

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

MEMBERS: Councillors; Cahal Burke (Chair), Itrat Ali, Zarina Amin, Andrew Cooper and Jo Lawson

SUPPORT: Sheila Dykes, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

FULL PANEL DISCUSSION		
THEME / ISSUE	APPROACH / AREAS OF FOCUS	OUTCOMES / ACTIONS
1. Leader's Priorities 2025/26	The Leader will attend to set out her portfolio priorities for 2025/26.	<u>11 July 2025</u> Informal meetings with the Chair and the Leader take place throughout the year.
2. Finance Portfolio Holder's Priorities 2025/26	The Portfolio Holder will attend to set out his priorities for 2025/26.	<u>11 July 2025</u> Informal meetings with the Chair and the Portfolio Holder take place throughout the year.
3. Corporate Portfolio Holder's Priorities 2025/26	The Portfolio Holder will attend to set out her priorities for 2025/26.	<u>25 July 2025</u> Informal meetings with the Chair and the Portfolio Holder take place throughout the year.
4. Corporate Financial Management	To provide oversight of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Corporate Financial Monitoring Reports • Medium Term Financial Plan • Budget 2026/27 - Pre-Decision Scrutiny 	<u>11 July 2025</u> <u>12 September 2025</u> <u>12 December 2025</u> <u>16 January 2026</u> – Budget Proposals <u>27 March 2026</u> The Chair is briefed by the Service Director, Finance on a regular basis throughout the year.

5. Corporate Performance	To provide oversight of the Quarterly Performance Management Reports	<u>11 July 2025</u> <u>12 September 2025</u> <u>12 December 2025</u> <u>27 March 2026</u>
6. Corporate Risk	To provide oversight of the Quarterly Corporate Risk Reports	<u>11 July 2025</u> <u>12 September 2025</u> <u>12 December 2025</u> <u>27 March 2026</u>
7. Council Plan	Pre-decision scrutiny in respect of the latest version of the Council Plan	<u>12 December 2025 – Informal</u> <u>16 January 2026</u>
8. Transformation Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-annual progress reports in respect of delivery of transformation projects and activities. • Lead Members will be invited to request briefings on the detail of those within their Panel’s remit where they consider this will assist their work. 	<u>12 December 2025</u>
9. Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversight of Action Plan Implementation. 	<u>11 July 2025</u>
10. Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan (Crime and Disorder) and Domestic Abuse Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-decision scrutiny of the refresh of the Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan, in accordance with statutory requirement under Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. 	TBC
11. Government Policy / Legislation	To maintain an overview of potential and forthcoming changes relevant to local government and to consider the potential impact on the Council at an early stage, with specific focus on any changes in respect of financial settlements and the approach to funding.	June/September/December/February

12. Customer Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early learning from the ten integrated library hubs on how citizens can be supported and enabled to access the support and information they need, using a place-based approach, and how this will be used to plan for the future. • Raising awareness of, and the role of wider services and partners in promoting, the integrated hubs • How the service works with volunteers and how they are supported to build on their particular areas of interest. <p>(Including a visit to the Huddersfield Centre)</p>	<u>24 October 2025</u>
13. Corporate Safeguarding Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update report on progress further to the Organisational Safeguarding Assessment in 2025 	<u>24 October 2025</u>
14. Social Connectivity in Kirklees	Progress update in respect of Action Plan	<u>27 February 2026</u>
15. Digital Strategy	Pre-decision scrutiny	<u>24 October 2025 - Informal</u>
16. Tourism Strategy	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of New Strategy (3 Year strategy)	<u>12 September 2025</u>
17. Culture Strategy	Pre-decision scrutiny of Culture Strategy (10 year)	TBC
18. Communications Strategy and Business Plan	Update on activity	<u>11 July 2025 – Informal</u>
19. Devolution	Update in respect of devolution and the impact on Kirklees and engagement at regional level.	<u>12 September 2025</u>
20. External Funding Opportunities	Update in respect of activities associated with identifying and pursuing partnership and funding opportunities that support the Council priorities.	<u>27 February 2026</u>

21. Scrutiny Work Programmes	Maintain an overview of the Work Programmes of the four Panels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s • Environment and Climate • Growth and Regeneration • Health and Adult Social Care 	<u>25 July 2025</u> Work Programmes submitted for approval. Lead Members updates given at each meeting.
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LEAD MEMBER BRIEFING ISSUES

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Inclusion and Diversity	Inclusion and Diversity Strategy 2024-27 approved by Cabinet on 10th September 2024. Progress Update	
People Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Update Phase 3/4 • Pre-decision of revised strategy 2025 onwards 	
Armed Forces Covenant	Progress Update	
Customer Expectations	Progress Update	