

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report provides an outline of the proposed 2024/25 work programme for the Committee at Appendix A. It also presents an update on progress in following up on actions from previous meetings.

2. Terms of reference

- 2.1 The Committee has the following terms of reference:

1. To scrutinise the Council's cultural and environmental policies and the provision, planning, financing, management and performance of services relating to culture, environment, regeneration, community safety, parking strategy and operations, and the voluntary sector provided by the Supporting Communities and Corporate Services Directorates and other service providers.
2. To be the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee.

3. General information about planning the work programme

- 3.1 The work programme should be informed by the corporate priorities of the Council, the priorities of the relevant portfolio holders, and issues raised by our communities.
- 3.2 The Joint Chairs of Scrutiny have been working with the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), members of the Cabinet, other scrutiny committee members and senior officers to review the Council's scrutiny function and develop options for the future improvement of scrutiny. The Joint Chairs of Scrutiny have proposed that the following prioritisation criteria be considered as a good practice approach to supporting the ruthless prioritisation of individual scrutiny committee agenda items:
- Will improve outcomes for residents and local communities and/or value for money;
 - Is of significant relevance to residents and local communities;
 - Will contribute to the understanding and/or delivery of agreed strategic priorities;
 - Will help develop a shared understanding of a problem, its challenges, opportunities and possible solutions;
 - Will promote wider engagement with local residents, communities and the local voluntary and community sector (VCS);
 - Will increase collaborative working, sharing of information, networking and engaging across stakeholders.
- 3.3 The Committee covers a wide range of services as seen in the terms of reference. The structure chart at Appendix C identifies the key senior officers who hold these services within their divisions.
- 3.4 A provisional work programme is available at Appendix A. Further changes can be made as the Committee considers appropriate. The Committee is asked to

review the contents of the work programme and provide their views on what the Committee may wish to discuss during the 2024/25 municipal year. There may also be matters that emerge during the year that warrant amendments to the programme.

- 3.5 The Committee is also invited to consider what, if any, forthcoming key Cabinet decisions it wishes to look at in advance of those decisions being taken. Forward Plan items under the Committee's remit are set out at Appendix B.
- 3.6 An action tracker, which updates on progress in following up the Committee's actions, is at Appendix D.

4 Scrutiny Panels

- 4.1 The Committee can form scrutiny panels to look at more specific areas under its remit. These are task-and-finish panels and should be established with clear terms of reference and target date to report back to the main Committee.
- 4.2 The Committee is constitutionally limited to one panel at a time, and co-ordination of Panels should be agreed by the Joint Chairs of Scrutiny Committee to ensure effective use and co-ordination of resources across all scrutiny committees.

5 Legal comments of the Borough Solicitor

- 5.1 There are no legal comments arising from this report.

6 Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services

- 6.1 There are no finance comments arising from this report.

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Appendix A: Culture and Environment Work Programme 2024/25

Work Programme 2024/2025

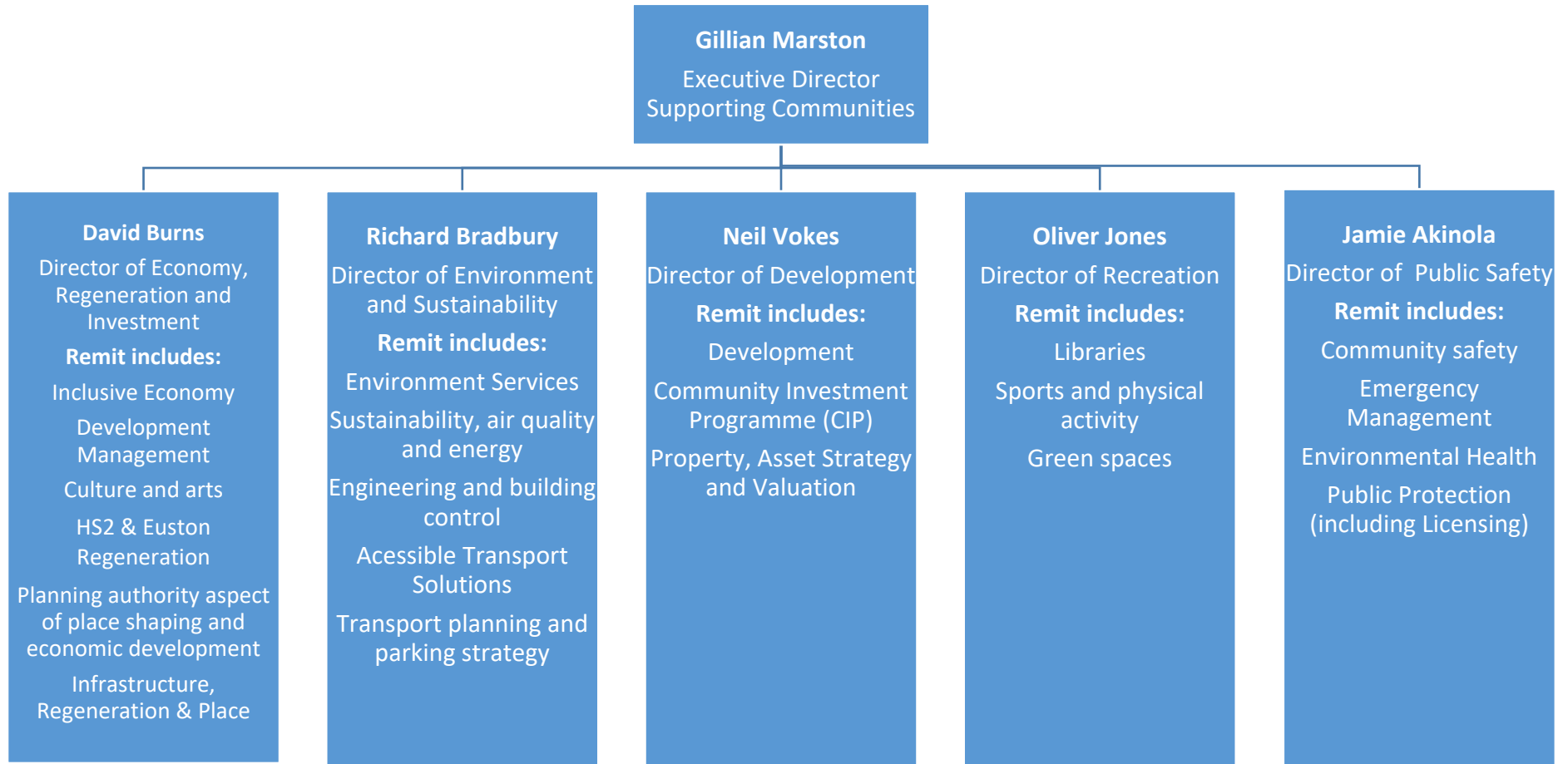
Meeting date and theme	Item
Upcoming meetings	
Monday 9 th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report of the Cabinet Member for Voluntary Sector, Equalities and Cohesion • Safer Cleaner Enforcement • Update on Biodiversity • Update on Sports and Physical Activities (including contract with Better)
Monday 13 th January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden • Update on Response to Circular Economy Panel • Thames Water Update • Update on Culture <p>Inaccessibility of borough pavements for disabled residents due to retail related clutter</p>
Monday 24 th February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report of the Cabinet Member for New Homes and Community Investment • Camden Climate Action Plan review (2023/24) • Right Care Right Person (RCRP)- Mental Health input from partner agencies (London Ambulance Adult Social Services) • Lime Bike/Scooters -Update • Update on Plant-Based food for all Camden Internal Catering
Later in the year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Appendix B: Forward Plan items under the Committee's remit (1 December 2024 – 31 March 2025)

Item	Summary	Decision-making body	Indicative decision date
Procurement Strategy for Cleaning and Maintenance of Public Conveniences Service (Camden Town; Gospel Oak; Highgate; Holborn and Covent Garden; West Hampstead)	To consider the proposed procurement strategy for cleaning and maintenance of public conveniences	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	10 December 2024
Goods Way Safe and Healthy Streets (King's Cross; St Pancras and Somers Town)	To consider proposals for Goods Way Safe and Healthy Streets, including changes to cycling, crossings, parking and loading, urban greening, and the introduction of a new bus stop and mobility hub.	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	10 December 2024
Camden Parks Tennis Courts: Lawn Tennis Association Venue Registration and Introduction of Tennis Coaching Licences (Highgate; Holborn and Covent Garden; Kilburn)	To consider a proposed change to the way tennis coaching is managed at Camden parks sites, with the introduction of tennis coach licences and registration of venues with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA).	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	10 December 2024
Review of the Camden Medium Term Financial Strategy (All Wards)	To note the council's funding outlook, financial position and risks, including any new investment decisions. To consider new Fees and Charges for the 2025/26 financial year.	Cabinet	11 December 2024

Draft Camden Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy (All Wards)	To consider approval of a public consultation on the draft Camden Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.	Cabinet	11 December 2024
Camden High Street Pedestrianisation (Camden Town)	To consider implementing trial proposals for a pedestrianisation of Camden High Street, Safe and Healthy Streets measures in Jamestown Road, and Streeteries, subject to detailed design and statutory process.	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	16 December 2024
Euston Area Plan (EAP) Update (Bloomsbury; Camden Town; Regent's Park; St Pancras and Somers Town)	To consider approval of a six-week public consultation on the draft Euston Area Plan (EAP) update. The EAP is a strategic planning framework to guide the redevelopment of Euston station.	Cabinet	15 January 2025
Review of Article 4 Directions for Permitted Development Rights in Conservation Areas (Belsize; Frognal; Hampstead Town; Primrose Hill; South Hampstead)	To consider Article 4 Directions to remove and amend permitted development rights in Redington and Frognal, Fitzjohns/Netherhall, Belsize, Hampstead, and South Hampstead Conservation Areas.	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	4 February 2025

Appendix C: Supporting Communities structure related to Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee*



* NB: This is not the full top level Supporting Communities structure chart

Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Action Tracker 2024/25

ACTION	OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE	COMPLETED
7 th October 2024			
<p><u>Facial Recognition Technology</u></p> <p>To inform Members when next the LFR technology would be used in Camden or a nearby neighbouring borough so that they could attend to witness its operation.</p>	<p>All Members / Detective Chief Inspector Jamie Townsend</p>		
<p><u>Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for</u></p>			

<p><u>Safer Communities</u></p> <p>To provide officers with information about issues raised in relation to Bedford Avenue</p> <p>Officers to follow up on the above information</p> <p>Officers agreed to report back on the learning from the Anti-Social Behaviour Review.</p>	<p>Councillor Madlani</p> <p>Head of Community Safety and Enforcement</p> <p>Director of Public Safety</p>		
<p><u>State of the Borough Report</u></p> <p>In order to explore the Right Care Right Person approach input from other partner agencies such as the mental health team, Adult</p>	<p>Director of Public Safety</p>	<p>On the Committee Work Programme for 24th February 2025.</p>	

<p>Social Service and the London Ambulance Service was required.</p> <p>officers agreed to liaise with the police and other partner agencies to provide a report to a future Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Director of Public Safety</p>		
<p><u>Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme</u></p> <p>Update on Culture – to be moved to the January 2025 meeting.</p> <p>To request TfL to provide an update on its approach and strategy in Camden and</p>	<p>Director Recreation</p> <p>Director of Environment and Sustainability</p>	<p>On the Committee Work Programme for 13th January 2025</p> <p>On the Committee Work Programme for 11th November 2024</p>	

<p>Camden specific TfL issues- for the November 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Inaccessibility of borough pavements for disabled residents due to retail related clutter' – to be brought back to January 2025 meeting.</p> <p>Lime Bike/Scooters - Update - this should be brought back to the February 2025 meeting.</p>	<p>Director of Environment and Sustainability</p> <p>Director of Environment and Sustainability</p>	<p>On the Committee Work Programme for 13th January 2025</p> <p>On the Committee Work Programme for 24th February 2025</p>	
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11th November 2024			

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