

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2024/25

As this municipal year is drawing to a close, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are required to begin gathering topics for inclusion in the 2024/25 work programme. This important process will ensure that scrutiny identifies the most relevant issues and that each meeting is focussed on issues of local importance, where scrutiny can add value.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee may choose to scrutinise a range of issues through a combination of pre-decision scrutiny items, policy development, performance monitoring, and follow up to previous scrutiny work.

To support the committee in this process the scrutiny team have drawn up plans for a topic suggestions campaign. Members of this Committee are asked to provide feedback on the proposed approach set out below.

All the suggestions received will be discussed at the topic workshop facilitated by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny on 29th February 2024. Participants will be asked to prioritise the suggestions using criteria so that the issues chosen relate to:

- Issues of local priority;
- services that are underperforming;
- issues of public interest or concern;
- issues where scrutiny could make a difference

The draft shortlist of topics will be presented to the respective scrutiny committees in March 2024.

Consultation activity	Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage Barnet online consultation, requesting topics from residents. • Paper copies of topic request form available in libraries • Email request to NHS trusts, schools etc. • Social media campaign asking for topics. 	Week beginning Monday 15 th January to Friday 9 th February.
Requesting topics from All Councillors and Senior Management Team	
Scrutiny team to finalise long list	Week beginning Monday 19 th February
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send long list to Members for consideration before the CfGS session. 	Thursday 22 nd Feb 6.30-9pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CfGS work programming online training • Breakout session so the discussion can take place with each committee 	Thursday 29 Feb, 6.30-9pm

TBC - 1st or 5th March (eve at HTH) shortlisting?	TBC - Additional discussion for those who cannot attend 29th Feb?
5, 6, 7 th March O&S, CES, A&H	Present draft work programme to each committee for approval.