

# COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

CHAIR: CLLR MICHAEL DURRANT

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AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION
<b>Meeting Date: 23 July 2025</b>		
Planning Enforcement – General Overview including Developer Powers	Overview of planning enforcement and Developer powers, and how this affects our residents/communities	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning / Julian Hawley, Principal Planning Enforcement Officer – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the process and how developer powers are affecting our residents/communities</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To identify Cabinet Decisions made to date and see what topics are due to be presented in the future, and determine if any require further follow-up by Scrutiny</i>	
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To have contributed on new/revised policies and strategies</i>	
Horizon Scanning	To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	Lead Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To have considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise</i>	
Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	

Meeting Date: 10 September 2025		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 1	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
Homelessness Update	To receive an overview of homeless including rough sleeping	Lee Pepper, Assistant Director of Communities / Gary Smithurst, Housing Strategy & Homeless Manager - <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the process and how the Council deal with this issue</i>	
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Meeting Date: 19 November 2025		

Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 2	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
Local Plan Update	Update on the Local Plan	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To hear about the Local Plan and any changes/issues that have arisen</i>	
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<b>Meeting Date: 25 February 2026</b>		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 3	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer

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<b>Meeting Date: 13 May 2026</b>		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 4	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	

Voluntary Sector Organisations Presentation	Organisation TBC	TBC (via Tris Burdett)
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand how the organisations are utilising the funding from the Council, and what benefits it has for the organisation</i>	
Community Safety Partnership	To receive an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership	Faye Green, Community Safety Manager – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To get an understanding of the CSP, including issues that may have arisen, and concerns going forward</i>	
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## **NOTES**

- Full adaptations review – due 2025 – no date confirmed yet

- Five Year Housing Land Supply Update (add to end of year or 2025 Programme / include NPPF)
- Housing Strategy and Private Sector Housing Strategy Action Plan
- Social housing priority
- UKSPF – Inclusive Communities – 26/27 W/Prog
- CAG/Luncheon Clubs
- Access to GP surgeries