

**LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**

**WARDS:** All

**REPORT TITLE:** Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2024/25 and Action Tracker

**REPORT OF:** Executive Director Supporting Communities

**FOR SUBMISSION TO:**  
Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee

**DATE:**  
13 January 2025

**SUMMARY OF REPORT**

This paper provides an update on the work programme for the Committee for the year 2024/25 and tracks actions from previous meetings.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION:**

No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee is asked to:  
(i) note and identify any issues or areas for consideration within the proposed work programme for 2024/25 and to note the actions taken arising from previous meetings.

**SIGNED:**



Gillian Marston, Executive Director of Supporting Communities

**DATE:** 23/12/24

## **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.

**REPORT ENDS**

## Appendix A: Culture and Environment Work Programme 2024/25

### Work Programme 2024/2025

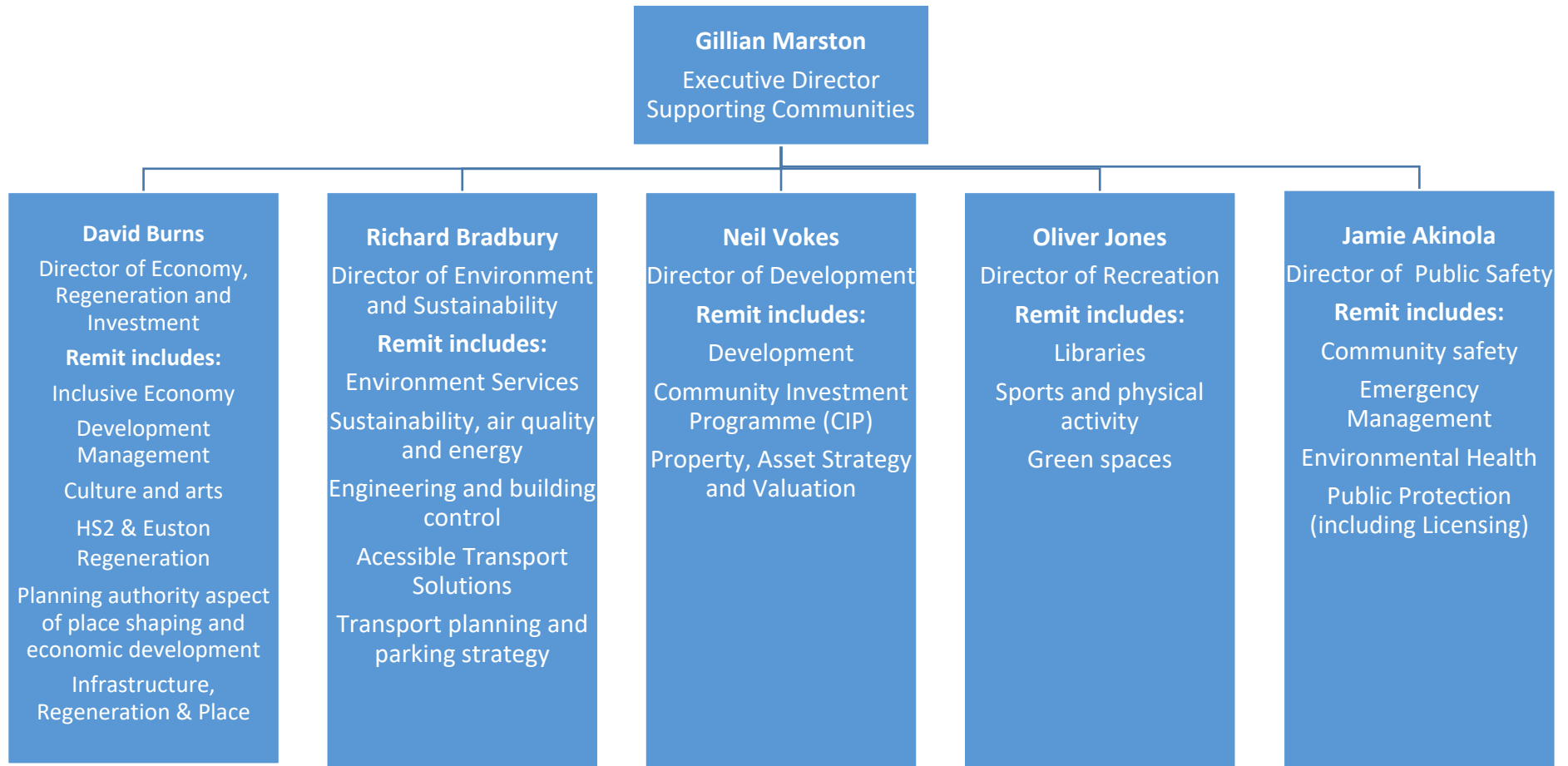
Meeting date and theme	Item
<b>Upcoming meetings</b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report of the Cabinet Member for Voluntary Sector, Equalities and Cohesion</li> <li>• Update on Biodiversity</li> <li>• Update on Sports and Physical Activities (including contract with Better)</li> </ul>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden</li> <li>• Safer Cleaner Enforcement</li> <li>• Update on Response to Circular Economy Panel</li> <li>• Update on Culture</li> <li>• Inaccessibility of borough pavements for disabled residents due to retail related clutter</li> </ul>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report of the Cabinet Member for New Homes and Community Investment</li> <li>• Camden Climate Action Plan review (2023/24)</li> <li>• Right Care Right Person (RCRP)- Mental Health input from partner agencies (London Ambulance Adult Social Services)</li> <li>• Lime Bike/Scooters -Update</li> <li>• Update on Plant-Based food for all Camden Internal Catering</li> <li>• Thames Water Update</li> </ul>
2025/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dartmouth Park Low Traffic Neighbourhood Scheme</li> <li>• Report of the Cabinet Adviser on Low Carbon Environment</li> </ul>

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Decision-making body</b>	<b>Indicative decision date</b>
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
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	21 January 2025
Camden Street (South) Area Safe and Healthy Streets (St Pancras and Somers Town)	To consider proposals for a Safe and Healthy Streets scheme to reduce through traffic and improve road safety on local streets to the east of Camden Street, south of Camden Road.	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	21 January 2025
Adoption of the Holborn Vision Supplementary Planning Document (Bloomsbury; Holborn and Covent Garden)	To consider the adoption of the Holborn Vision as a Supplementary Planning Document	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	21 January 2025

<p>Camden High Street Pedestrianisation (Camden Town)</p>	<p>To consider implementing trial proposals for a pedestrianisation of Camden High Street, Safe and Healthy Streets measures in Jamestown Road, and Streateries, subject to detailed design and statutory process.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden</p>	<p>23 January 2025</p>
<p>Review of Article 4 Directions for Permitted Development Rights in Conservation Areas (Belsize; Frognal; Hampstead Town; Primrose Hill; South Hampstead)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden</p>	<p>4 February 2025</p>
<p>Euston Area Plan (EAP) Update (Bloomsbury; Camden Town; Regent's Park; St Pancras and Somers Town)</p>	<p>To consider approval of a six-week public consultation on the draft Euston Area Plan (EAP) update.</p> <p>The EAP is a strategic planning framework to guide the redevelopment of Euston station.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>2 April 2025</p>

## 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 <sup>th</sup> 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><b>All Members / Detective Chief Inspector Jamie Townsend</b></p>	<p>The Police invited Committee members to a viewing of the LFR technology at Kentish Town Police Station on 0<sup>th</sup> December 2024.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Completed</b></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><b>Councillor Madlani</b></p> <p><b>Head of Community Safety and Enforcement</b></p> <p><b>Director of Public Safety</b></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><b>Director of Public Safety</b></p>	<p>On the Committee Work Programme for 24<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Director of Public Safety</b></p>	<p>On the Committee Work Programme for 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025</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><b>Director Recreation</b></p> <p><b>Director of Environment and Sustainability</b></p>	<p>On the Committee Work Programme for 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025</p> <p>On the Committee Work Programme for 11<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Director of Environment and Sustainability</b></p> <p><b>Director of Environment and Sustainability</b></p>	<p>On the Committee Work Programme for 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025</p> <p>On the Committee Work Programme for 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE</b>	<b>COMPLETED</b>
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b></p>			

<p><u>Fleet Road Residents Deputation</u> Officers agreed to provide direct contact details to the deputees after the meeting.</p>	<p><b>Transport and Design Manager</b></p>	<p>Officers have provided a contact number.</p>	<p><b>Completed.</b></p>
<p><u>Response to Petition to extend the Dartmouth Park Area Healthy Neighbourhood Consultation deadline</u></p> <p>To look into extending the phase 3 consultation beyond the 4-week period,</p>	<p><b>Director of Environment and Sustainability / Head of Transport Strategy and Projects</b></p>		

ACTION	OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE	COMPLETED
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>			
<p><u>Deputation opposing the sale of the Central YMCA building</u></p> <p>Officers agreed to look at the Land Registry document to determine whether there were any legal binding covenants and look back through the minutes to determine whether the Council attached any conditions to the funding it provided to the YMCA in 1975 and report findings back to the Committee.</p>	<b>Director of Recreation</b>		

<p>Officers could check if Criterion Capital owned the YMCA building and any other buildings in the borough and whether they were open to reversing their decision and report back to the Committee.</p>	<p><b>Director of Recreation</b></p>		
<p><u>Update on Sport and Physical Activity Including the contract with GLL (Better)</u></p> <p>Officers agreed to provide an update to the Committee on the findings from the Hawley Primary School pilot, relating to the dramatic drop off in activity of girls transitioning from primary to secondary school.:</p>	<p><b>Strategy and Partnership Manager</b></p>		

<p><u>Cleaner Safer Camden</u></p> <p>Members asked that the Cleaner Safer Camden item be carried forward to the meeting in January.</p> <p>The Committee asked that in future the main lead responding to questions about the report should attend the meeting in-person rather than remotely</p>	<p><b>Head of Community Safety.</b></p> <p><b>Head of Community Safety/Director of Public Safety</b></p>		

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