

ORGANISATION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL Agenda

Place Committee Rooms 4 & 5, Town Hall, Wellington Street,
Woolwich SE18 6PW

Date Thursday, 18 July 2024

Time 6.30 pm

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Councillors

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| Ivis Williams (Chair) | Labour and Co-operative |
| Peter Baker | Labour and Co-operative |
| Jo van dan Broek | Labour and Co-operative |
| Cathy Dowse | Labour and Co-operative |
| Asli Mohammed | Labour and Co-operative |
| 'Lade Hephzibah Olugbemi | Labour and Co-operative |
| Lakshan Saldin | Labour and Co-operative |
| Pat Greenwell | Conservative |

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Members are reminded that officer contacts are shown at the end of each report and they are welcome to raise questions in advance with the appropriate officer. This does not prevent further questioning at the meeting.

Agenda

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies from Members of the Panel.
- 2. Urgent Business**
The Chair to announce any items of urgent business circulated separately from the main agenda.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
Members to declare any personal and financial interests in items on the agenda. Attention is drawn to the Council's Constitution; the Council's Code of Conduct and associated advice.
- 4. Cabinet Member Update**
To receive a verbal update from the Cabinet Member Finance, Resources and Social Value.
- 5. Work Programme Schedule 2024-2025**
To note the 2024/25 work programme items and agree the scope.
- 6. Commissioning of Future Reports**
To note the work items that are scheduled to be presented to the meeting of the Organisation and Communities Scrutiny Panel taking place on 31st October 2024.

Date of Issue
Wednesday, 10 July 2024

Debbie Warren
Chief Executive

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| ORGANISATION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL | |
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| TITLE | ITEM NO |
| Declarations of Interests | 3 |
| CHIEF OFFICER | |
| Chief Executive | |

1. Decisions Required

The Panel is requested to:

- 1.1 Note the list of Councillors' memberships (as Council appointed representatives) on outside bodies, joint committees and school governing bodies.
- 1.2 Request that Members orally declare any personal or financial interests, including those detailed, in specific items listed on the agenda as they relate to matters under discussion.

2. Members' Interests

- 2.1 Appended to this report is a list of the outside bodies, joint committees and school governing bodies that each member of Council has been appointed to by the Council or the Leader. The list does not include bodies with which a Member is involved in a personal or private capacity.

Personal interests

- 2.2 A Member has a personal interest where any business is likely to affect:

- (a) them, or
- (b) a relevant person or a relevant body (where the Member is aware that they have the interest);

more than a majority of those in the ward you represent.

A **relevant person** is defined as the member's spouse or civil partner, a person who they are living with as husband and wife or as civil partners, or a person with whom they have a close association.¹

¹ See the guidance in Annex I of the Code of Conduct

A **relevant body** is defined as (a) any organisation, school governing body or outside committee or trust which they have been appointed to by the Royal Borough or by the Leader, or (b) any other voluntary organisation, school governing body or commercial organisation where you are a management committee member, school governor, trustee or director.

- 2.3 Members must declare the existence and nature of any personal interest at the start of the meeting, or when the interest becomes apparent. Members must say which item their interest relates to.
- 2.4 A Member who has a personal interest may stay, speak and vote, except where the business:
- (a) affects the financial position of the Member or any person or body described in paragraph 2.2 above, or
 - (b) relates to an interest that would be affected financially or relates to the determining to any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the Member or any person or body described in paragraph 2.2 above

Financial Interests

- 2.5 A Member has a financial interest where any business relates to or is likely to affect an interest set out in paragraph 18 of the Code of Conduct, and which is the Member's interest or the interest of a person described in paragraph 2.2(a) above.
- 2.6 Members must declare the existence and nature of any financial interest at the start of the meeting, or when the interest becomes apparent. Members must say which item their interest relates to.
- 2.7 A Member who has a financial interest must leave the meeting, but may attend to make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, and provided they leave the meeting immediately after doing so. The Member must not participate in the discussion nor the vote.

General

- 2.8 The Code also requires Members to declare interests in relation to relevant bodies for six months after ceasing from being a member and take the appropriate action in relation to financial interests.

Background Papers

Agenda and Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council – 22 May 2024

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| Councillor | Organisation | Role | Governorship |
|-------------------|--|-------------|---------------------|
| Dowse | Greenwich Service Solutions | Member | Montbelle School |
| Greenwell | Reserves Forces & Cadets Association | Member | Haimo Primary |
| Mohammed | Clockhouse & New Charlton Community Centre | Member | |
| Mohammed | Greenwich Leisure Ltd | Member | |
| Mohammed | Woolwich Creative District Trust (Woolwich Works) | Member | |
| Olugbemi | LGA General Assembly | Member | |
| Olugbemi | London City Airport Consultative Committee | Deputy | |
| Olugbemi | Overview and Scrutiny Joint Health Committee | Deputy | |
| Saldin | Charlton Triangle Homes | Member | |
| Saldin | Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust | Member | |
| Van Den Broek | Charlton Triangle Homes | Member | |
| | Destination Greenwich Tourism Management Company (A) | Member | |
| | Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust | Member | |
| Williams | Woodlands Farm Trust | Member | Nightingale Primary |

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| ORGANISATION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL | DATE 18 July 2024 |
| TITLE Cabinet Member Update | ITEM NO 4 |
| CHIEF OFFICER Director of Communities, Environment and Central | CABINET MEMBER Cabinet Member Finance, Resources and Social Value |

I. **Purpose of the Report**

- I.1 To receive a verbal update from the Cabinet Member Finance, Resources and Social Value.

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| ORGANISATION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL | DATE 18 July 2024 |
| TITLE Work Programme Schedule 2024/25 | ITEM NO 5 |
| CHIEF OFFICER Director of Communities, Environment and Central | CABINET MEMBER Cabinet Member Finance, Resources and social Value |

I. **Purpose of the Report**

The Panel is requested:

- I.1 To note the 2024/25 work programme items and agree the scope.

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Organisation & Communities Scrutiny Panel
Draft Meeting Schedule - 2024/2025

| Date of Meetings | Report / Items |
|---|---|
| Meeting No 1 18th July 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Update |
| Meeting No 2 31st October 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR Update • Legal Services Performance |
| Meeting No 3 21st November 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom of Information Monitoring Report • Electoral Services Performance |
| Meeting No 4 20th January 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Operations Performance • Cabinet Member Update |
| Meeting No 5 13th March 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement • Customer Services Performance • Digital Strategy |
| Meeting No 6 17th April 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members Casework Management (Presentation) |

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| ORGANISATION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL | DATE 18 July 2024 |
| TITLE Commissioning of Future Reports | ITEM NO 6 |
| CHIEF OFFICER Director of Communities, Environment and Central | CABINET MEMBER Cabinet Member Finance, Resources and Social Value |

1. **Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The Panel is asked to note the work items that are scheduled to be presented to the meeting of the Organisation and Communities Scrutiny Panel taking place on 31st October 2024.
- 1.2 The Panel is asked to consider the scope of forthcoming reports and specify any detailed requirements.

2. **Background**

- 2.1 This report advises the Panel of items scheduled for its consideration for the municipal year 2024/25.

3. **Report**

- 3.1 The Organisation and Communities Scrutiny Panel is scheduled to receive the following reports at its meeting on 31st October 2024:

| 31st October 2024 (Meeting 2) | |
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| Item | Scope/Theme |
| HR Update | To receive an update on the development of the Council's Workforce Strategy and People Management Practices |
| Legal Services Performance | To receive an update on the Legal Services Performance and Review key Metrics as to Performance |
| Commissioning of Future Reports. | To agree the scope of reports for next meeting. |

- 3.2 The Panel is asked to consider the items outlined above, to determine any specific requirements, prior to those reports being commissioned. This will ensure that its lines of enquiry are addressed, information provided is

relevant and appropriate, and scrutiny practice is well directed and effective.

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