

# ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

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AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION
Meeting Date: 21 July 2025		
Electrical Car Charging Points	Overview of the plans for installing charging points across the District	David Broom, Facilities & Contracts Manager / DCC – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the plans to roll out EVCP across the district</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: 1 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>	
Biodiversity Net Gain Update	Update on what the Council are doing to achieve biodiversity net gain and progress made	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Gain an understanding of what the Council are doing to achieve biodiversity net gain</i>	
Planning Infrastructure Bill/Planning Reform	To hear about changes to Planning and how this impacts the Council	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the impact of the Planning Bill/Reform</i>	
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Meeting Date: 17 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>	
Update on Waste Reforms	Update on the new legislation and future plans for the Council	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene – <b>CONFIRMED (invite sent)</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the impact of the Reforms on the Council, and plans going forward</i>	
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Meeting Date: 23 February 2026		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 3	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing	
Tree Strategy	Overview of the Strategy and the Council’s plans for implementation	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene / Cate Harris, Streetscene Coordinator – <b>CONFIRMED (invite sent)</b>
	Outcomes: To understand the strategy and how this impacts the Council	
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Meeting Date: 11 May 2026		

Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 4	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
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## **NOTES**

- Warm Home Grants (Private Sector) – Feb/May 2026
- Waste management and disposal – implication of processes and stats in terms of recycling etc (to look at further once embedded)
- Climate Change Action Plan Update – achievements to date