

Decision Maker: Executive, Resources & Contracts PDS Committee

Date: 24 March 2021

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: MATTERS OUTSTANDING & FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

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Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

This report deals with the Committee's business management including:

- Monitoring progress against actions arising from previous meetings;
 - Developing the 2021/22 Forward Work Programme; and
 - A schedule of Sub-Committees and Working Groups across all PDS Committees
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That PDS Committee reviews and comments on:

1. Progress on matters arising from previous meetings;
2. The 2021/22 work programme, indicating any changes or particular issues that it wishes to scrutinise for the year ahead.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: None
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £358,740
 5. Source of funding: 2018/19 Revenue Budget
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 8 posts (6.79fte)
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an Executive decision.
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): This report is intended primarily for the benefit of Committee Members.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

Non-Applicable Sections:	Impact on Vulnerable People and Children/Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel/Procurement
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Minutes of previous meetings

3. COMMENTARY

Matters Outstanding from Previous Meetings

- 3.1. There are currently no matters outstanding from previous meetings.

Work Programme

- 3.2 Each PDS Committee determines its own work programme, balancing the roles of (i) pre-decision scrutiny and holding the Executive to account, (ii) policy development and review and (iii) external scrutiny. ERC PDS Committee has the additional role of providing a lead on scrutiny issues and co-ordinating PDS work.
- 3.3 PDS Committees need to prioritise their key issues. The work programme also needs to allow room for items that arise through the year, including Member requests, call-ins and referrals from other Committees. Committees need to ensure that their workloads are realistic and balanced, allowing sufficient time for important issues to be properly scrutinised. Members also need to consider the most appropriate means to pursue each issue – the current overview and scrutiny arrangements offer a variety of approaches, whether through a report to a meeting, a time-limited working group review, a presentation, a select committee style meeting focused on a single key issue, or another method.
- 3.4 **Appendix 1** sets out the ERC PDS Committee Work Programme for 2020/21, including: the provisional report title (or activity); the lead division; and Committee's role. Committee is invited to comment on the proposed schedule and suggest any changes it considers appropriate.
- 3.5 Other reports will be added to the 2021/22 Work Programme as items arise. In addition, there may also be references from other committees, the Resources, Contracts and Commissioning Portfolio Holder, or the Executive.

Sub-Committees and Working Groups

- 3.6 The Policy Development and Scrutiny Toolkit suggests that each Committee should aim to carry out no more than two or three full scale reviews each year, and it offers guidance and techniques for prioritising reviews. At a time of pressure on Member and officer resources it is important that any additional work is carefully targeted at priority issues where improvements can be achieved. In recent years, this Committee has examined a number of issues through its Working Groups - part of the Committee's workload may include follow-up work on some of these reviews.
- 3.7 A schedule of Sub-Committees and Working Groups across all PDS Committees is attached as **Appendix 2** to this report. This will be updated for future meetings as other PDS Committees meet and confirm the appointment of Working Groups.

**EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES & CONTRACTS PDS COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22**

Meeting Date: 18 May 2021	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Contracts Register and Contracts Database Update	Procurement	PDS Committee
Risk Register (Red Risks)	Audit	Information Item
Meeting Date: 23 June 2021	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Customer Services - Contract Performance Report	Customer Services	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Exchequer Service - Contract Performance Report	Finance	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Benefits Service Monitoring Report And Update On Council Tax Support\Reduction	Revenues & Benefits	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
Revenues Service Monitoring Report	Revenues & Benefits	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Risk Register	Audit	Information Item
Meeting Date: 15 September 2021	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Treasury Management - Annual Report 2020/21	Finance	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
Capital Programme Monitoring - 1st Quarter 2021/22	Finance	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
Scrutiny of the Chief Executive	Chief Execs	PDS Committee

Risk Management	Audit	Information Item
Contract Register and Contracts Database	Procurement	Information Item
Meeting Date: 13 October 2021		
	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Scrutiny of the Leader	N/A	PDS Committee
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Expenditure on Consultants 2020/21 and 2021/22	Finance	PDS Committee
Section 106 Agreements: Update*	Planning and Regeneration	PDS Committee
Risk Register (Red Risks)	Audit	Information Item
Meeting Date: 18 November 2021		
	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Treasury Management - Quarter 2 Performance 2020/21 & Mid-Year Review	Finance	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
Insurance Fund - Annual Report 2019/20	Finance	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
Risk Register	Audit & Assurance	PDS Committee
BT/ICT Contract Monitoring Report	IT	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Scrutiny of the Resources, Commissioning & Contract Management Portfolio Holder	N/A	PDS Committee
Scrutiny of the Executive Assistant to the Leader	N/A	PDS Committee
Cost of Agency Staff	HR	PDS Committee
Contracts Register and Contracts Database Update	Procurement	PDS Committee
Meeting Date: 5 January 2022		
	Division	Committee Role

Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Capital Programme Monitoring - 2nd Quarter 2021/22	Finance	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
Benefits Service Monitoring Report	Revenues & Benefits	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Revenues Service Monitoring Report	Revenues & Benefits	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Customer Services - Contract Performance Report	Customer Services	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Exchequer Service - Contract Performance Report	Finance	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report

Meeting Date: 2 February 2022	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Treasury Management – Annual Investment Strategy and Quarter 3 Performance 2021/22	Finance	PH Decision
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Scrutiny of the Chief Executive	N/A	PDS Committee
Scrutiny of the Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management Executive Assistant	N/A	PDS Committee
Contracts Register and Contracts Database Update	Procurement	PDS Committee
Property Investment Update	Property	PDS Committee
Risk Register (Red Risks)	Audit & Assurance	Information Item

Meeting Date: 24 March 2022	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Scrutiny of The Leader	N/A	PDS Committee
Annual PDS Report 2020/21	Democratic Services	PDS Committee

PDS SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS 2021/22

SUBJECT	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	MEMBERSHIP
EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES & CONTRACTS PDS		
Any 2021/22 Working Groups of ERC PDS to be appointed by the parent bodies.	TBC	
ADULT CARE AND HEALTH PDS		
Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee	13 July 2021	Cllr Cooke (Chairman), Cllr Allatt, Cllr Dunn, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Evans, Cllr Jefferys, Cllr McIlveen, Cllr Onslow.
Any 2021/22 Working Groups of ACH PDS or the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee to be appointed by the parent bodies.		
Our Healthier South East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (with Bexley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham & Southwark)		Cllr Ellis, Cllr McIlveen.
CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PDS COMMITTEE		
Any 2021/22 Working Groups of the Children, Education & Families PDS Committee to be appointed by the parent bodies.		
ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES PDS		
Any 2021/22 Working Groups of the Environment & Community Services Committee to be appointed by the parent body.		
PUBLIC PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT PDS		
Any 2021/22 Working Groups of the PPE PDS Committee to be appointed by the parent body.		
RENEWAL, RECREATION & HOUSING PDS		
Any 2021/22 Working Groups of the RRH PDS Committee to be appointed by the parent body.		