

Overview & Scrutiny

Governance and Resources Scrutiny Commission (as at 25 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.

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
	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.

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

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Mon 8 Sept 2014 Papers deadline: Thu 28 August	'Public Spend' review – expert briefing	OPM - Sue Goss and Independent Consultant - John Atkinson	Briefing on 'Total Place' to begin scoping of review on 'Public Spend'
	'Public Spend' review – Methodology of Approach to Mapping Total Spend	O&S Team (Tracey Anderson)	Information on the methods of approach used to map total spend
	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.
Mon 13 Oct 2014 Papers deadline: Thu 2 Oct	'Public Spend' review – evidence gathering session	Finance and Resources	Information presented on total public spend in the Borough
	Complaints Service – annual report	Chief Execs Office (Bruce Devile)	Annual report of the Council's complaints service
	Council Governance – scrutiny inquiry	Mayor's Office (Ben Bradley)	Response to additional recommendation from April (proposal for an annual Full Council work programme planning meeting)
	'Public Spend' review – Terms of Reference '	O&S Team (Tracey Anderson)	To agree terms of reference

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 10 Nov 2014 Papers deadline: Thu 30 Oct	'Public spend' review – evidence gathering session	Lewisham Council	Information about the Lewisham, Lambeth and Southwark Community Budget Programme.
	Policy Update – Long Term Unemployment	Chief Executive – Corporate Policy	Information about long term unemployment in Hackney.
Mon 8 Dec 2014 Papers deadline: Thu 27 Nov	Cabinet Question Time with Cllr Taylor (Cabinet Member for Finance) TBC	Cllr Taylor – Cabinet Member Finance	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.
	Governance Review	Legal, HR and Regulatory Services (Gifty Edila)	Discussion about the role and responsibility of Corporate Committee.
	Finance update	Finance & Resources (Ian Williams)	Update on the Autumn Statement.
Mon 19 Jan 2015 Papers deadline: Thu 8 Jan	'Public Spend' – evidence gathering session	Various organisations	Information on the current service provision, client group and spend on services provided by the Council and partners for long term unemployed residents in the borough.
	ICT Review Executive Response	O&S Team (Tracey Anderson)	To note the Executive Response to the Commission's review.
	Budget and Finance update	Finance & Resources (Ian Williams)	Budget and Finance update on local government settlement and Council Budget for 2015/16.

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Mon 9 Feb 2015 Papers deadline: Thu 29 Jan	Fees and Charges Update	Finance & Resources (Ian Williams)	Update on 2015/16 Budget – Fees and Charges
	North London Waste Authority (NLWA)	Community Services Directorate Tom McCourt David Beadle (NLWA)	Update on the NLWA's – covering recent history, proposals and impact.
	Whole Place Review: Long Term Unemployment and Mental Health	O&S Team (Tracey Anderson)	Terms of Reference and service user research specification
Mon 16 Mar 2015 Papers deadline: Thu 5 March No mtg in April due to general election purdah	Whole Place Review: Long Term Unemployment and Mental Health	tbc	Evidence gathering session 1
	Council Tax Reduction Scheme	Finance & Resources	Discussion about the scheme
	Work programme for 2015/16 discussion		Discussion on topics for work programme for 2015/16.

Site Visit

Site Visit to LB Lewisham on Tuesday 20th January 2015 – The Commission will talk to London Borough of Lewisham and visit one of their sites for the Community Budget Pilot with London Borough of Lambeth and Southwark.

The following are also to be scheduled:

Public Participation – full review to commence June 2015

The Future Public Servant – full review to commence Jan 2016

Technology and Innovation – full review of Task & Finish

Capital Strategy – full review

Fees and Charges – revisit implementation of recs of previous review

Council Tax Reduction Scheme – one off item

Big Data – major review

Full Council – implementation of recs from previous review – one off