

Decision Maker: EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES AND CONTRACTS POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: 20 May 2024

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

Title: MATTERS OUTSTANDING AND WORK PROGRAMME

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Chief Officer: Director of Corporate Services and Governance

Ward: All Wards

1. Reason for decision/report and options

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

- Monitoring progress against actions arising from previous meetings; and
- Developing the 2024/25 Forward Work Programme.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That PDS Committee reviews and comments on:

1. Progress on matters arising from previous meetings; and
2. The 2024/25 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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Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable:
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority (delete as appropriate): Not Applicable:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £366k
 5. Source of funding: Revenue Budget
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 6
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: Non-Executive reports are not subject to call-in
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: Not Applicable
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: Not Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (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

3. COMMENTARY

Matters Outstanding from Previous Meetings

- 3.1. **Appendix 1** provides a progress update on requests made by the Committee at previous meetings. This list is checked after each meeting so that any outstanding issues can be addressed at an early stage and timely progress made.

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 2** sets out the ERC PDS Committee Work Programme for 2023/24, 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. Other reports will be added to the 2024/25 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

- 3.5 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.

Non-Applicable Headings:	Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children, Transformation/Policy Implications, Financial Implications, Personnel Implications, Legal Implications, Procurement Implications, Property Implications, Carbon Reduction/Social Value Implications, Customer Impact, Ward Councillor Views
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Minutes of previous meetings

MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minute Number/Title /Date	Action/PDS Request	Update	Action by	Expected Completion Date
94(6) Second Homes Premium 25 March 2024	That additional details regarding the cost of the consultation and whether the Empty Homes Premium be provided following the meeting	The information is being compiled and will be circulated as soon as it is available.	Revenues and Benefits Manager	
95a Annual Scrutiny Report	That the report from the Chairman of the Environment and Community Services PDS Committee be circulated when available.	The report has been circulated to the PDS Committee and will be included in the report to Full Council in July	Chairman ECS PDS and Democratic Services Officer	May 2024

**EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES & CONTRACTS PDS COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25**

Meeting Date: 24 June 2024	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Treasury Management Annual performance report	Finance	Pre Decision Scrutiny (PH)
Capital Programme Outturn	Finance	Pe-Decision Scrutiny (PH)
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre Decision Scrutiny
Scrutiny of the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Management (including short written summary)	N/A	Holding the Portfolio Holder to Account
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	Revenues & Benefits	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
Revenues Service Monitoring Report	Revenues & Benefits	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Expenditure on Consultants and Contractors	Finance	PDS Committee
Risk Registers	Audit	PDS Committee
Meeting Date: 16 September 2024	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Capital Programme Monitoring - 1st Quarter 2024/25	Finance	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
Treasury Management Q1	Finance	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
Scrutiny of the Leader	-	PDS Committee

Contract Register and Contracts Database	Governance and Contracts	PDS Committee
Contracts Management	Governance and Contracts	PDS Committee
Update on Free Speech	Legal	PDS Committee
Meeting Date: 10 October 2024		
	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Post-Completion Review of Oracle Fusion Implementation	Finance	PDS Committee
Section 106 Agreements: Update*	Planning and Regeneration	PDS Committee
Risk Register (Red Risks)	Audit	PDS Committee
Scrutiny of the Chief Executive (including short written summary)	Chief Execs	PDS Committee
Meeting Date: 25 November 2024		
	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Treasury Management – Quarter 2 Performance 2024/25 & Mid-Year Review	Finance	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
Insurance Fund – Annual Report 2023/24	Finance	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
Capital Programme Monitoring Q2.	Finance	Pre-decision scrutiny (PH)
BT/ICT Contract Monitoring Report	IT	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Risk Register	Audit	PDS Committee
Meeting Date: 20 January 2025		
	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Benefits Service Monitoring Report	Revenues & Benefits	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Revenues Service Monitoring Report	Revenues & Benefits	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report

Exchequer Service - Contract Performance Report	Finance	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Customer Services - Contract Performance Report	Customer Services	PDS Committee – Monitoring Report
Scrutiny of the Resources, Commissioning & Contract Management Portfolio Holder (Including Short Written Summary)	N/A	PDS Committee
Meeting Date: 10 February 2025		
	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Capital Programme Monitoring Q.3	Finance	PH Pre-Decision Scrutiny
Annual Investment Strategy 2023/24 and Quarter 3 Treasury Management Performance	Finance	PH Decision/Council
Contracts Register and Contracts Database Update	Governance and Contracts	PDS Committee
Scrutiny of The Leader (including short written summary)	N/A	PDS Committee
Property Investment Update	Property	PDS Committee
Risk Register (Red Risks)	Audit	PDS Committee
Meeting Date: 24 March 2025		
	Division	Committee Role
Matters Arising/Work Programme/Forward Plan	Democratic Services	Standard Items
Executive Agenda	Various	Pre-decision scrutiny
Scrutiny of the Chief Executive (including short written summary)	N/A	PDS Committee
Annual PDS Report 2024/25	Democratic Services	PDS Committee

*Part 2 (Exempt) Report