can make recommendations to NHS bodies or other relevant health service providers.

### **4.0 Financial Implications**

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<sup>1</sup> *The Good Scrutiny Guide* (Centre for Public Scrutiny, June 2019), p26

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 arising from this report.

## **7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders**

7.1 Non-executive members were involved in developing the work programme as part of their membership of the committee..

**Report sign off:**

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and Regeneration