



Work Programme

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Our Place and Environment Scrutiny Committee

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Report to Our Place and Environment Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Portfolio/Lead Member: Cllr Susan Sybenga, Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Finance and Resources

Report of Director of Governance and Corporate Affairs

Subject: Work Programme for the Committee 2026/2027

Date: 23 July 2026

Wards affected: All wards.

Council ambitions: Strong Communities

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.

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Is the decision a Key Decision? Yes / No

Is it included in the Forward Plan? Yes / No

If not in the Forward Plan is the report: General Exception Rule / Special Urgency Rule

Relevant Scrutiny Chair: Cllr Rice

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

(If the decision is anything other than any executive decision made by the Cabinet or a Key Decision made by an officer under delegated powers, call-in is not applicable. This should be explained in the report).

Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present the Committee's currently scheduled activities for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year in a clear and structured format for the information of the 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 local priorities.
- 2.3 The Chair will also, on occasion, be asked to approve the inclusion of any additional topics that might arise between meetings.

Main issues and Options to be Considered

- 3.1 The report seeks suggestions for items for future consideration by the Committee.

Implications

- 4.1 There are no known implications arising from this report at this time.

Financial and Resources

- 5.1 There are no known financial or resource implications arising from this report at this time.

Legal and Governance

- 6.1 To ensure that the Committee considers items relevant to its terms of reference as per the Constitution.

Risk

- 7.1 As this report is presented for information and not for any direct decision making, there are no risks attached to it.

Equality and Diversity and Community

- 8.1 There are no equality, diversity or community implications arising from this report.

Environmental and Sustainability

- 9.1 There are no environmental or sustainability implications from this report.

Council Ambitions, Policies, Strategies and Plans

- 10.1 This report aligns with the Council Ambitions of being healthy and well, and part of strong communities.

Consultation and Engagement

- 11.1 Officers would welcome feedback on how useful the data provided is and if further evidence and information would be useful for the Committee.

Recommendations

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

Reasons for Recommendations

13.1 To ensure the Committee has a varied work programme for 2026/27

List of Appendices

14.1 Work Programme Appendix

Work Programme

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Background papers must be retained for a period of four years.

The following is a list of the background papers (excluding exempt papers) relied upon in the preparation of the above report:

Background Paper	File Ref:	File Location