

Overview & Scrutiny

Governance and Resources Scrutiny Commission (as at 4 July 2014)

Rolling Work Programme July 2014 – March 2015¹

All meetings take place at 7.00 pm in Hackney Town Hall unless stated otherwise on the agenda. This rolling work programme report is updated and published on the agenda for each meeting of the Commission.

Proposals from the Chair for review topics to be covered over the 4 year term of this Commission:

- a) **Public participation in service design**
- b) **The Hackney Pound:** what public money is spent to achieve what outcomes in the borough
- c) **Whole Place approaches** - scope for pooling budgets, integrating services across the council and other public services
- d) **Financial impact of welfare reform**
- e) **Workforce** - assessing the impact of the difficult decisions over the last four years - and thinking about the workforce we will need in the future

Dates	Proposed Item	Directorate and officer contact	Comment and Action
Mon 14 July 2014 Papers deadline: Thu 3 July	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	Chief Executive's	First meeting of newly elected Commission.
	Introduction to G&R	O&S Officer	To note.
	ICT Review	Finance and Resources (Christine Peacock)	To agree final report. Changes requested at April meeting.
	London Living Wage investigation	Chief Executive's	To note Commission's letter to Cabinet Member for Finance on outcome of this investigation

¹ Please note there will be no Commission meetings in April 2015 because of the General Election purdah period.

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	Finance update	Finance and Resources (Ian Williams)	Briefing on the budget scrutiny process and update on General Fund savings 2011/12-2013/14.
	Work Programme Discussion		To agree a review topic and topics for one-off items for the year.
Mon 8 Sept 2014	Review topic 1 tbc	tbc	Scoping discussion. Agree Terms of Reference.
Papers deadline: Thu 28 August	Impact of welfare reforms on local residents	Finance & Resources (Kay Brown and Jennifer Wynter)	Continuing regular updates on how the Council is responding to local impact of welfare reforms. Joint with CSSI members following up on their own review. ² Both Commissions collaborating.
	Review of processes for providing Ward Based Information to ward members	tbc	Following up requests arising from Member exit interviews. Request for more regular ward based information other than planning and licensing for ward councillors.
	Council Governance – scrutiny inquiry	Chief Executives (Stephen Haynes)	Response to additional recommendation from April (proposal for an annual Full Council work programme planning meeting)

² G&R received update in Dec 2013. CSSI received update April 2014 and is due to receive another in March 2015.

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Mon 13 Oct 2014 Papers deadline: Thu 2 Oct	Review topic 1		Evidence gathering session 1
	Finance update		tbc
Mon 10 Nov 2014 Papers deadline: Thu 30 Oct	Review topic 1		Evidence gathering session 2
Mon 8 Dec 2014 Papers deadline: Thu 27 Nov	Review topic 1		Recommendations discussion.
	Cabinet Question Time with Cllr Taylor (Cabinet Member for Finance) TBC	Cllr Taylor and Ian Williams	Cabinet Question Time is now carried out by individual Commissions. Cllr Taylor has lead responsibility for revenues and benefits, audit, procurement, pensions, and customer services.
Mon 19 Jan 2015 Papers deadline: Thu 8 Jan	Finance update		Budget and Finance update
			Review topic 1 – agree report

Dates	Proposed Item	Directorate and officer contact	Comment and Action
Mon 9 Feb 2015 Papers deadline: Thu 29 Jan	Finance update		Budget and Finance update
Mon 16 Mar 2015 Papers deadline: Thu 5 March No mtg in April due to general election purdah			
			Discussion on topics for work programme for 2015/16.

To be scheduled: To be agreed with Director of F&R such updates as -Overall Financial Position, Medium Financial Plan, Local Government Settlement, Housing Revenue Account.