



South Tyneside Council

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Work Programme 2026/27

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Adult Safeguarding, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny

Committee

16 June 2026

Report to Adult Safeguarding, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Portfolio/Lead Member: Councillor Andy Heywood, Lead Member for Adults, Health and Independence

Report of Director of Governance and Corporate Affairs

Subject: Work Programme for the Committee 2026/27

Date: 16 June 2026

Wards affected: All

Council ambitions: The report will set out the future items for Adult Safeguarding, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee meetings, potentially relating to all five council ambitions.

Does the report and any appendices contain information which has been identified as confidential or exempt?

- No, this report does not contain information identified as confidential or exempt.

Relevant Scrutiny Chair: Councillor Shirley Ford

Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny? No

Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present the Committee's currently scheduled activities for the 2026/27 Municipal Year in a clear and structured format for the information of Members.
- 1.2 To give Members an opportunity to amend or insert new activities to be considered at future meetings of the Committee.

Background Information

- 2.1 At the start of each Municipal Year, Members are invited to agree an initial work programme for the Committee for the year ahead.
- 2.2 It is important to note that the work programme is not a rigid document but rather it will form the basis of the Committee's work for the next 12 months and can be amended or supplemented by Members at each meeting. This allows flexibility to reflect emerging priorities.
- 2.3 The Chair will also, on occasion, be asked to approve the inclusion of any additional topics that might arise between meetings.
- 2.4 The Terms of Reference of the Adult Safeguarding, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee are as follows:
 - a) Adult Social Services and our effectiveness in meeting our statutory duties and functions as set out in the Care Act 2014 and wider legislative and practice frameworks, with particular focus on promoting wellbeing, independence and outcomes for people.
 - b) Performance against our duties in respect of the quality, choice and control as part of managing a diverse and sustainable market.
 - c) Workforce planning, working in partnership with key stakeholders taking account of local need, recruitment, retention and career development.
 - d) Ensuring there is a robust safeguarding response from Adult Social Care and a well led, responsive and co-ordinated multi-agency local adult safeguarding system, including evaluation of our work with other agencies to prevent abuse and to protect those at risk of harm.
 - e) Effectiveness of our partnership working, with people, communities and our stakeholders to coproduce and design solutions that enable them to Live Better Lives.
 - f) Public Health and Wellbeing responsibilities

- 2.4 Furthermore, the Adult Safeguarding, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will act as the referral point for the Local Health Watch in respect of Health matters and coordinate responses. The Committee will act as the responsible body for ensuring that the Council's statutory health functions are undertaken, including the power to scrutinise the planning, provision and operation of health services within the Borough.

Main Issues and Options to be Considered

- 3.1 The report seeks suggestions for items for future consideration by the Committee, in line with the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Implications

Financial and Resources

- 4.1 There are no particular financial or resource implications arising from this report at this time.

Legal and Governance

- 5.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committees were established as part of the Local Government Act 2000 to scrutinise decisions made by the executive. The current legislative provisions for Overview and Scrutiny Committees are contained in the Localism Act 2011.

Risk

- 6.1 As this report is presented for information and not for any direct decision-making, there are no direct risks attached to it.
- 6.2 Members of the Committee should scrutinise a range of items in line with the terms of reference, in order to assure themselves that the Council is meeting its statutory duties and functions as set out in the Care Act 2014. If Members do not scrutinise appropriate items, there is a risk that adequate assurance may not be provided to Members.

Equality and Diversity and Community

- 7.1 There are no direct equality and diversity and community risks arising from this report.

Environmental and Sustainability

- 8.1 There are no direct environmental or sustainability implications from this report at this time.

Council Ambitions, Policies, Strategies and Plans

- 9.1 The Adult Safeguarding, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee should consider a work programme which supports the Council in fulfilling its Vision and the Council's Strategy and Ambitions for South Tyneside, challenging performance and influencing, particularly with regards to corporate issues and cross cutting themes and the Council's continuous development against the Vision and Strategy, and to review that programme regularly.

Consultation and Engagement

- 10.1 Adult Safeguarding, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee where appropriate will engage with external partners to facilitate scrutiny work.

Recommendations

- 11.1 Members are invited to review the issues identified and make any amendments or additions deemed necessary for the work programme for 2026/27.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 12.1 To ensure the Committee has a focused and relevant work programme for 2026/27.

List of Appendices

1. Work Programme Table
2. Key Decisions Document

Work Programme 2026/27:

Adult Safeguarding, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting	Focus Area	Methodology	Responsible Officer
16 June 2026	Scrutiny Framework and Terms of Reference	Presentation	Jonathan Lunness
	Adult Social Care Responsibilities	Presentation	Vicki Pattinson
	Public Health Responsibilities	Presentation	Tom Hall
	GP Closure	Report	
1 September 2026			
13 October 2026			
1 December 2026			
2 February 2027			
16 March 2027			

To be scheduled:

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Forward Plan

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Report Title	Nature of the Decision to be made	Is the Decision a Key Decision	Is the report or part of it confidential or containing exempt information?	Date decision to be taken and who by (Cabinet or Council)	Consultees/ Consultation Process	Background documents/ Information available to the decision-maker	The Contact Officer's name, telephone number and e-mail address
2025/26 Provisional Financial Outturn	This report sets out the major revenue and capital variations in the outturn spending position for the Council for the financial year ending 31 st March 2026	Yes	No	Cabinet 1 July 2026	NA	None	Alan Foster, 0191 424 6807, alan.foster@southtyneshire.gov.uk
Procurement Pipeline – Forward Plan July 2026	to inform all procurement activity to be undertaken from May 2025 up to November 2025, which carries a contract value of £350,000 or over, in line with the “Procurement Procedure Rules” set out within the Constitution.	No	No	Cabinet 1 July 2026	Lead Member of Governance, Finance and Corporate Services	NA	Peter Lawton, 0191 424 7712, peter.lawton@southtyneshire.gov.uk
Treasury Management	There is a requirement to report quarterly to the	No	No	Cabinet 1 July 2026	NA	Treasury Management File	Paul McCann, 0191 424 6545,

Quarterly Report - 31 st March 2026	Executive on Treasury Management activity and on the exercise of delegated powers. This report is for the quarter ended 31 st March 2025						paul.mccann@southtyneside.gov.uk
Adult Social Care Annual Update	Cabinet are asked to review the work undertaken by Adult Social Care and Commissioning in the proceeding 12 months and priorities for the year ahead.	No	No	Cabinet 1 July 2026	NA	NA	Vicki Pattinson, Director of Adult Social Care and Commissioning Vicki.pattinson@southtyneside.gov.uk . 0191 424 6253
South Tyneside Local Plan	Borough Council to be asked to endorse adoption of the Local Plan	Yes	No	Council 30 July 2026	The Local Plan has been subject to formal consultation at Regulation 18, Regulation 19 and Main Modifications stages.	Local Plan - South Tyneside Council	Andrew Inch, Senior Manager – Planning 07787697831 Andrew.inch@southtyneside.gov.uk
Age Friendly Annual Report	To raise awareness of this WHO programme of work and use all available opportunities to maximise the programme's potential.	No	No	Council 30 July 2026	In line with WHO recommendations, a baseline survey was undertaken in (2023) prior to the publication of the current age friendly strategy (2024-2028)	Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan - South Tyneside Council	Mary Fairfield, 0191 424 6518 mary.fairfield@southtyneside.gov.uk
South Tyneside Sensory Support Service – Tender Report	Award of Tender to new provider of the Sensory Support Service in the Borough.	Yes	No	Cabinet 23 September 2026			Jamie Brown 0191 424 7142

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Adult Social Care Annual Update	Cabinet are asked to review the work undertaken by Adult Social Care and Commissioning in the proceeding 12 months and priorities for the year ahead.	No	No	Date TBC	NA	NA	
South Tyneside Community Land CIC – Company dissolution and Asset Transfer	Cabinet to agree to assign the Lease from South Tyneside Community Land CIC to Groundwork together with the assets	No	No	Date TBC	NA	Report to Leadership – 15 July 2025 South Tyneside Community Land CIC (formerly known as Whitburn Shores)	John Rumney 0191 424 7267 john.rumney@southtyneside.gov.uk Jo Robason 0191 426 8473 Joanne.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk
Community Governance Review (Whitburn Parish)	To delegate the functions of carrying out a Community Governance Review to Constitution Committee	No	No	Date TBC	Constitution Committee will be asked to devise appropriate consultation / engagement as part of the review.	Application for review & supporting documents	John Rumney, 0191 424 7267 john.rumney@southtyneside.gov.uk

Tyne Coast College Update– Meeting of Cabinet 27 May 2026

The following report was added to the Forward Plan on 18 May 2026 to be considered at Cabinet on 27 May 2026. The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny was informed of this on 21 May 2026.