Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2023-2027

SEPTEMBER 2025

Date	Issue (report author)	Reason	Outcomes	Supports corporate aims
11 September 2025	Question and answer session with Leader & Deputy	Holding the Executive to account	Scrutiny of the Executive	All
	Heritage Strategy update	Reporting pathway	Recommendations to Executive	2
	Homelessness prevention policy implementation	Reporting pathway	Recommendations to Executive	1
	Council house service rent policy	Reporting pathway	Recommendations to Executive	1
6 November 2025	Planning appeals update (Chris Brown)	Annual report	Monitoring of performance on appeals	2
	Affordable housing delivery (Valerie Bunting)	Annual report	Awareness of delivery	1, 2
	Adoption of infrastructure review final report (Scrutiny review / Becky Owen)	Conclusion of scrutiny review	Recommendations to appropriate body	2
	Housing associations review (Scrutiny review)	Request of members: matter of importance to residents	Scoping of review	1, 2
	Budget strategy (Ashley Wilson)			3
	Overview & Scrutiny statutory guidance	Final report following task & finish group	Recommendations to officer and/or Council	All
	Housing task & finish group – implementation of outcomes	To consider the outcomes of the review	Action outstanding items	1
	Local Government Reorganisation – final proposal	Reporting pathway	Recommendations to Executive	All
	Infrastructure funding statement (Lesley Keal)	Annual report	Awareness of S106 contributions and allocations	2

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	Review of recommendations of planning service review (2022) (Scrutiny review / Becky Owen)	Monitor implementation of recommendations	Ensure recommendations have been actioned	2
22 January 2026 (budget meeting)	Budget reports (Ashley Wilson)	Normal reporting pathway	Scrutiny prior to Council decision	All
	Pay policy statement (Julie Stay)	Normal reporting pathway	Scrutiny prior to Council decision	All
	Economic regeneration strategy 2026 – 2030	Refresh of strategy	Recommendation to decision making body	2
12 March 2026	Voluntary & Community sector partnership update and commissioning outcomes (Rachel Burgess)	Annual update	Awareness of VCS activity	1
	Parish & Community Initiative Fund allocations (Paul Scragg)	Normal reporting pathway	Recommendations to SLT	2
May / June 2026				
July / August 2026	Environmental Improvement programme (Daniel Britton)	Annual report	Consult with members	2, 3
September / October 2026	Economic regeneration strategy (Daniel Britton)	Annual report	Briefing on outcomes	2, 3
	Infrastructure funding statement	Annual report	Awareness of S106 contributions and allocations	2

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	(Lesley Keal)			
	Overview & Scrutiny annual report (Becky Owen)	Annual report – good practice	Recommendations to Council	All
November / December 2026	Planning appeals update (Chris Brown)	Annual report	Monitoring of performance on appeals	2
	Affordable housing delivery (Valerie Bunting)	Annual report	Awareness of delivery	1, 2
February 2027 (budget meeting)	Budget reports (Ashley Wilson)	Normal reporting pathway	Scrutiny prior to Council decision	All
	Pay policy statement (Julie Stay)	Normal reporting pathway	Scrutiny prior to Council decision	All
March / April 2027	Voluntary & Community sector partnership update and commissioning outcomes (Rachel Burgess)	Annual update	Awareness of VCS activity	1
	Parish & Community Initiative Fund allocations (Paul Scragg)	Normal reporting pathway	Recommendations to SLT	2

To be programmed Public transport review

Key to corporate aims 1 – People 2 – Places

3 – Prosperity