

Corporate Scrutiny Committee – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 15/11/23)

Date of Meeting	Item	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Agenda Item Duration
January 2024				
4 January 2024	Draft Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Rents 2024/25	Anna Crouch, Head of Finance	-	30 minutes
4 January 2024	Performance Monitoring Report	Mike Murphy, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development	-	30 minutes
4 January 2024	Draft General Fund Budget 2024/25	Anna Crouch, Head of Finance	-	30 minutes
4 January 2024	Draft Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators	Anna Crouch, Head of Finance	-	30 minutes
4 January 2024	Draft Robustness of Budget Estimates and Adequacy of Reserves	Paul Stone, Strategic Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer)	-	30 minutes

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4 January 2024	Damp and Mould Task and Finish Group Report	Jane Rochelle, Head of Housing	-	30 minutes
February 2024				
20 February 2024	2023/24 Quarter 3 General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Finance Update	Anna Crouch, Head of Finance	-	30 minutes
20 February 2024	Customer Services Annual Report	Nichola Oliver, Customer Services Team Manager	-	30 minutes
20 February 2024	Performance Monitoring Report	Mike Murphy, Head of Resources and Organisational Development	-	30 minutes
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May 2024				

23 May 2024	Annual Scrutiny Report	Andy Barton, Strategic Director	-	20 minutes
23 May 2024	Performance Monitoring Report	Mike Murphy, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development	-	30 minutes

Requests for Items – via Scoping Form

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

Requests for work currently being considered by the Scrutiny Work Programming Group

At the meeting of the Scrutiny Work Programming Group on 6 July 2023, several suggestions were made for possible areas of work for the Committee which required further discussions and scoping. The group will consider this further at its next scheduled meeting on 6 September and an update will be provided to the next full Committee meeting.

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