

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY PANEL

DRAFT - Work Programme 2026/2027

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FULL PANEL DISCUSSION		
THEME/ISSUE	APPROACH / AREAS OF FOCUS	OUTCOMES / ACTIONS
Waste and Recycling Service Overview	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 5th August 2026</u> As part of its ongoing work in scrutinising the approach to Waste and Recycling in Kirklees, the Panel will consider an overview of the Service, including upcoming decisions, size, complexity, scale and structure. There will also be a focus on changes as a result of Simpler Recycling.	
Air quality Update	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 5th August 2026</u> The Panel will consider the draft Air Quality Action Plan	

Simpler Recycling	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 9th September 2026</u> The Panel will consider an update on Simpler Recycling	
Winter Maintenance	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 9th September 2026</u> As part of the Panel's ongoing work in scrutinising winter preparedness in Kirklees, the Panel will receive an update on winter maintenance.	
Highway Maintenance	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 4th November 2026</u> The Panel will consider an update in respect of Highway Maintenance	
Fly tipping/ Cleansing (TBC)	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 4th November 2026</u> Update TBC	

White Rose Forest Update	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 9th December 2026</u> The Panel will consider an update in respect of the White Rose Forest.	
Environment Update TBC	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 9th December 2026</u> TBC	
Annual Update on Flood Risk	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 10th February 2026</u> The Panel will consider the Annual Report on Flood Risk Management	
Climate Change and Net Zero	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 10th February 2026</u>	

(Energy Security and Savings)	The Panel will consider an update in respect of Climate Change and Net Zero.	
TBC	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 10th February 2026</u>	
Highways Network management	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 14th April 2027</u> The Panel will consider an update in respect of Highways Network Management	
Highway Asset Management and Lane Rental	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 14th April 2027</u> The Panel will consider an update in respect of Highway Asset Management and Lane Rental	
<u>Informal Briefings</u>		
Background Sessions	Informal scrutiny meetings to be held prior to presentation in the public meeting to provide the Panel	

	with background on each item. The Panel also requested information on: • How services are structured? • Understandings the Council's responsibility and remit over each item/area being discussed and where scrutiny can have meaningful impact? • What are the responsibilities of partners and private landowners where applicable to the item and how does the Council work with them? • Budget and funding implications, i.e.- how are certain services/projects funded, where is the funding coming from? • Any background policy or legislation?	

Golden Threads:

- Customer Access – Communications out and in
- Climate Net 0 targets
- Risks and Opportunities – to include Partnerships and funding from eg: Section 106/grants, Policy (links to National)

Items /themes not yet scheduled:

- **Collection of Food Waste:** The Panel will consider an update on the options being considered for the future of food waste collection prior to a decision being taken by the Cabinet. Flight path to be confirmed prior to being scheduled.
- **Green Spaces Management:** The Panel will consider an update in respect of Green Space Management. To be scheduled prior to Spring,