

Identification, prioritisation and selection of topics for in-depth scrutiny review and work programme items

Identification

- Topics suggested through consultation with Commission members and other Non-Executive Members
- Topics arising from national legislation or other policy requirements
- Topics suggested from local residents and community groups (e.g. resident surveys)
- Issues suggested by Cabinet Members & Senior Officers within the Council
- Topics that have arisen from issues which have been covered by local or national media?
- Topics arising from local strategy or policy developments?

Prioritisation

- Is the review topic a borough wide issue and important to the local community?
- Does the topic relate to a poor or underperforming service?
- Does this topic give rise to numerous / serious complaints?
- Has this topic been flagged by an inspection or audit or other assessment report e.g. Ofsted, CQC, Audit Office?
- Would this topic benefit from in depth review or better served by a one-off item (e.g. update, short investigation)?
- Is this topic cross-cutting, relevant to more than one Commission?

Selection

- Does the topic support priorities identified within the Council's Corporate Plan?
- Will the topic add value and deliver practical outcomes for local residents?
- Is this review feasible; is the topic adequately focused, can it be undertaken within a suitable timeframe and with the current resource available?