

EXTERNAL SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME

Committee name	External Services Select Committee
Officer reporting	Nikki O'Halloran, Corporate Services and Transformation
Papers with report	Appendix A – Work Programme
Ward	n/a

HEADLINES

To enable the Committee to track the progress of its work and forward plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the External Services Select Committee considers the Work Programme at Appendix A and agrees any amendments.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Committee meeting will usually start at 6.30pm. Should the need arise, the Committee will be able to vary the start time on an ad hoc basis.
2. The meeting dates for the 2021/2022 municipal year were agreed by Council on 25 February 2021 and are as follows:

Meetings	Room
Wednesday 16 June 2021, 6.30pm	CR6
Tuesday 20 July 2021, 6.30pm	CR6
Wednesday 15 September 2021, 6.30pm	CR6
Thursday 7 October 2021, 6.30pm	CR6
Tuesday 23 November 2021, 6.30pm	CR6
Thursday 27 January 2022, 6.30pm	CR6
Tuesday 22 February 2022, 6.30pm	CR5
Tuesday 22 March 2022, 6.30pm	CR5
Wednesday 27 April 2022, 6.30pm	CR6

Live Broadcasting of Meetings

3. It should be noted that Cabinet, at its meeting on 30 May 2019, agreed that all future select committee meetings would be broadcast live on YouTube. As such, all formal External Services Select Committee meetings will be broadcast live.

Topics to be Scheduled into the Work Programme

4. To fulfil its statutory health scrutiny role, it should be noted that the Committee is required to meet with the local health trusts at least twice each year. To fulfil its statutory role to scrutinise the local crime and disorder reduction partnership (CDRP), the Committee is also required to scrutinise the work of the Safer Hillingdon Partnership (SHP).

5. At its meeting on 16 June 2021, Members agreed to look at journalism and local democracy at its meeting on 23 November 2021. At the meeting, Members would look to establish the role of journalism and online discussion forums in the Borough with regard to local democracy and look at how journalism has changed. Possible key lines of enquiry could include: How can journalism help residents to become more engaged in the local democratic process? How can democracy be promoted amongst young people?
6. A representative from the Local Democracy Reporting Service (LDRS), which is a public service news agency funded by the BBC, provided by the local news sector and used by qualifying partners (it's like a franchise where different companies with different approaches use common editorial standards and all publish into the same system), would be invited to attend the meeting. Possible additional witnesses could include: Brunel journalism students, the Council's Communications Team and representatives from local radio and Nextdoor.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.