

**Corporate Scrutiny Committee – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 19/11/25)**

Date of Meeting	Item	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Agenda Item Duration
<b>January 2026</b>				
22 January 2026	<b>Draft Budget 2026/27</b> The committee are invited to make comment on the 2026/27 draft budget proposals as part of the consultation process.	Paul Stone, Strategic Director of Resources	-	1 hour
22 January 2026	<b>Finance Update – 2025/26 Quarter 2</b> For Members to note and comment on the performance of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budgets during the previous quarter.	Paul Stone, Strategic Director of Resources		30 minutes
<b>March 2025</b>				
19 March 2026	<b>Council Delivery Plan – Performance Report – 2025/26 Quarter 3</b> To report 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 Human Resources and Organisational Development	-	30 minutes
19 March 2026	<b>Finance Update – 2025/26 Quarter 3</b> For Members to note and comment on the performance of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budgets during the previous quarter.	Paul Stone, Strategic Director of Resources	-	30 minutes

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19 March 2026	<b>Housing Action Plans Post Inspection</b> This report will set out the proposed action plans following the recent housing regulator inspection and highlight performance and issues impeding delivery of an efficient and good housing service.	Andy Barton, Strategic Director of Communities	-	30 minutes
<b>June 2025</b>				
18 June 2026	<b>Annual Scrutiny Report</b> To present the work of the two scrutiny committees for the 2025/26 civic year.	Andy Barton, Strategic Director of Communities	-	20 minutes

#### Work requests considered by the Scrutiny Work Programming Group

Request	Update
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 <b>are</b> suitable for Scrutiny when	Topics <b>are not</b> 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