

Decision Maker: GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 23 March 2021

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

Title: WORK PROGRAMME AND MATTERS ARISING

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Ward: All

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report summarises the Committee's work programme looking ahead into the 2021/22 Council year. In accordance with the decision of Council on 8th April 2019, this report also covers matters outstanding from previous meetings.
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2. RECOMMENDATION

Members are requested to note the matters outstanding from previous meetings (paragraph 3.5) and their draft work programme for 2021/22.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Not Applicable
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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: £359k
 5. Source of funding: Revenue Budget
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 7 6.67fte)
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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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: Not Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Not applicable
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 Bromley Council operates under a “Leader and Executive” constitutional model, with most decision making functions resting with the Leader, Portfolio Holders and the Executive. However, there are a number of functions which the executive side is prohibited from dealing with, for which Committees need to be appointed. In Bromley, the majority of these “non-executive” functions are the responsibility of Development Control Committee for town planning and related functions, and this Committee for most other non-executive functions.

3.2 General Purposes and Licensing Committee fulfils the role of Licensing Committee under the 2003 Licensing Act (which requires a membership of fifteen), but also deals with a range of other non-executive functions that cannot be dealt with by the Executive or do not fall within the terms of reference of Development Control Committee. It therefore has a range of varied and sometimes unrelated responsibilities, including audit, human resources, complaints, elections and appointments.

3.3 The Committee’s role is very different to that of a PDS Committee, in that it has decision-making powers, many of which are delegated to a number of sub-committees -

- Appeals Sub-Committee
- Audit Sub-Committee
- Industrial Relations Sub-Committee
- Licensing Sub-Committee
- Local Joint Consultative Committee
- Pensions Investment Sub-Committee (but, see report elsewhere on this agenda)
- Rights of Way Sub-Committee

These sub-committees have decision-making powers within their own terms of reference, and in most cases their minutes are received by this Committee for information.

3.4 The Committee has six scheduled meetings in the year, plus a meeting after the Council’s annual meeting to appoint its Sub-Committees. The meetings for the 2021/22 Council year are set out in Appendix A, with the reports anticipated for each meeting.

3.5 Members are asked to note the following matters outstanding from previous meetings –

Programme of Meetings 2021/22 (9th February 2021 - minute 129) -

The Committee approved the programme and authorised the Director of Corporate Services to make minor changes as necessary. One important date was missing in error – the full Council meeting in April 2022, which should have been included as 11th April 2022. Members are requested to note this additional date.

2021/22 Pay Award (25th February 2021 – minute 140)

Members requested details of the numbers of Council staff each year who were not awarded the normal pay rise due to performance issues. The Director of HR will circulate this information shortly.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Impact on vulnerable adults and children/Policy/Financial/Personnel/Legal/Procurement
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	None

General Purposes and Licensing Committee
Work Programme 2021/22 (Draft)

12th May 2021 *(following annual Council meeting)*

Appointments to Sub-Committees

May 26th May 2021

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Work Programme & Matters Outstanding

6th July 2021

Work Programme & Matters Outstanding

21th September 2021

Annual Complaints Report and Annual Ombudsman's Letter 2020/21

Work Programme & Matters Outstanding

30th November 2021

Teachers Pay Policy - Centrally Based Staff

Work Programme & Matters Outstanding

8th February 2022

Pay Policy Statement 2022/23

Members Allowances 2022/23

Executive Assistants Reports 2021/22

Programme of Meetings 2022/23

Work Programme & Matters Outstanding

29th March 2022

Annual Review of Licensing Activity

Annual Review of the Scheme of Delegation to Officers

Work Programme & Matters Outstanding

(Draft Minutes from Sub-Committee meetings are received for information at each meeting.)