

Community Scrutiny Committee – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 15/11/22)

Date of Meeting	Item	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Agenda Item Duration
8 February 2023				
8 February 2023	Private Sector Housing Policies	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services		15 minutes
8 February 2023	Disposal of Council Property Assets to Support Regeneration	Paul Wheatley, Head of Property and Regeneration	n/a	15 Minutes
8 February 2023	Bereavement Services Review	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services		15 minutes
5 April 2023				
5 April 2023	Recycle More Refresh	John Bright, Waste Services Development Officer, Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services		15 minutes
21 June 2023				
28 June 2023	Scrutiny Annual Report	James Arnold, Strategic Director of Place		30 minutes

Requests for Item

Date request Received	Requested by	Summary of request	Consideration by scrutiny Y/N	Reasons
None	-	-	-	-

Principles and Criteria used for Assessing Items Put Forward

Identify Issues for consideration by Scrutiny

- Consulting with members of Scrutiny Committees, senior officers, Cabinet members – horizon scanning on policy development
- Looking at the corporate priorities, Council Delivery Plan and Cabinet Forward plan – identify key issues/topics for investigation/inquiry
- Considering events and decisions in the Council’s calendar which could require an input/consultation via scrutiny – eg budget setting, CDP development
- Considering requests from members – eg via another forum or scoping report submitted
- Evaluating the Council’s performance – eg quarterly reports, end of year reports, reviewing success of a particular scheme or initiative
- Reviewing any follow up work required after previous scrutiny work

Prioritise the potential list of scrutiny topics based on factors including

- the resources required to deliver it (from members, offices and financially)
- the value and level of impact which could be achieved
- link to the council’s priorities
- whether it is a regular recurring item which requires consideration before Cabinet/Council approval
- consideration of the guidance for selecting scrutiny topics

Topics are suitable for Scrutiny when	Topics are not suitable for Scrutiny when
Scrutiny could have an impact and add value	The issue is already being addressed elsewhere and change is imminent
The topic is of high local importance and reflects the concerns of local people	The topic would be better addressed elsewhere (and will be referred there)
The resources are available that would be required to conduct the review – staff and budget	Scrutiny involvement would have limited or no impact on outcomes
It avoids duplication of work elsewhere	The topic would be sub-judice or prejudicial to the councils interests
The issues is one that the committee can realistically influence	The topic is too broad to make a review realistic
The issue is related to an area where the council or one of its partners is not performing well	New legislation or guidance relating to the topic is expected in the next year