

Corporate Scrutiny Committee – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 27/08/25)

Date of Meeting	Item	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Agenda Item Duration
November 2025				
20 November 2025	Local Government Reorganisation	Allison Thomas, Chief Executive	-	60 minutes
December 2025				
4 December 2025	Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report To report on the Council's performance during the previous quarter, measured against the indicators as set out in the Council Delivery Plan 2023-2028.	Hannah Panter, Head of HR and Organisational Development	-	30 minutes
4 December 2025	Quarterly General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Update For Members to note and comment on the performance of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budgets, during the previous quarter.	Anna Crouch, Head of Finance	-	30 minutes
4 December 2025	Stenson Square Gardens – RIBA 3 Report	Paul Wheatley, Head of Economic Regeneration and Property	-	30 minutes
January 2026				
8 January 2026	Draft Budget 2026/27 The Committee are invited to make comment on the 2026/27 draft budget proposals as part of the consultation process.	Anna Crouch, Head of Finance	-	60 minutes

Date of Meeting	Item	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Agenda Item Duration
March 2026				
19 March 2026	Housing Repairs Update This report will set out housing repairs performance and highlight the issues impeding delivery of an efficient and good housing service to Council tenants.	Andy Barton, Strategic Director of Communities	-	30 minutes
19 March 2026	Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report To report on the Council's performance during the previous quarter, measured against the indicators as set out in the Council Delivery Plan 2023-2028.	Hannah Panter, Head of HR and Organisational Development	-	30 minutes
19 March 2026	Quarterly General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Update For Members to note and comment on the performance of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budgets, during the previous quarter.	Anna Crouch, Head of Finance	-	30 minutes

Work requests considered by the Scrutiny Work Programming Group

No current work requests

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

PREVIOUS SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET (from meeting held on 19 June)

Quarterly Performance Report – Quarter 4 2024/25

Members made the following recommendations to Cabinet:

- ‘a) To ensure clarity of the information being presented, consider the following amendments to the performance report:
 - i) Amend the labels connected to the red and green progress of KPI’s in the bar charts from ‘complete’ and ‘not complete’ to ‘compliant with KPI’s’ and ‘not compliant with KPI’s’
 - ii) Amend the format of the progress of KPI information, to make it easier to understand, including moving away from stacked bar graphs and providing details alongside statements.

- b) In relation to KPI 13 (we will aim to be carbon zero by 2030 and as a district by 2050), the benchmarking and target setting be completed as soon as possible.’

At its meeting on 26 August, Cabinet considered and noted the recommendations.

2024/25 Q3 General Finance Update

Members made the following recommendation to Cabinet:

‘Consider changing the process of finance monitoring so that the Corporate Scrutiny Committee can scrutinise the information closer to the end of each quarter with the Committee’s preference being prior to consideration by cabinet.’

At its meeting on 26 August, Cabinet considered and noted the recommendations.

The report and minutes for both meetings can be found below –

[Corporate Scrutiny Committee – 19 June 2025](#)

[Cabinet – 26 August 2025](#)