

**Finance, Planning and Economic Development Policy and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme  
2023/24**

<b>ROUND 4 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>		
<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Responsible Cabinet Member and Executive Director</b>
Cabinet Member Q&A	To update the Committee on key areas of work within its remit and the Cabinet Member's priorities.	Councillor Geoff Barraclough, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Debbie Jackson, Executive Director for Growth, Planning and Housing
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Lessons learnt from insourcing	To review lessons learnt from insourcing, using contact centres as a case study, twelve months on from them being brought back in-house.	Councillor David Boothroyd, Cabinet Member for Finance and Council Reform Gerald Almeroth, Executive Director for Finance and Resources
Economic Development Plan	To review proposals for the Economic Development Plan.	Councillor Geoff Barraclough, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Debbie Jackson, Executive Director for Growth, Planning and Housing
Work programme	To review the work programme considering recent events and discussions.	n/a – Francis Dwan, Policy and Scrutiny Advisor

<b>ROUND 5 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>		
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Place-Shaping Schemes	To review place-shaping schemes of note in Westminster.	Councillor Geoff Barraclough, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Debbie Jackson, Executive Director for Growth, Planning and Housing
Planning Policy Changes and City Plan Review	To review proposed changes to planning policy and how this ties in with the City Plan review.	Councillor Geoff Barraclough, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development  Pedro Wrobel, Executive Director of Innovation and Change Debbie Jackson, Executive Director for Growth, Planning and Housing
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<b>ROUND 6 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024</b>		
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Westminster Employment Services	To review the outputs of the Westminster employment services.	Councillor Geoff Barraclough, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Debbie Jackson, Executive Director for Growth, Planning and Housing
Corporate Property Portfolio	To receive a report on the Corporate Property Portfolio with regards either the operational estate or the	Councillor David Boothroyd, Cabinet Member for Finance and Council Reform

	commercial investment property portfolio.	Gerald Almeroth, Executive Director for Finance and Resources
Work programme	To review the work programme considering recent events and discussions.	n/a – Francis Dwan, Policy and Scrutiny Advisor

### **Unallocated Items**

(N.B these will be considered as substitutes, should the situation merit it. They can also be used for consideration by the Committee, though other options not listed may also be presented or considered):

Westminster Works 2024	To review the Westminster Works Programme.
IT disaggregation	To review the ongoing process of disaggregation of IT services from shared-service and review the costs/savings realised.
Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing SPD	To review planning obligations and the affordable housing SPD before the decision is taken in July 2023.
Council Tax Collection	To review the Westminster's rate of council tax collection, what efforts are in place to improve it and to support vulnerable residents.
Understanding major planning applications fall is being addressed – efficiency savings	To review the Council's efforts in attracting appropriate infrastructure investment in the form of major planning applications following a lull in the volume of applications.
Preserving world heritage status	To review the Council's efforts to sustain Westminster's world heritage status.
Review of Westminster Investment Service	To review the Westminster Investment Service.
Evening and Night-Time Economy	To review the Council's work on facilitating Westminster's night-time economy whilst ensuring safety and respect to both visitors and residents.
Working with BIDs	To receive an overview of BIDs in Westminster. To better understand how they work, their processes and how the Council interacts with them. The Committee could receive a case-study of a joint working scheme with a BID, to review how the Council might work better with the BIDs.
London Living Wage and Third-Party Contracts	To review the progress made in implementing the Council becoming a Living Wage accredited organisation in respect of its employees and suppliers and the impacts arising from this.
Participatory Budgeting	To further review adoption of participatory budgeting, its costs, challenges and delivery.
Oxford Street Programme	To review the Oxford Street Programme following publication of the business case and the completion of the consultation.